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Sacré Cœur Women Shape the World

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Some of the newest members of our Sacré Cœur community in the year of *Building Community* as Christian Value.





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# **Upcoming Events**

### 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball

Saturday 11 August 2018 7pm - Midnight

### Open House Melbourne at Sacré Cœur

Saturday 28 July. Tours of 30 minutes duration at 10am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1pm. Bookings open 13 July at openhousemelbourne.org. NB. A small booking fee applies

### French Village Fair

Saturday 13 October 2018 11am - 4pm sac.vic.edu.au/french-village-fair.html

# Visit Us in 2018

Tour Mornings

- Friday 10 August
- Thursday 18 October

Principal's address commences promptly at 9.15am

Registration via the Visit Us section on the website is essential to attend

### Alumnae 2018

### **Events**

Generations Afternoon Tea 3.30pm Tuesday 18 September

Small Pleasures Lunch 12pm Saturday 27 October

Mass of Rememberance 10am Saturday 17 November

## Alumnae 2018 Reunions

1978 Reunion - 40 years Saturday 20 October - 4 to 6pm Contact: Mandy Farrell mandyfarrell@bigpond.com

1988 Reunion 30 years Saturday 21 July - 4 to 6pm Contact: Chrissie Japp japp@bigpond.com Sarah Heine sfheine@gmail.com 1998 Reunion 20 years Saturday 28 July - 4 to 6pm Contact: Ange McCaughley thetype1foundation@yahoo.com.au

2008 Reunion (10 years) Saturday 15 September - 4 to 6pm Contact: Maddy Friend mfriend27@gmail.com

2017 Reunion Friday 31 August - 6 to 8pm

# From the Principal

### **Anna Masters**

This edition of our Burke Road Bulletin features our Focus Goal for this year, Building Community as a Christian Value.

J.B. Priestley famously writes "I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning." I experienced this sense of delight, excitement and wonder as I started the year as the new Principal of Sacré Cœur. These feelings continue to energise my days as they merge into months. I am also encountering the promised magic hiding 'behind the morning' as I immerse myself in the community and life of our wonderful school. I am grateful for the welcome and support I have received from so many. The Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ANZNET sister school principals, Maureen Ryan, Joan Fitzpatrick and Board members, the School Leadership Team, staff, parents, students, alumnae, friends of Sacré Cœur and fellow principals have been generous with their time, knowledge and care for me as I transitioned to a new state, school and home. The Sacred Heart family has gently enfolded me, as promised by Mother Stuart who wrote "wherever there is a house of the society, a child of the Sacred Heart will find another home, since all form but one great family".

My story illustrates that we are living St Madeleine Sophie's vision of community as shaped by the basic Christian elements of faith, hope and love. Her inspiration, Cor unum et anima una in corde Jesu, points to the centrality of Jesus' love as each one of us is cherished as an individual, whilst being in communion with others as part of a greater whole. Our Focus Goal for this year, Building Community as a Christian Value foregrounds our efforts to firstly recognise 130 years of this lived experience at Sacré Cœur and secondly, to keep growing a 'greater whole' that is inclusive, respectful, nurturing, invitational, celebratory, co-operative, globally oriented, socially

co-operative, globally oriented, socially aware and active.

So many are working to build community

in so many ways. A few examples show that our charism and values are being

lived at Sacré Cœur. The Community Council has been confirmed as one of the sub-committees of the School Board and its Chair, Marisa Reid, appointed to the Board. The Community Council is driving the newest incarnation of the French Village Fair which will reach outwards to others by ensuring that all profit made will be sent to our sister community in the Phillipines, Sophie's Farm. Our energetic and invaluable Parents' Association, under the aegis of the Community Council, are organising a 130th Anniversary Gala Ball, which promises to be a joyous August event. Busy Alumnae have shared career stories with fascinated audiences.
Parents and carers gather regularly to connect, support the School and foster a village-like approach to caring for our young women. Community

Cultures develop from the integrity of the innumerable lived details that underlie what is believed, taught, enacted, from the art created and the ways all beings are treated.

Choir choristers meet every second Wednesday to make music together. Staff collaborate with each other and teachers from our international network of Sacred Heart schools, to enrich the learning experiences of our students.

Our young women pilot projects designed to reinforce social skills and friendships through encouraging tech free recesses and lunchtimes. A new immersion opportunity has been created. Members of our community will work in partnership with our indigenous brothers and sisters to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Many are gathering to help the School imagine what it will look like in the future as we journey through the process of developing a new Masterplan. I could go on...

The vibrant culture of Sacré Cœur has been formed over hundreds of years, 130 of which have been lived at Burke Road. It continues to evolve. Deena Metzger writes that "Cultures develop from the integrity of the innumerable lived details that underlie what is believed, taught, enacted, from the art created and the ways all beings are treated. At this time in human history, each individual's original, daily, ongoing contributions and commitment are critical." I have already discerned that the individual actions of our community members are most definitely contributing to a 'greater whole'.



### From the

### Sacré Cœur Board

This is the School's  $130^{th}$  year – a remarkable milestone and a testament to the enduring value of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat's teachings, her legacy and that of the amazing women who followed her.

Our focus goal this year is Building Community as a Christian Value; one of five focus goals that Society of the Sacred Heart schools adopt on a rotational basis each year. Reflecting upon the warm and generous welcome that has been afforded our new Principal, Anna Masters, since the school year began, I believe that the whole school, (our staff, students, parents and the community generally), а demonstrated profound commitment to the core ethos of this focus goal. Anna received marvellous support from everyone as she took over the leadership of the School from Maureen Ryan. In turn, she has brought her own style and capability to the role. Her personal warmth, her relaxed style and great sense of humour are key attributes. We look forward to the coming years of Anna's leadership of our School.

At Sacré Cœur, building, maintaining and growing community has been a long-held practice; it is in our DNA. Accepting, understanding and embracing diversity is a core component of this Focus Goal and our students have embarked this year upon a whole range of activities, research and learning about building community in a diverse and complex environment. These will be detailed elsewhere in this publication.

The Board has been very busy as usual. We are working to manage the implications and the challenges of reduced federal funding of the School. The financial impact is significant. We are also working to finalise our Capital Works strategy and we hope to be in the position to announce the details of our plans towards the end of this year. There are many competing demands for new facilities and buildings and many exciting opportunities to use the footprint of the School effectively and intelligently. Experienced and expert architects are currently drawing up designs and helping us explore options.

An important part of our thinking links strongly to our strategic plan and a key goal of creating a contemporary learning environment at Sacré Cœur; one that will prepare our students for the future world of work and help build the skills and attributes they will need for success in this volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world of ours. There are many vibrant discussions taking place across the School community, in particular amongst our wonderful teachers, as we grapple with the many facets of what is meant by a contemporary learning environment.

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to the enduring value of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat's teachings, her legacy and that of the amazing women who followed her. We will celebrate the history of the School in many ways throughout this year and I hope that our whole community will be able to participate in one or more of the various events. One such event will be a gala ball at the Park Hyatt in August. It is set to be a fabulous night for all and I hope that many of our parents, staff, alumnae and community will be able to attend.

The French Village Fair in October is another way in which we will support our focus goal this year. Many volunteers are already working together to make the event a great success. Diverse parts of our community will be involved in one way or another with the Fair and all the profits from the event will go to support the desperately poor community at Sophie's Farm in the Philippines – in short, one way of Building Community as a Christian Value.

Joan Fitzpatrick Chair, School Board



Sacré Cœur School Board of Directors L-R:

John Marks, Jason Gowie, Joan Fitzpatrick, Catherine Dubé, Peter Rahilly, Jim Power, Anne Sutherland-Kelly, Sr Rita Carroll RSCI and Marisa Reid

# Focus Goal 2018

# **Building Community as a Christian Value**

Each year, one of the five Goals of Sacred Heart Education is selected for special year emphasis throughout year. This goal is referred to as the annual Focus Goal.

A distinct characteristic feature of the life offered at Sacré Cœur is the opportunity to be involved in exchange / immersion experiences. The rationale for offering these opportunities originates from three of the criteria of the Sacred Heart Education Goal: Building Community as a Christian value – our 2018

These criteria are:

- The School participates actively in the national and global network of Sacred Heart schools.
- The program is designed to help students take their place as responsible citizens in an interdependent world.
- The School provides for students the opportunities to understand and appreciate the differences of race, religion and culture.

There are numerous benefits of these student immersion/exchange experiences including:

- cultivating an openness to new thinking and ideas
- developing self-awareness
- developing respect for others
- developing the ability to communicate in different ways and settings
- developing an appreciation of diversity, and,
- fostering an understanding of how local and global are interconnected, and of the impacts that actions have at both levels.

### What is happening in 2018?

This year students will be involved in two Sacred Heart exchange programs:

 fifteen students from Years 8 and 9 will be visiting and hosting students from our sister Sacred Heart schools in Sydney, Brisbane and Auckland, and,

 our international program will involve nineteen students from Years 10 and 11, visiting schools in Japan, France and the USA.

A new immersion program to Indigenous homelands in Cape York will be offered this year to students from Years 9 and 10, complementing the India Expedition. These two programs will be offered in alternate years.

Five Year 12 students have already volunteered to venture to Sophie's Farm in Samar, Philippines for our post school immersion experience. We will also be bidding bon voyage to groups of students engaged in the Japanese study tour and Space camp in the USA.

Mark Oski Director of Mission



Japanese Exchange



USA Exchanges



Philippines Emersion



French Exchange

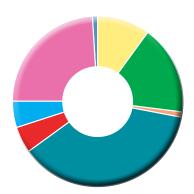
# VCE Achievements

# 2017

# Sacré Coeur was the third highest achieving Victorian Catholic School in 2017.

We are immensely proud of the results of the Year 12 Class of 2017 at an individual and collective level. The Class of 2017 worked well with their dedicated teachers to achieve their best. They also contributed so much to our community over their final year to ensure it was a very memorable one for all. Of the 88 students of the Class of 2017, 26.2% achieved a study score of over 40. 24 students received an ATAR greater than 95.





Tertiary Placements by Institution				
	Australian Catholic University	8	10%	
	Deakin University/Melbourne	14	17%	
	La Trobe University	1	1%	
	Monash University	34	37%	
	RMIT University	5	5%	
	Swinburne University of Technology	5	5%	
	University of Melbourne	20	24%	
	Holmesglen	1	1%	
Total		88	100%	

# The Year 12 Class of 2017 achieved the following

- Our Dux, Smilla Morrice, achieved an ATAR of 99.45.
- Seven students achieved an ATAR of greater than 98: Smilla Morrice, Courtney Papa, Eleanor Croagh, Belinda Weng, Camilla Kaufmann, Georgia Massaria and Maggie Thorn
- Seventeen students achieved an ATAR of greater than 95: Kate Priddle, Amelia Pullen, Chloe Rozario, Hayley Yates, Vanessa Cincotta, Isabel Hannebery, Klea Atallah, Laura Hogan, Katherine Mai, Laura Dann, Anishka Abeysinghe, Meghann Lewis, Mary-Ann Skarlatos, Eibhlin Mithen, Sarah Blackman, Audrey Thompson and Hannah Loiterton.
- Five perfect Study Scores of 50 were achieved in the following subjects: Business Management (Camilla Kaufman and Courtney Papa), English (Belinda Weng), Health and Human Development (Eleanor Croagh) and Psychology (Emma Walling Year 11).
- Median Study Score is 36
- Median ATAR is 91.23
- 4.5% achieved an ATAR over 99
- 9% achieved an ATAR over 98
- 28% achieved an ATAR over 95
- 54.5% achieved an ATAR over 90
- 67% achieved an ATAR over 85
- 81% achieved an ATAR over 80

	Architecture and Building
Society and Culture	Creative Arts
Natural	Education Engineering and Related Technologies
and Physical Sciences	Health Information Technology
	Management and Commerce

Course		Placements	Percentage
	Architecture and Building	3	2.6%
	Creative Arts	19	16.7%
	Education	2	1.8%
	Engineering and Related Technologies	4	3.5%
	Health	16	14.0%
	Information Technology	1	0.9%
	Management and Commerce	23	20.2%
	Natural and Physical Sciences	16	14.0%
	Society and Culture	30	26.3%
Total (includes double degrees)		114	100.0%

# From the School Captains

# Our view of Community as a Christian Value

In 2018, the actions of Sacré Cœur girls, and indeed all those of our wider community, mirror our central focus goal: Building Community as a Christian Value. A Sacred Heart education is based around five fundamental goals. These annual, cyclical goals shape the ways in which each Sacré Cœur young woman fulfils her potential, and that of the greater community, in even the smallest of actions.

Guided by this central focal point, in undertaking both academic studies and other co-curricular activities, our students reflect the true qualities of what defines a Sacré Cœur girl - one who is determined to strive and thrive in all that she does, not alone, yet instead alongside her classmates who are indeed her sisters

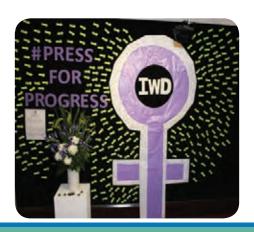
The idea of a sisterhood among students is one which is highly impressed in the day-to-day situations and opportunities which each girl comes across. We are taught to treasure and nourish the strong bonds which we share among one another, and to respect each individual and her differences, by creating an environment in which we can all collectively prosper.

This year, as we celebrate the bicentennial of the commencement of the Missionary work of St Philippine Duchesne, one of our four founding mothers who dedicated her whole life to spreading the Sacred Heart vision, we are inspired by an indelible quotation of hers: "Love aright and you will never be sad. Embrace God's will and you will be filled with joy and peace". - St. Philippine Duchesne.

In an effort to live by these words expressed by St. Philippine Duchesne, as well as this year's focus goal, we have recognised that it is every contribution of kindness, no matter how big or small, which is vital to individual and community progress. Integral to a Sacré Cœur education is a heavy emphasis on the importance of involvement in social justice initiatives, encouraging girls to look beyond themselves whilst expressing empathy and acceptance both within and outside the school gates.



On an International scale, the Year 12 girls raised enough money to fund scholarships for eight underprivileged girls in India to attend school for a year. Girls also promoted and supported Catholic Relief Organisations such as Project Compassion during Lent and the Jesuit Mission though our snow cone stall at Xavier's annual Maytime Fair. Students also volunteered their time to put together birthing kits that are sent to help birthing assistants in developing countries, being a part of a mission to save lives. On a more local scale, Sacré Cœur is passionately involved every year in the celebration of International Women's Day.



This day is as important to us as any other initiative, as it recognises women and their achievements, empowering each girl within our community to invest in their passions and work hard towards their personal goals. This empowerment further encourages us to educate ourselves so that we can continue the education of girls worldwide. Any initiative undertaken at Sacré Cœur teaches each and every girl integrity. Integrity in their leadership, integrity in their studies and integrity in their day-to-day lives. A trait that allows us to develop strong moral values as well as to be fair and honest.

At Sacré Cœur, we see so much more than just high achieving young women. Rather, we see the idea of The Whole Girl mirrored in the words and actions of every student. The Whole Girl; a young woman who is motivated to excel, who is willing to explore new opportunities, and who is loving to her every sister. Sacré Cœur young women work to-gether in shaping the future of our world.

Ruby De Luca and Krystal Salloum

# "Sacré Cœur Women Shaping the World"

# A Series of Three Career Evenings open to the School Community

Our School's vision statement is "Sacré Cœur Women Shape the World". This strong statement reflects our existing and future aspirations for our young women and it is authentic to our Sacred Heart tradition. With this firmly in mind, along with our focus goal for this year, Building Community as a Christian Value, the idea for a series of career evenings began.

The Careers Centre, together with the Community Relations Office, ran a series of alumnae panel presentations on three Thursdays in April and May, Women in Business, Women in STEM and Women in Health. The presentations, open to the whole school community, provided an opportunity for our students to think about and investigate their career interests and options by listening to experienced and successful professionals in the fields of Business, STEM and Health.

The stories of our alumnae speakers, and their journeys since school days, were all different and fascinating, and whether or not the students have decided on a direction, there is much wisdom and relevant life experience to be gained from hearing such stories. The nights were about empowering, educating and equipping our students to learn about and make informed decisions with the new world of work in mind. We want our students to be researching their career options with interest and curiosity, and to develop an awareness of the enterprise skills they will need to prepare them for the economy of the future, so they can navigate their career paths successfully.

Although the speakers' journeys were varied and diverse, there were common threads such as the importance of finding a mentor, taking risks, being resilient, finding your passion and to continue learning. Transferable skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving and innovation were also important themes throughout the presentations.

We are indeed fortunate to have so many wonderful and exemplary alumnae, with whom we have built lasting relationships, who are keen to come back to Sacré Cœur and mentor the next generation of young women. The positive feedback received from those who attended the evenings, revealed the evenings were not only inspirational but also informative and highly valuable.

On behalf of the school community, we sincerely thank all our speakers for taking the time to share their stories and insights. We look forward to hosting

another series of career evenings in the future, presenting more alumnae panels from different fields of interest.

Pauline Steedman, Careers Counsellor and Melinda Adams, Alumnae Relations Manager



Women in Business LR Alexandra Saul (2012) Jacqui Bull (2007) Anna Rogers (1987) Liz Dunne (2010)



Women in STEM L-R
Pauline Steedman
Harene Ranjithakumaran
(2010)
Alex Hopkins (2014)
Amelia Mills (2010)
Michelle Tie (2009)
Madeleine McManus OAM
(1987 and Current Parent)



Women in Health L-R Amy Fitzgerald (2007) Lucy Packwood (2004) Ashleigh Rak (2010) Melinda Rak (2007) Fiona Shannon (Current Parent)

# Languages Week

# A Highlight of Term 2

This year's Focus Goal of Building Community as a Christian Value was a natural fit with a week of special activities in which staff and students participated.

Each morning a nominated student read the morning prayer over the loud speaker in her native language; prayers in French, Polish, Mandarin, Italian and Spanish were heard, a gentle reminder of the diversity within our Christian community.

Year 7 students were mesmerised by a performance of a traditional Japanese folktale delivered in English and Japanese, followed by a handson origami workshop. Following this, an enthusiastic and dynamic lunchtime performance in the Kirby of Japanese drumming by the very talented drummers from Wadaiko Rindo engaged students from start to finish. Students were also given the opportunity to flex their strength and co-ordination and did so loudly and rhythmically. Our week had well and truly begun with a bang!

The next day, Crepes for Change, a not for profit organisation, rolled into the school grounds and set up, enabling students to purchase French-inspired crepes. Proceeds from the crepes went to supporting young people experiencing homelessness in Australia. Students were also captivated by a roving and highly animated French mime artist.

As the week unfolded, we saw students participate in a lunchtime session of Fencing or Sumo. Some did both! Year 8 students of Japanese did calligraphy, Year 9 students of Japanese learned

a little about Childrens Day in Japan whilst making kyaraben obento.

Food themes featured prominently during Languages Week. Opportunities to purchase French pastries in the Kirby at recess and lunchtime whilst enjoying beautiful live French classic tunes played on the piano accordion by Mario brought in the crowds. Proceeds of the sale of the pastries went to support the work done at Sophie's Farm in Samar.

A highlight of the week was the inaugural Languages Breakfast held on the final day for all Year 7 students. During breakfast, six current Year 12 students spoke in turn about their language learning journey at Sacré Cœur: the highlights and the hurdles as well as passing on some great study tips. The week culminated with a Latin Trivia Competition at lunchtime, generating a buzz amongst students currently studying Latin and students looking to take up Latin next year.

Building upon our well established sense of community as a Christian value here at Sacré Cœur, Languages Week focussed on providing the school community with opportunities to experience a range of cross cultural activities, raising awareness of cultural differences and similarities and offering thought-provoking insights into the value of learning an additional language.

### Debra Dunn Head of Languages













# Sacré Cœur Introduces...

# The VR Lab

With a new Digital Technologies initiative, the VR Lab has cemented the Mary Arthur Library's status as a contemporary learning and innovation hub.

The room is dark. The projector screen is lit. A student stands in the middle of a red-lined square, headset on, paddles sweeping through the void around her. Her wrist flicks. A paddle dives sharply. She smiles, satisfied.

Classmates sit cross-legged beyond the square, gazes glued to the projection splashed across the far wall. They watch as she creates a masterpiece of squiggly lines and sparkly scrawls, colouring in the rings of saturn and spattering neon pink across the stars.

This is virtual reality. This is the Sacré Cœur VR Lab.

Since Term 1 this year, students and staff have had full access to a VIVE headset and a class set of mobile headsets. The VIVE is a fully immersive and interactive virtual reality experience, whereas the mobile headsets are fantastic for 360 videos and explorative apps such as Google Expeditions. This term alone the VR Lab has hosted art classes visiting Spain to examine architecture in Barcelona, humanities classes touring Gallipoli, and music classes witnessing world-class performances on broadway.

Outside the classroom, students can also access the VR Lab during two lunch breaks each week. These sessions are intended to get the girls invested and engaging in VR, and, well, to have some fun! Some paint, some build, some explore and take on adventures, some simply sit and watch a story unfold around them. There is a VR experience for everyone!

Excitement and awareness spiked at the end of Term 1, and these sessions now are booked out at least a week in advance. Any and all are welcome, and new or never-before players are encouraged to sign up. In the not-too-distant future there are plans to introduce more play sessions to accommodate demand, and hardware upgrades are already under consideration.

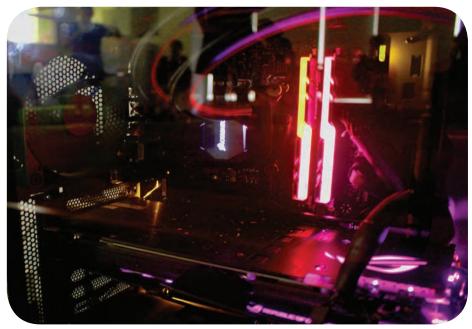
One of the best parts about the VR Lab is that this is only the beginning. As this technology develops, so too will the experiences and opportunities available to us. And as teachers and students become more familiar and comfortable with VR, it's presence in classrooms, learning and assessment will expand.

The potential for creatives, construction and engineering, programming and

exploration, science, mindfulness, and good old fashioned (via a new platform) fun is limitless. It's an exciting time to be in education, whether as a student, teacher or parent. Embrace the future and sign up for a session in the Library today!

Maggie McMahon AV/Library Technician





# 130 years

# Of Sacred Heart Education

A small notice in the Catholic newspaper The Advocate in February 1888 announced that "The nuns of the Sacred Heart ...are about to open a School at Balaclava."

The Sisters had already established a school in Sydney and had been invited by the Archbishop to come to Melbourne. The school opened on 22 February 1888 with ten students; however, they soon realised that the property in Balaclava was not suitable. In May came news of a "desirable property situated in one of the most beautiful and healthy suburbs of Melbourne" and so on 9 August 1888 the school with twelve children was transferred to Burke Road and three more were to start a few days later.

What was Sacré Cœur like 130 years ago? Brynmawr was a two storey villa in a garden setting (the red brick building was not completed until 1892). The area was rural with few houses and with cows and horses grazing in the surrounding fields. Burke Road was made of gravel and there were no trams or buses although there was a steam train service – the Inner Circle.

The Sisters brought with them to Australia a comprehensive system based on the Society's Plan of Studies covering the spiritual, intellectual, moral and social education of girls. In those early years the Prospectus offered "Christian Doctrine, and all those which go to form a liberal education for girls". According to the Plan of Studies subjects included

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History, Literature, Art, Natural Science, Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Music, Needlework, Housekeeping, Cooking, Physical Exercises, Drawing and Painting.

Students were taught by the RSCJ Sisters though there were also some lay teachers who would visit to provide specialist instruction in areas such as singing or instrumental music. Even in this new property, space was at a premium and there were no rooms for the Sisters. Every evening apparently they collected their mattresses and slept wherever they could find space.

In those days Sacré Cœur was a boarding school so students were required to bring everything they needed – clothes for day and night as well as sheets, towels, cutlery, stationery and toiletries. All packed into their trunk! Parents said their goodbyes and then were rare visitors to the School.

In 2018 we celebrate our heritage of 130 years. Many new buildings and resources have been added. Classrooms have whiteboards rather than blackboards. Students and teachers have laptops and iPads. The curriculum includes subjects such as Digital Technologies, Media Studies and Global Politics but alongside these are many that were listed in the Prospectus 130 years ago.

Much may have changed but St Madeleine Sophie Barat's vision of educating young women remains as strong as ever.









- 1. Students had to bring their own cutlery, each item stamped with their school number
- 2. The school's first prospectus in 1888.
- 3. Malvern early 1890's. Sacre Coeur is on the horizon. Photo from State Library of Victoria Collection.

# 130 Years' Special Afternoon Tea

# Additions to the Gallery

In our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Sacred Heart Education at Burke Road, we celebrated the outstanding people who have contributed so much to the rich history of Sacré Cœur through their student leadership and achievements.

On a warm Winter's day, Saturday 2 June, we were thrilled to welcome back over 100 of our past Captains, Vice Captains, Duxes, Valedictorians and members of our community for a special afternoon tea. During the afternoon, nominated members of our community were inducted into The Gallery on the top floor of the Janet Erskine Stuart Centre.

Among those inducted were Niki Crowley, Joan Fitzpatrick, Gabrielle Garlepp, Rosie Hayes (decd), Meredith Kain, John Loschiavo, John Marks, Hon Justice Keith Marks QC (decd) and Marisa Reid. In addition were Mark Flipo, Bernie Mithen, Libby Lyons, Professor Marion Peters and former Principal, Maureen Ryan.



Immediately their daughters Katherine (Class of 2008) and Charlotte (Class of 2010) joined the student body at Sacré Cœur, Niki and Basil Crowley wanted to give back to the community. This they first did through active membership of the Parents' Association from 2000 to 2010. Niki's contribution included a term as Vice President.

She also served as President of the Past Parents' Association from 2012 to 2016 when the group became known for its annual card day – no one was allowed to interfere with the concentration in the Parlour that day each year!

The annual Golf Day has also been a passion for Niki and she has been actively involved for the seven years it has been held to date. Much of the success of the event has been due to Niki

In 2015, Niki joined the Sacré Cœur staff as Receptionist and served in that role for three years. Her knowledge of Sacré Cœur and its structures and people was highly valued by the School in that period.

In all her contributions to Sacré Cœur, Niki has demonstrated her understanding of the School's culture, has been a source of information to many, and exudes warmth in every interaction.



Joan Fitzpatrick is the mother of two former Sacré Cœur students, Siobhán (Class of 2016) and Eibhlin Mithen (Class of 2017), both now at university.

As Chair of the Sacré Cœur Board since January 2017, Joan initiated and facilitated the delivery of a comprehensive strategic plan for the Sacré Cœur community, recruited Anna Masters as the Principal from 2018, along with board directors to replace retiring members.

Joan is a professional non-executive director with 35 years of commercial business experience and more than 20 years of director experience. She completed sixteen years as CEO and Director of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance in December 2013. As CEO Joan revitalised and expanded the business and its international reach. As a director Joan is regarded as highly effective, valuable and hard working. She currently is Chair of three Boards and is an advisory board member to World Vision, the ACFS, FYA and Greenfleet.

Joan is a qualified barrister and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She runs a successful consulting business advising and supporting executives in strategy, business planning and leadership capability.



School Captains in attendance at the past Captains, Vice Captains, Duxes, Valedictorians and members of our community for a special afternoon tea



Marc was a Director on the Sacré Cœur Board from mid 2005 until late 2016. During that period, he served on several Board committees and for a time as Deputy Chair.

Marc provided a considered and prudent approach to responsible governance during his time on the School Board. He ensured that the Board remained focussed and accountable in its strategic planning.

He recognised the need to continue to grow the School's financial resources to ensure the viable sustainability of Sacré Cœur, and his financial expertise was valued when he was appointed to the first Investment Committee of the Sacré Cœur Foundation Board.

Marc's insightful and probing questions were of immense value to both Boards.

His initial relationship with Sacré Cœur came from family relationships. His aunt, Sr Nickie Flipo RSCJ, spent much of her religious life at Sacré Cœur; his sisters Janine Handford (1971), Denise Flipo (1974) and Christine Matheson (1976) attended the School; as did four cousins.



Gabrielle is the embodiment of the Cor Unum spirit. Since her school days, from Prep to Year 12, when she was loved and admired by her peers for her talents and generosity, Gabrielle has displayed a great love of Sacré Cœur.

Gabrielle served on the Alumnae Association Committee for nineteen years. For many years, she ran the Young Alumnae Mothers Event with Sister O'Brien. Her sisters Julie O'Brien (Class of 1997) and Josephine O'Brien (Class of 1981) are also alumnae.

As a school parent for fourteen years (Rachel 2005, Olivia 2007 and Eliza 2014), Gabrielle was involved on the Parents' Association, particularly with the Sacré Cœur and St Kevin's tennis day for more than a decade. Gabrielle's musical contribution has been enormous, including numerous choirs, alumnae masses and performances in the founding years of the Arts Festival. A highlight has been singing at the Mother / Daughter Masses with her daughters as they moved through the School.

Gabrielle's care for others extends to her working life, first in child care and now at Cabrini Hospital, Malvern. Gabrielle's great love of Sacré Cœur is further exemplified in her encyclopaedic knowledge of the families who make up our community.

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Rosemary Hayes, known as Rosie, was truly a child of the Sacred Heart. There was a Toohey in the first group of students at Sacré Cœur, and the tradition has continued almost continuously throughout the 130 years of the School.

Rosie commenced her time at Sacré Cœur in 1967 as a Year 7 student. In 1989 she returned as a staff member, spending some time as Music Secretary and as Assistant to the Bursar. But the role she loved most was as Student Receptionist. With her family history and her time spent at the School, she had an immense knowledge of the School's history, its structures and its people, and shared her love of Sacré Cœur with the students, especially if they were in Duchesne House!

Rosie was an inspiring mentor to staff, especially new administration staff who quickly learnt about the culture of the School.

As first point of contact to many, whether on the phone or in person, Rosie demonstrated professionalism, patience and constant tranquillity towards all.

Her illness and early death saddened all who knew her, but warm memories of Rosie remain.

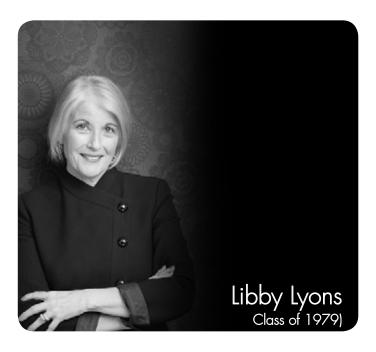
For several years, Meredith Kain volunteered to speak with parents of new students at orientation events. Parents speak of her warmth and beaming smile as she put them at ease with her stories about life at the School for parents and students. With her daughter Jacqueline at Sacré Cœur from 2006 to 2018, Meredith has great experience to share.

Meredith's ability to inspire others was evident in her organisation of the making of the patchwork quilt to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Sacré Cœur in 2013. Eighty volunteers contributed to make the beautiful quilt which is displayed in the Heritage Building.

In addition to local volunteer work, Meredith's passionate devotion to helping those less fortunate has extended to her amazing work with Sophie's Farm and the SHIFT Foundation in the Philippines. This has been exemplified in her three trips to date to the Philippines to work with the women of Dona Lucia, teaching them skills that are valuable to their family and community and have created employment opportunities for them. Through the generosity of family, friends and the community, Meredith has raised more than \$10,000 for Sophie's Farm.

Her greatest reward for her work in the Philippines has been the women's increase in self-esteem through having meaningful work to do.





John Loschiavo has been a member of the Board of Examiners and Fellow of the Australian Property Institute. Many property valuers were mentored by John during his eleven year term in a number of honorary roles. With two decades in executive corporate management positions, John wanted to bring this experience and passion to Sacré Cœur to enhance the school where his daughter Nicole was Co-Captain of Digby House in 2012.

John served as a Director of the Sacré Cœur Board and Chair of the Building and Property Management Committee from 2011 to 2017. Some of the projects completed during John's tenure as Chair of the Committee during the same period include:

- completion of the Janet Erskine Stuart Building
- refurbishment of the gymnasium and replacement of eauipment
- completion of the Duchesne Theatrette in the gymnasium mezzanine
- replacement of the 110 year old slate roof on the Heritage Building
- renewal of the school gardens through a planned landscape strategy
- replacement of the original lift in the Heritage Building
- completion of the tennis court redevelopment and basement car park.

John's extensive knowledge, his warm and gentle nature and capacity for conveying complex detail in simple language have been greatly valued.

Libby Lyons' eight years at Sacré Cœur gave her a circle of life-long friends, as well as a strong sense of self and what she wanted to do. It also taught Libby that women need to be champions for each other.

In her distinguished career, Libby has headed corporate affairs at BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam and held senior roles at Atlas Iron, CITIC Pacific Mining, Alcoa Australia, Western Power Corporation and Telstra after starting her working life as a primary school teacher.

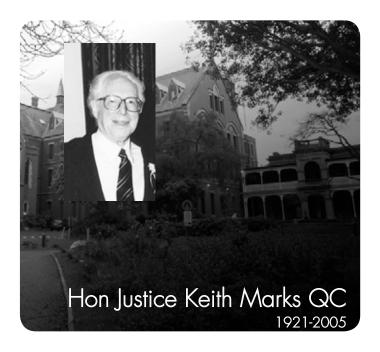
In 2015, Libby was appointed Director of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency for a five year term. The Agency is charged with promoting and improving gender equality in Australian workplaces.

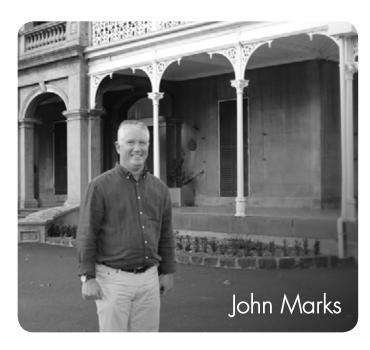
Libby was Chair of the not-for-profit organisation SIDS and Kids WA, and was Executive Chair of Kalparrin – a charity that supports the families of children with disabilities.

Public service is in Libby's DNA. She is the granddaughter of Joe Lyons, the tenth Prime Minister of Australia and Dame Enid Lyons, the first woman elected to the Australian Parliament's House of Representatives and the first woman in cabinet. Her aunts Rosemary and Janice attended Sacré Cœur following the death of their father.

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Keith's career spanned 60 years, starting as an Associate to a federal industrial judge and then Chief Industrial Advocate for the Commonwealth Steamship Owners' Association. He was admitted to the bar in 1964, became a Queens Counsel in 1976 and was appointed Deputy President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission in 1980.

He was part of a Full Bench that resolved issues concerning federal registration of teachers' unions. His approach on the bench reflected the man - fair but firm, polite but analytical. He retired from the Industrial Relations Commission in 1986 and then enjoyed an integral role on the Mallesons Stephen Jaques workplace and employee relations team.

Keith was loved and supported by his wife Estelle for over 56 years, during which time she took the greatest of care of, and was an inspiration to, her four children. He approached being a father with a bedrock sense of moral and social justice, humility and passion. His daughter Felicity Crozier (1974) and his granddaughter Caroline Bell (1992) attended Sacré Cœur.

These personal traits were appreciated by Directors who sat with him during his service on the Sacré Cœur Board.

Keith retired from the Board in 1999 after twenty years of outstanding and dedicated service during which time his personal traits were appreciated and his wise counsel highly valued.

Graduating in Education and the Arts from Melbourne University in 1985, John was a teacher and leader in secondary schools for thirteen years before forming his own recruitment and human resources consultancy in 1999.

Since then, he has consulted with Catholic, independent and government school leadership teams. John facilitates experiential workshops on building leadership capacity, collaborative teams, feedback models, health and wellbeing, performance and development culture, staff selection and succession planning. Operating with 'authentic' in mind, John believes quality teams are open and accepting, tolerant of and interested in one another's differences, supportive, reflective, open to current and future capabilities, and strategic in identifying key opportunities and priorities. He has reviewed numerous state, national and international schools.

John was invited to join the Sacré Cœur Board and to lead the Education Committee in 2011. He has been Deputy Board Chair for the past two years. He has loved working with a wonderful team of leaders at Sacré Cœur.

John and his wife Prue have three daughters. His father, the Hon Justice Keith Marks QC, also served on the Sacré Cœur Board.





Bernie Mithen is the father of two former Sacré Cœur students, Siobhán (Class of 2016) and Eibhlin Mithen (Class of 2017), both now at university.

Bernie has served as Co-President of the Sacré Cœur Parents' Association, is a former director of the Sacré Cœur Foundation Board and was inaugural Chair of the Sacré Cœur Community Council until November 2018.

Bernie consults to both public and private sector clients on change management, human resource issues and corporate governance. He is also a trained and experienced mediator and a Master Trainer in the Team Management Systems instruments. He specialises in technical and multidisciplinary environments with governance, leadership and management challenges.

Previously, Bernie held senior posts in the Australian Securities and Investments Commission including Regional Commissioner for the Victorian Regional Office.

He is currently Chair of the board of a charitable foundation.

At Sacré Cœur, Marion excelled academically and was active in sports, especially tennis. She has maintained lifelong friendships from her school days.

After graduating from Melbourne University in 1972 with honours in medicine, pathology, obstetrics and gynaecology, she went on to further training at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, the University of Southern California and the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Marion has been a practising physician since graduation, taking care of liver patients in Australia and the USA. She was Chief of Hepatology and Medical Director of Liver Transplantation at Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis for thirteen years to 1998. Since then, Marion has been Professor of Medicine and Chief of Hepatology Research at the University of California, San Francisco.

Marion is widely published, is a frequent invited lecturer in the USA and beyond and has been an external examiner at international level. She has a special interest in the mentoring and training of young women in medicine and science.

There is more to Marion - she is married, has a daughter, is listed in Who's Who of Australian Women and is involved in a range of community service organisations.

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As a past student from Prep to Year 12, and now as a parent with her daughter at Sacré Cœur, Marisa Reid's active involvement in the School has spanned many years.

Actively involved in alumnae activities such as centenary celebrations, careers nights and supporting alumnae events from soon after leaving school, Marisa joined the Alumnae Association Committee a relatively short time before being elected President in 2012, a role which she continues with passion and hard work.

She has chaired the Janet Stuart Bursary Committee for many years, taking pride in the award of bursaries to daughters and granddaughters of alumnae of Sacré Cœur and our sister schools.

In 2016, Marisa revived Friends of Music and increased its visibility and effectiveness.

When Sacré Cœur had the responsibility for conduct of the Australian Sacré Cœur Association (ASCA) from 2002 to 2006, Marisa served as ASCA Secretary. With Sacré Cœur having had the mandate since 2016, she is again on the ASCA Committee.

Marisa has served on the Community Council since its inception, and in 2018 became its Chair. 2018 is also the date of her appointment as a Director on the Sacré Cœur Board.



No matter which of the many groups across the School Maureen worked with in her eight outstanding years as Principal, her focus was always on relationships, building teams and the connectivity between them. She had a special relationship with the students and a strong commitment to raising girls' voices. Families new to the School spoke of her welcome, introduction to the culture and pride in Sacré Cœur and its community.

Commitment to innovation and excellence will be linked with Maureen's name – she built a supportive workplace culture whilst having high expectations; and upgraded professional learning opportunities for staff so they remain at the forefront of change.

Her background as an accountant was evident as she required accountability and worked with staff and the Board to build the financial capacity of the School.

Maureen was instrumental in the range of celebrations for the 125th anniversary in 2013: launch of the community mosaic, 125 Years: 125 Stories, the photo gallery and the Cor Unum Walk. She was behind the establishment of the Community Choir, the new website and the new uniform for 2018.

During Maureen's time at Sacré Cœur, she worked with others across the School for the completion of the Wilmer Kirby Centre planning and construction of the Janet Erskine Stuart Building and the new sports facilities and carpark; creation of the Duchesne Theatrette; refurbishment of the gymnasium; and replacement of the slate roof on the Heritage Building.

Current students of Sacré Cœur agree that they will remember Maureen for her warmth, her laughter ringing in the corridors, her desire for them to be at their best and raise their voices as global citizens.

The Sacré Cœur community is delighted that Maureen is continuing in a Sacred Heart School as Principal of Kincoppal-Rose Bay in Sydney.



r Community in warmly invite

The Sacré Cœur Community is warmly invited to attend a Gala Ball to celebrate the

# 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sacré Cœur

at

Park Hyatt Melbourne 1 Parliament Square, off Parliament Place

Saturday 11 August 2018
7pm ~ Midnight

Dress ~ Formal

3 course dinner (including drinks) \$150 per person

Live music performed by the Baker Boys Band

For information regarding seating arrangements and bookings please visit Up

RSVP Friday 3 August 2018

# Joigny Highlights

Whilst the interest that students hold in co-curricular activities is possibly reason enough for schools to provide such offerings, there are further compelling reasons for such programs to be in place.

One of my joys in the role of Head of Joigny is to meet prospective families and students at their enrolment meeting. For the young people I am introduced to, this encounter often brings a cocktail of nerves and excitement. Generally for them, the unknown of a new school, its people and programs as well as the experience of sitting in an 'interview' see nervousness outweigh excitement. Time and time again, as we settle into conversation, of note to me is that things take a turn when we speak of co-curricular activities. Eyes light up to hear of Robotics, Garden Gang, Music ensembles, House and Sport programs, Chess and Drama Clubs. The possibility to opt in to areas of passion and to try out new things holds great appeal. I believe this to be a key reason why so often at the meeting's end I hear that an internal revolution has occurred, and excitement surpasses nervousness.

We see similar eagerness to take part in co-curricular activities amongst the current Joigny students. In speaking with the girls about what it is that appeals to them, I hear of the activities providing a way to:

- Make friends (especially at the beginning of the year when one is 'new')
- Explore and extend particular skills and interests
- Discover new interests
- Develop better understanding of self and others
- Become more involved in school life
- Make a difference to their school

Whilst the interest that students hold in co-curricular activities is possibly reason enough for schools to provide such offerings, there are further compelling reasons for such programs to be in place. A large body of research identifies a link between involvement in co-curricular activities and heightened educational outcomes, strengthened relationships and engagement in school (Broh [2002]; Darling, Caldwell and Smith [2005]; Guest and Schneider [2003], Marsh and Kleitman [2002]).

The further development of our Cocurricular program from Prep to Year 12 is a strategic intent of Sacré Cœur as reflected in the School's Strategic Plan 2017-2020. This year a new staff role has been introduced, that of Co-Curricular Leader P-12. In this role, Adriana Szili has undertaken an audit of our current programs and sought feedback from students, staff and parents regarding programs of interest and value. Further to the data and feedback received, wider research is being undertaken with the view to developing a program model tailored to best suit our students' and school's needs. We look forward to seeing how our program develops in the way ahead.

In this edition of Burke Road Bulletin, as part of their Co-curricular Leaders' program, our Year 6 Cor Unum Leaders have undertaken to share a window into some of the co-curricular activities on offer at Joigny. I thank Sophia, Amelia and Rose, along with their Leadership Mentor, Colleen Williams, for sharing these programs with the wider community, and in doing so further revealing the passion and spirit of the Joigny girls.

Janine Hogan Head of Joigny



### Garden Gang

As part of teaching sustainability to the Joigny girls, Sophie and Alexandra's grandma, Sandra, leads a club called Garden Gang. As part of Garden Gang, girls of all year levels learn how to grow and take care of plants such as succulents, rosemary and passionfruit. As part of the end of year activities, the Garden Gang operates a garden stall, selling the plants grown during the year.



### Year 6 Cor Unum Leaders Report

The Joigny co-curricular program promotes cross-age activities for all students with programs available before school, during lunchtime and after school.

Whether you enjoy sports, gardening and languages or need a quiet space to be mindful, there is a program for everyone.

by Sophia V, Amelia M and Rose A



Before school on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, students in Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3 can build their fitness by participating in the Huff and Puff program. This is co-ordinated by a Class Teacher and the Year 6 House Leaders. One of the favourite games played by students is 'What's the Time, Mr Wolf.' We love to chase the big girls! (Rebecca A, Year 1)

### Poetry Club

Students can join Poetry Club as part of Tuesday's lunchtime activities. Students create poetry with Mrs Shields and Mrs Steward with much of their work displayed around the school. We sometimes share our poetry at assembly and special events









### Calm Club

Calm Club provides a quiet space for students during lunchtime once a week. Activities are organised by a teacher and include meditation, mindful colouring and jigsaws. This club is open to all students.





### Chess Club

As part of Monday lunchtimes, students can compete against others in the logical mind game of chess. Chess champion, George Zaprudsky, with the help of our Mr Tighe and Ms Parnell, runs Chess Club. Students who frequently attend this club have the opportunity to compete in an interschool chess championship later in the year.





# Joigny Highlights

### Swim Squad

As part of Term 1 sports training, students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to become part of the Joigny Swim Squad. A specialist swim coach as well as Mr Schiller train the students. Students perform drills as well as refining their swim technique in preparation for the annual Swimming House Carnival. The training then continues for students selected for the District Swim Carnival.

### Diving Squad

During these weekly after school sessions, a Dive coach trains students in Years 4-6 in learning jumps as well as springboard and platform diving. Attendance at the sessions as well as improved performance are criteria for being offered a place in the Joigny Dive Squad that competes against other schools.







### Aerobics Training

Students are encouraged to take part in aerobics training for the end of term House event. The focus is to improve fitness while having fun. Students from Years 3-6 work with their Houses and Year 9 students to create a performance. The Prep to Year 2 girls learn a dance / aerobic routine to perform as part of the Joigny House Aerobics event. At the end of the term, we compete to see who can win the House Aerobics cup.





# Bow Rock

Joigny students learning a stringed instrument can play with an ensemble; Bow Rock. Bow Rock rehearsals are before school on Monday. Students practise their skills and learn a range of musical pieces.

### **Robotics**

Robotics in the IT lab at lunchtime is a popular activity for girls in Years 5 and 6. Students build their own robots in this weekly session, run by Loretta Williams. Throughout the year the girls work towards creating their own robots to compete in the annual RoboCup, a school based competition where each student's robot coding is assessed.

### Cross Country

As a precursor to House Cross Country, all students in Years 3-6 can attend before school Cross Country training two mornings a week. Mr Schiller and Madame Keel lead students around the streets of Glen Iris on morning runs. The early risers enjoy this activity as it is a great start to the school morning. Girls selected for the District team continue their training for the term.

### String Orchestra

Students learning a musical instrument can attend String Orchestra practice once a week. The girls practise their sight reading skills as well as performing technical pieces. The skills in being



part of an orchestra are focussed upon, including listening to other instruments and understanding when to change the pace and volume.





### Musical Rehearsal

The biennial Joigny Musical is a culmination of a number of rehearsals throughout the year. The Years 5 and 6 girls can audition for main cast parts. If selected, it is a significant commitment, with students required to attend a number of after school and weekend rehearsals. The focus for the rehearsal includes learning the attributes required for actors, conveying expression, looking at the audience and understanding their space on the stage.



### French Club

For many students in Joigny, joining the Sacré Cœur community brings their introduction to learning French. The weekly Joigny French Club focuses on fun, with activities such as games and songs used to practise French vocabulary. The Club is open to all students throughout the year, with a focus for new Year 5 students in Term 1.

# From the Director of Learning and Teaching

# Contemporary Learning at Sacré Cœur

"Excitement comes from the achievement; fulfillment comes from the journey that gets you there" (Simon Sinek)

Put a different way "The purpose of social formation is to make the children open-eyed, alive to every need, every joy, every sorrow which calls for their interest, service and gift of self. Thus little by little they will learn to widen their horizons from their immediate surroundings to the wider apostolate of their country and indeed the whole world." so wrote one of our "wisdom women" Janet Erskine Stuart in 1913, as she came to the end of a journey to visit all RSCJ communities across the alobe.

The thread that runs through the words of these two very different people, one a Catholic nun of the 19th and early 20th centures and the other a 21st century English/American writer and global expert on leadership, is the belief that building community, based on love, hope and a common purpose is how human beings thrive.

Working together with a common purpose means seeing with another's eyes; it means looking beyond oneself; it means understanding that there are other people like you, and also different from you, who share the earth and its resources.

It is this understanding of the need to share the earth's resources that the Notre Monde STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) project was borne. This project, undertaken by Year 9 students during their Notre Monde (Our World) year, is rooted in Christians' belief that we are all called to be stewards of the earth. Our earth is a gift from God and we need to take care of it for those who follow us as well so all can partake of its gifts in the present.

This STEAM project saw students working in community for the community. In this way the building of community as a Christian value was built twice over. Within the Year 9 cohort the voices and talents of all were shared. This way of working recognises the dignity of each individual and celebrates what each contributes to the wider group while co-currently working to problem solve some local and global environmental issues.

The project began with students immersing themselves in our world's problem with waste. This included our local environment of Gardner's creek where water testing was undertaken, an examination of our own rubbish at



school and an audit of personal waste habits. The concept of what constitutes waste and some specific areas of waste were identified. EWaste, fast fashion, food waste, plastic packaging and recycling and reusing were interest areas where the groups spent time in ideation; coming up with concepts and ideas to solve some of these problems clogging our world. Finally prototyping and presentation of some of these ideas completed the project. This is not where the impact of the project ends however.

The long term benefits of working this way are that it promotes empathy and increases hope. It offers real life problems and invites young people to authentically be part of the solution to these problems. It honors the contributions of all. It offers fulfillment and a widening of horizons and it offers a sense of belonging to something greater than the immediate context.

Jennifer Carter





# From the Director of Students (7-12)

# **Building Community as a Christian Value**

We are extremely fortuitous as a School to be guided in all that we do by our foundational principles, which are contained within our five Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria. These Goals and Criteria define the very mission of our School, which in turn, reflects the Society of the Sacred Heart's mission in the Catholic Church.

In 2018 we are focusing on our Goal, which is "Building Community as a Christian Value." We are extremely proud that our students can certainly articulate the Goals; engaging with them at an intellectual level and, equally, giving expression to the Goals through making them part of their daily lived experiences.

The essence of this year's Goal is to promote a safe and welcoming environment in which each person feels valued, cared for and respected; where clear, direct and open communication is encouraged and in which diversity is prized. The principles of peaceful conflict resolution, as reflected through our philosophy of Restorative Practices, also lie at the heart of this Goal as do the values of being inward and outward-looking. Ultimately, we know the Goal of community is hugely protective for our young women as the sense of connectedness and respect that they experience fosters resilience and enables them to thrive.

Over lunch, I asked a group of our students ranging from Years 7-12 to share with me their views, musings and insights into some of the aspects of this year's Goal. Student voice is strong and active at Sacré Cœur and the conversation was honest, thoughtful and illuminating. I was struck by the level of sincerity and the power of hope which emanated, "a hope that believes in the goodness of each individual, the goodness of humanity, that believes in and trusts the love of the Heart of God." (Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria)

The questions which I posed and with which the girls genuinely engaged included:

How would you describe the 'community feel' of Sacré Cœur?

How important is the sense of community to your experience of School?

What are the key aspects of Sacré Cœur that promote a sense of community?

In what ways, do you think that you take your experience of community at Sacré Cœur and apply it to life outside school?

The students talked about the positive, friendly, accepting, energetic feeling which imbues our community, which they described as "united" and "family-like". They commented on how the size of our School coupled with the fact that each student is known by teachers, who collectively "have a genuine desire for all students to succeed", contribute to the community feel of Sacré Cœur. Furthermore, they were at pains to share that "there is something for everyone at our School," ensuring that each individual can find their pathway and, in so doing, "everyone brings everyone else up."

In discussing the importance of a sense of community to their experience of School, many articulated how the tangible effects of being part of the Sacré Cœur community created in them a strong sense of belonging, which they felt was extremely important as it made "you a better student who would, {in turn}, become a more well-rounded individual." Most poignantly expressed was the view that "it is essential to be part of something - your voice and presence matter - you matter."

The many and varied co-curricular offerings, our House system, Arts Festival, Student-led Assemblies, Notre Monde at Year 9, our distinct year level Pastoral Program, participation in special celebrations such as The Procession of Lanterns and Sacred Heart Day, being part of the ANZNET and International Network of Sacred Heart Schools with its attendant immersion and exchange programs along with Community Service



were some of the main examples provided in response to key aspects which promote a sense of community. These examples were underscored by continued commentary on the impact, which the quality of the relationships shared with teachers had on our students' sense of identity. And, for our students new to Sacré Cœur this year, key aspects also included the opportunities they had experienced to connect authentically with students across different year levels.

A strong sense of pride in their School, self-confidence, gratitude and an enhanced sense of empathy along with a deep awareness of what is fair and just, were qualities many of the students felt they would "apply" to life outside of School. One of the students powerfully captured a further iteration of our vision statement, "Sacré Cœur Women Shape the World" in saying that something she would take outside of School is the courage to never be a by-stander: "...students at our School are not by-standers - they stand up for what they think...people are open and encourage others to be open."

I extend my gratitude to the co-authors of this article, new students from Years 8, 9 and 10 - Isabelle K, Lauren L, India I and Georgette F. Part of the discussion group were also: Catherine X, Lucy S, Alice O, Malena W-S, Phoebe D, Lucinda C, Roisin T, Olivia A and Lucie B.

Our young women are not only part of a strong community and the recipients of all which that means, but they understand the responsibility which they carry to create "the benefits of joining together" beyond the walls of Sacré Cœur. It is "when we move from do unto others to do with others that we build powerful tribes who can make a difference." (Approach to Wellbeing and Resilience: A. Fuller)

Adelina Melia-Douvos

# **GSV Sport News**

# Sacré Cœur Sport from Strength to Strength



Sacre Coeur's participation and involvement in Girls Sport Victoria (GSV) continues to go from strength to strength. Now in its eighteenth year of operation, GSV provides wonderful opportunities for all of our students to take part in wide variety of sports and activities.

Each new year, each new term, and indeed each new season presents exciting sporting opportunities and challenges for each and every girl – ones which will hopefully inspire them to great things into the future.

When we see alumnae, Alicia Eva (AFL), Anabelle Smith (Diving) and Joanna Weston (Netball) on the "big stage", this serves as a great example of what can be achieved when you are prepared to work hard, accept setbacks as part of the journey, and chase your dreams.

The 2018 school year has seen our students continue to demonstrate their willingness to get involved. Certainly a key feature of our school community is the enthusiasm which our girls exhibit in the many, many opportunities that are afforded them. Nothing is too much trouble when you have so many eager and committed students. Indeed, they are always great ambassadors for our school.

This enthusiasm has manifested itself in so many ways. An incredible 95+ strong swimming and diving squad; over 56 participants in the GSV Triathlon; 25 Netball teams across all GSV competitions and the list goes on.

Many of our teams and individuals have competed with gusto on our "big stage". During Term 1 our Junior A and B Tennis, Junior B Softball, Intermediate A

Tennis and Senior A Tennis progressed through to the GSV finals :

Two teams made it through to the "big dance". Our Intermediate B Tennis team played St.Catherine's at Melbourne Park in the Final and whilst we didn't come away with our maiden GSV Tennis Premiership, our girls can be very proud of their achievement. They will be back bigger and better than ever in 2019!

Our Junior A Indoor Cricket Team took all before them in the preliminary rounds of the GSV competition. A narrow 3 run win against Our Lady of Sion in the semi-final had us breathing a huge sigh of relief. A comprehensive 84 run victory in the Grand Final capped off an incredible season, and left no doubt as to who was the greatest team of all.

At the time of printing, our Intermediate E Netball Team have progressed through to the GSV Grand Final, whilst our seven Junior Netball Teams that played their term round-robin series of matches from Springvale have all progressed through to the GSV Finals. Lets hope they can all give a good account of themselves and, hopefully bring home a premiers pennant – or two!

Many of our swimmers also qualified for the GSV Finals Evening with nearly all performances recording a season's best time. Charlotte Fay (Year 7) won a bronze medal in the Year 7 Butterfly



while Elise Balila took home a silver in the Year 8 Butterfly. Lily French (Year 8) and Hanna Vlamis (Year10) were our representatives in the Diving Finals, finishing a creditable seventh and fifth respectively.

In Cross Country, we qualified for the GSV Division 1 Championship with a narrow second placing in our Preliminary Carnival. Whilst we couldn't improve on our sixth placed ranking, we are very pleased with the development of our squad and particularly the talent coming through the ranks.

The quartet of Emily Dann, Georgia Durham, Ava Bennett and Isabelle Collins added to their 2017 All Schools medal haul by backing up to win a silver medal at the All Schools Cross Country Relays. They were narrowly beaten for bronze at the All Schools Road Relays. Given the calibre of competition at these events, this is certainly testament to their collective (and individual) talents.

As you can see, Sport is well and truly alive here at Burke Road.

Walter Tedde, Director of Sport







# From the Director of Community Relations Community Relations Update

'Building a deeply engaged school community lies at the very heart of everything we seek to do and everything we aspire to become.'

Since commencing as Director of Community Relations in January, it has been truly inspiring to have the opportunity to be immersed within the very special Sacred Heart family that is Sacré Cœur.

I have been privileged to be an active part of many initiatives that have brought our community together in shared celebration and support of the School. Events such as our Open Day, Principal's Commissioning Mass, Alumnae Reunion Program, Foundation Golf Day, Sacré Cœur Women Shaping the World Career's Evenings and Mother's Day Mass among many others, have seen large numbers of our community attend, supported by many student, staff and parent volunteers, donors and sponsors who continue to give so generously to ensure the success of these occasions.

Later this year too, I encourage all our community to be involved with the French Village Fair on 13 October, where proceeds raised will go to support the inspiring work of the RSCJ at the Sophie's Farm Mission in the Philippines. The School's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball on 11 August at the Park Hyatt is another not-to-be-missed event.

Building a deeply engaged school community lies at the very heart of everything we seek to do and everything we aspire to become. To more fully understand what our community represents within the public sphere, the Community Relations Office is in the process of undertaking an extensive branding and customer insights project. This research project involves working closely with staff, current and future parents, supporters, RSCJ, School leadership and the wider local community, to define our primary brand touchpoints and enable us to market our school to prospective families in ways that best reflect our core values and strengths, as we respond to an increasingly competitive education marketplace.



In another important development, the School is in the initial stages of developing a new campus masterplan. As we consider the future needs of the School, we look forward to engaging with our community throughout this process, as we seek to develop the finest and most sustainable future education environments for our students and staff.

Lastly on behalf of the Community Relations Office, thank you to all our students, staff, parents and supporters for your invaluable and ongoing support. Your commitment and hard work makes a tangible difference to our current students and the future generations of young women that will follow.

Alastair Lee





# Sacré Cœur French Village Fair 2018

Sacré Cœur is a Catholic Independent School for girls from Prep to Year 12 founded by the French order of nuns, the Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) over 130 years ago.

Throughout our rich history, thousands of women have been educated at Sacré Cœur and have gone on to succeed in all aspects of their lives. This has been due to the strength of our community and their sense of belonging to the School.

Community is at the heart of all that we do. Currently there are more than 720 girls in our care from over 600 families. Our community also includes 130 current staff, 6000 alumnae and former staff plus hundreds more future confirmed students and their families.

We continue to produce outstanding VCE results and graduate outcomes and due to the hard work of our students, dedication of our teachers and closely connected community, we are privileged to have earned our place as one of the leading Catholic schools in Australia over the last decade.

On Saturday 13 October 2018, the Sacré Coeur community will come together on our campus located at 172 Burke Road, Glen Iris to stage our French Village Fair. This will be an exciting event where all members of our School community will have the opportunity to be involved and raise funds for a special cause.

Proceeds raised from our French Village Fair will be directed to Sophie's Farm, a life-transforming project of the RSCJ and a group of dedicated volunteers, who work tirelessly to improve the living conditions of the impoverished community of Northern Samar in the Philippines.

The Northern Samar region is one of the poorest in the Philippines with 70 per cent of families living in poverty. Half of these families live in absolute poverty, attempting to survive on less than \$1 a day and heavily reliant upon the ongoing support of non-government aid agencies.

Over the past six years, Sacré Cœur has forged a sister community relationship with this RSCJ Mission in the Philippines, where we assist in raising funds for specific infrastructure projects, arrange for the donation of clothing and toys, and help facilitate volunteer opportunities for Sophie's Farm. This relationship embodies the principals of Catholic Social Justice and the Sacred Heart Goals that are at the core of who we are.

The Sacré Cœur community invites your support through the 2018 French Village Fair, to help empower the Northern Samar community and create lasting change for its people.

# What is Sophie's Farm?

Sophie's Farm is situated in the Catarman region and set on 4 hectares of land, 50 per cent of which is dedicated to organic farming that provides a vital source of food and work for the community.

This project offers many diverse initiatives and programs to help support the local community in a meaningful way to support a special cause.

- Early childhood education programs for more than 80 children aged between 2-4 years
- Ongoing food supply programs
- Typhoon emergency assistance programs
- Training programs to upskill the local population in organic farming, crafts and cooking
- Community support groups
- Extensive volunteer programs

# **Sponsorship Opportunities**

The French Village Fair is a vibrant celebration which typically attracts crowds in excess of 3,500 people over the course of the day. It also presents a unique opportunity for your organisation to connect with our school and wider local community in a meaningful way to support a special cause.

We are therefore offering various sponsorship opportunities. To confirm your support or for further information about sponsorship options, please contact

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\$10,000 (3 available)

Sponsorship includes:

- Company name prominently displayed on advertising billboards placed across Stonnington and Boroondara Councils.
- Prominent logo placement on all flyers and other marketing collateral, together with acknowledgements in School newsletters, website, and social media channels.
- The opportunity to have an information tent staffed by your representatives.
- The opportunity to have a formal presentation of the donation (via a mock cheque) on stage and ongoing sound system acknowledgements throughout the day.
- 6 posts on the French Village Fair Facebook page in the lead up to the event.
- 8 unlimited ride tickets, 8 meal vouchers and 8 drink vouchers (valued at \$400).

### Gold

\$7,500 (3 available)

Sponsorship includes:

- Company name prominently displayed on advertising billboards placed across Stonnington and Boroondara Councils.
- Logo placement and joint-naming rights of the stage area
- Logo placement on all flyers and other marketing collateral, together with acknowledgements in School newsletters, website, and social media channels.
- Ongoing sound system acknowledgements throughout the day.
- 4 posts on the French Village Fair Facebook page in the lead up to the event.
- 4 unlimited ride tickets, 4 meal vouchers and 4 drink vouchers (valued at \$200).

### Silver

\$3,000 (unlimited)

Sponsorship includes:

- Company name prominently displayed on advertising billboards placed across Stonnington and Boroondara.
- Logo placement on all flyers and other marketing collateral, together with acknowledgements in School newsletters, website, and social media channels.
- Ongoing sound system acknowledgements throughout the day.
- 2 posts on the French Village Fair Facebook page in the lead up to the event.
- 2 unlimited ride tickets, 2 meal vouchers and 2 drink vouchers (valued at \$100).

### Ride

Trackless Train - \$2,000 (1 only)

This includes naming rights and signage on our trackless train:

- The French Village Fair Train proudly brought to you by (your company or family name).
- Acknowledgements in School newsletters, website, and social media channels.
- Ongoing sound system acknowledgements throughout the day.

### **Stalls**

We will be operating approximately 30 single and double stalls at the French Village Fair and are seeking individual stall sponsorships of \$300 for single stalls and \$600 for double stalls to cover the overhead costs of operating these.

These sponsorships can be by a business, family or individual and include signage displayed above the stall.

To discuss the individual stalls available to sponsor please contact Fair Sponsorship Coordinator, Alastair Lee via email Alastair.Lee@sac.vic.edu.au or call 9835 2775.

### Silent Auction

We will also be conducting a Silent Auction as part of the day and are seeking a variety of auction items. Items may include:

- Cash donations or vouchers.
- Merchandise
- Travel Vouchers
- Hotel/holiday accommodation
- Goods (such as electronic or white goods) and/or services
- Restaurant vouchers or chef/catering services (for private dinner party or cooking lessons)

This level of sponsorship includes:

- Acknowledgements in School newsletters, website, and social media channels.
- Multiple sound system acknowledgements throughout the day.

# Confirm your Sponsorship Today!

Sponsorship bookings close on Friday 31 August 2018

# Brynmawr Society

The Brynmawr Society was established to honour and thank members of our community who have made donations of \$5000 or more to Sacré Cœur during their lifetime or who have made provision for the School in their will.

Donors and benefactors are invited to join the Brynmawr Society when they have made their donation or have confirmed their intention to make a bequest in favour of Sacré Cœur, regardless of the level of financial commitment. Subject to the wishes of the donor or benefactor, gifts to Sacré Cœur will be invested to preserve and build their value.

You may choose to make a gift or to leave a bequest without a designated purpose which gives the School maximum flexibility to apply the gift to the area of greatest need.

For further information please contact:

Foundation Executive Administrative Officer Sacré Cœur Foundation 172 Burke Road Glen Iris Vic 3146 P: 03 9835 276

E: foundation@sac.vic.edu.au

# Sponsorship/Donors

Thank you to all our sponsors for your generosity in supporting Sacré Cœur Foundation events. Your contributions help make these events a great success and are deeply appreciated. We are planning an exciting 2018 and beyond.

Could your business benefit from some exposure to our community? Are you interested in sponsoring or donating prizes for any of our events, silent auction or raffle? Would you like to support our existing sponsors? Visit the School website for more information.

Securing our financial independence Ultimately, the Foundation aims to provide Sacré Cœur with a secure level of financial independence and also assist those families whose financial circumstances might preclude them from enrolling their daughters.

Tax deductible gifts may also be made to the Foundation's Building or Scholarship Fund. Donors are acknowledged annually in the June issue of the Burke Road Bulletin.

For further information, please contact us on 03 9835 2776 or email foundation@sac.vic.edu.au for a confidential chat.



With the completion of the tennis court and carpark redevelopment, the Cor Unum Walk now provides a distinctive and welcoming entry way to the School to all visitors and students and is seeing increased daily foot traffic. New architectural arches have also recently been added with extra plantings to cover them planned.

Through purchasing a fully tax deductible engraved paver, the Cor Unum Walk provides a lasting opportunity for you to be part of our remarkable gardens, where the inspiring contributions of our students, alumnae, School families and friends are celebrated and recognised.

Orders submitted by 1 September 2018 will have their engraved brick included within the Cor Unum Walk during Term 4 2018. Orders are installed on an annual basis.

If you would like to be included in this next historic addition to our gardens, please contact the Foundation Office on 03 9835 2776 or email foundation@sac.vic.edu.au for an order form.

# Facilities Hire at Sacré Cœur

Sacré Cœur has a number of well-appointed venues available to the public for functions, weddings, sporting events, and special occasions.

During the course of the year the School offers the following areas for hire:

- Gymnasium (Single court multi use)
- Duchesne Theatre (first floor gymnasium building)
- Florence Buckley Hall
- Outdoor multi-purpose courts (including six tennis/ netball courts – four of which convert for basketball)
- Chapel (conditions apply)

Facility hire is subject to availability during holiday periods and School terms, with priority given to Sacré Cœur use and existing long term hirers.

For further information on facilities hire including availability, or to book a venue inspection contact Facilities Hire Coordinator Marian Andrews on

03 9835 2776 or via Marian.Andrews@sac.vic.edu.au.



# Sacré Cœur Foundation

# 2018 Golf Day

The seventh annual golf day on Monday 30 April was another successful day at the Commonwealth Golf Club

A field of fourteen teams comprising 53 players competed in an Ambrose event at the 2018 Sacré Cœur Foundation Golf Day and helped raise funds for the Sacré Cœur Foundation Building Fund. A sunny still day provided almost perfect conditions for our players who enjoyed their game and the scenic vistas of the course. Most players good-naturedly took advantage of the "Head Start" and "Pay the Golf Pro" novelty holes, while again those teams with putting skills benefitted.

This year we were pleased to welcome back two alumnae teams and new players from our community including a team headed by two fathers of Joigny students. DMC Group (who do much of the School's design work and printing) returned as a bronze sponsor and were

very generous in gifting all players with a golf towel. Our Principal, Anna Masters, joined us on the 15th hole to greet and encourage teams, and later, acknowledged in her speech, support for the event from alumnae, parents past and present, corporate sponsors and friends of the School.

Again, with thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to run a silent auction with an assortment of great prizes and a business card draw that was drawn at the end of the day in conjunction with the presentations. Our social ticket holders joined with players in applauding all the winners and socialising with the post golf drinks and canapés providing a happy end to a very enjoyable day.

players Congratulations to all who took part

Congratulations to all who took part in this annual event. Results were once again very close and special congratulations to our top scorers.

Winning Team Men and Overall Winners: Massimo Imports team comprising Massimo Cellante, Ian Skarpa, Renato Maiale and Damien Baldi

Runners Up: Michael Donnelly's team with Liam Denver, Peter Rahilly and Mark Toy

Winning Team Ladies: Robyn Travers' team with Denise Wallish, Rebecca Fergus and Ros Minissale

Best Alumnae Team: Rosemary Kelly's team with Marg Anderson, Anne Carne and Louise Moodie (third year winners).

# Weddings in the Sacré Cœur Chapel

All alumnae of Sacré Cœur are welcome to be married in our Chapel as part of your special day.

Weddings are possible on most Saturdays during school terms and must be conducted by a Catholic priest. In special circumstances, approval may be given for a Friday night or Sunday wedding but may incur an additional hire charge.

If you are not directly connected to the School, you may still make a request for a special booking consideration by contacting our Facilities Hire Coordinator.

For further details and booking enquiries contact Facilities Hire Coordinator Marian Andrews (Kaestner 1980) on 03 9835 2776 or Marian. Andrews@sac.vic.edu.au.

# Foundation Donor News

The Foundation is deeply appreciative of the ongoing generosity and support of the Sacré Cœur Community and particularly of all of its donors who are helping to ensure a brighter future for our young women.

We especially thank all our donors that have made a recent contribution including:

Building Fund – General

- Arthur Family
- The Hon S Charles AO QC and Mrs J Charles
- Mrs L Dew
- Ms M Endacott
- Estate of Mary Gerraty
- Judge P Mullaly
- Mrs P and Mr P Walsh

Building Fund – Paver Campaign

- Anonymous (3)
- Mr N Baker and Ms E Carr
- Guy and Fiona Blackman
- Eleanor Borg
- Madeline Mitchell
- Mrs A and Mr J Martin
- Mark Meade
- Mrs J Pickering
- Patricia Richardson
- Mrs N Simmons and Mr D Simmons
- Hai Thai
- George Zervoudakis

### Scholarship Fund

- Anonymous (3)
- Mr A and Mrs D Cutroni
- Mrs L Dew
- Hai Thai and Katrina Nguyen
- Mrs E and Mr R Vinning
- Ms C Whitbread

Runners Up Alumnae Team:

Mae-Louise McGuinness' team with Mary Ann Banting, Jane Cuming and Jane Riordan.

Novelty hole prize winners:

Straightest Drive 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole: Chris Leeds

Nearest The Pin 7<sup>th</sup> Hole: Rosemary Kelly

Nearest The Pin 9th Hole: Paul Allen

Nearest The Pin 15th Hole: Peter Holland

Longest Drive 18th Hole Men: Chris Leeds

Longest Drive 18th Hole Women: Marg Anderson

Business card draw: Kim Driver

Thank you also to all our sponsors for their generosity in sponsoring this day. Their generous contribution helped make this event a great success and is greatly appreciated.

### Finally, we would like to thank

- Our hard working Golf Day Organising Committee comprising Niki Crowley (Past Parent and casual staff), Steve Price (Current Parent), Francoise Borg (Current and Past Parent), Sandy Miller (Current Parent), Marcia Endacott (Foundation Board), Alastair Lee (Director of Community Relations) and Marian Andrews (Foundation Executive Administrative Officer)
- Our behind the scenes helper Pino Di Roberto (Past Parent and Past Foundation Director)
- Our helpers leading up to and on the day, Marisa Reid for driving the drinks cart, Julie Muldoon for manning the Head Start Novelty Hole and creative wrapping, Helene Gordon for manning the Pay the Golf Pro Novelty Hole and Cherie Tucker for her artistic flair with our marketing material and photography
- A special thank you to the Commonwealth Golf Club for ensuring the day ran so smoothly.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors:

### Gold Sponsors

- Blue Connections Pty Ltd
- Lonsford Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd
- Trident Computer Services (new sponsor!)

### Silver Sponsors

- ARB Somerton
- Driver Bus Lines (welcome back!)
- Moorabbin Timber Pty Ltd

### Bronze Sponsor

DMC Group (welcome back!)

### Novelty Holes

- Head Start 10<sup>th</sup> Hole: Ross Gordon Constructions (new Sponsor!)
- Longest Drives, Nearest the Pin and Straightest Drives: Anonymous
- Pay the Golf Pro 15<sup>th</sup> Hole: Crowley Constructions (welcome back!)

### Product and Prize Sponsors

- Anonymous renewing donor (Readings prize vouchers)
- ARB Somerton (Silent auction items and prizes)
- Borg family (Silent auction T2 packs)
- Carman's (Silent auction hamper)
- Commonwealth Golf Club (Round of Golf for four – silent auction item)
- Kathy Falconer (Women's' Weekly books and Lush products)
- H & H Canteens (Sparkling mineral water)
- Kate Malone Foundation Director (Signed Richmond Premiership Football)
- Miller family (Mumm Champagne, Sheridan packs and other items for silent auction)





















# Sacré Cœur Alumnae Association

# From the President

This year's Focus Goal of Building Community as a Christian Value, is exemplified in many rich and varied ways by our Sacré Cœur alumnae. From the supportive friendships we forged at school which continue to sustain us over the years along our journeys, to the re-connections joyfully made at alumnae events and reunions.

The Small Pleasures Committee works so hard to bring moments of joy to those in our community who are suffering, and the Janet Stuart Bursary works to enable daughters and granddaughters of alumnae to enjoy the privilege of a Sacred Heart Education and share in our inspirational community.

Many alumnae share their time and talents and further enrich our school community by giving so generously in the areas of Careers, Music and Sport.

It is wonderful to see our more recent graduates busy helping at music camp and at concerts and productions or training the younger girls' sport teams.

Over the course of Term 2 several very successful careers information nights have been run where the current students and parents have enjoyed listening to alumnae from many different spheres, sharing their knowledge and expertise.

Our program of reunions is now well established as are our main events with the dates included in this issue. This year we are looking forward to the French Village Fair in October which is a wonderful day to have some fun with your entire family, see old friends and support the wonderful cause of Sophie's Farm. The Alumnae Association will have a stall selling something very special so come along and see!

Please try to attend an event or two, particularly those ladies who have not done so in the past, everyone is welcome whatever your age or interests!

At our AGM on 20 May my third twoyear term as President came to an end and I did not seek re-election. I am pleased to announce Marianne Cassin (1977) and Kerry Bergin (Feely, 1960) were sworn in as the new Co-Presidents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have helped and supported me and with



whom I have worked so happily over these interesting and fulfilling years.

To the Alumnae Committee members, past and present, thank you for your wisdom, enthusiasm, hard work and friendship. I thank the two Alumnae Relations Managers with whom I have worked, Rebecca Dollman and Melinda Adams; your tireless efforts make every event special; the staff of the Community Relations Office, with special thanks to Marian Andrews; our past and current Principals, Maureen Ryan and Anna Masters and the leadership team for your support of all things alumnae.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to you, my fellow alumnae, we share a special bond and it has been a privilege to serve you.

Marisa Reid



### Sacré Cœur Alumnae Association

### News

### 1968 Reunion Recap

A beautiful autumn afternoon on the balcony at Kooyong Tennis Club was the setting for the 1968 School Reunion on 21 April 2018.

After many emails, Facebook stalking and even door knocking we were able to invite our class. Twenty three girls attended and were fabulously catered to by the very capable staff. Plates of delicious goodies were on offer with some bubbles.

By way of welcome we were reminded of some of the events which occurred 50 years ago:

- John Gorton was PM
- Carlton beat Essendon in the Grand Final
- Rainlover won the Melbourne Cup
- Kylie Minogue was born
- Dorothea McKellar died
- As students we ate Monkeys Bum, Yarra Mud and Dandruff
- We wore Magic Silver White in our hair
- We listened to the Beatles on transistors or vinyl records

We remembered fondly the girls from our year who have died.

Alison showed us poetry that we had done in 1967 or so. She had won this in a raffle. We were a talented lot. Elizabeth A brought along the booklets we got as prizes. Wonderful to know these items are still treasured.

The time passed so quickly and conversations were animated with stories of school days, family, careers, travels, grandchildren and retirement.

A spirited rendition of the school song would have made Mother Arthur so proud!

Sadly it was necessary to bid farewell but we were asked to diarise April 2023 for our 55 year Reunion.

As we left we were each presented with a show bag of memorabilia. A huge thanks to Melinda from the Alumnae Association for arranging these. A photobook, dinner plate and bowl with school crest were some of the interesting contents.

Where have the years gone?

Sally, Jane, Alison and Mary



### Robina Courtin (1962)

Robina recently wrote to Marisa Reid, the Alumnae President, to update her on her news...

Thank you for reminding me about St Philippine Duchesne. She was a woman ahead of her time. I've always been moved by the stories of "the holy beings" as Tibetan Buddhists would refer to saints. They sustained me as a child. They show us what we can become, don't they?

All is well. My family, too.

Last month I was in the Himalayas. I led a four-day trek of 32 people to a village 4,500 meters up where there's the monastery and cave of my teacher. It was to raise money for the place. It was the second trek and next year we'll do it again but this time I'll take a helicopter - the walk was intense.

There are many hermitages up here,

caves basically. Perhaps I'll die in a meditation retreat up here!

I hope to see you somewhere before then.



# Sacré Cœur Alumnae

### News

### 2018 AMASC Congress in Mexico

The 16th Association Mondial des Anciens et Anciennes du Sacré-Cœur, (AMASC) Congress, Sophie's Legacy, A Gift for The World was held in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico in February. Two young alumnae, Dominica (Dee) Meade (2015) and Eilish Roberts (2014), gave one of the four keynote presentations and were the youngest presenters!

Their presentation on the Sophie's Farm immersion program is a superb example of one of the Congress study themes: Reaching New Frontiers. Dee and Eilish provided a lively and inspiring picture of how the indefatigable RSCJ, Sr Lydia Collado, has Reached New Frontiers with the community development project, Sophie's Farm in the impoverished area of Northern Samar. They brought to life their experience of the frontiers they had to cross to overcome their trepidation about participating in this challenging venture.

The altruism of school parent, Meredith Kane, in giving of her time and skills to empower Sophie's Farm community, was highlighted in their presentation, as was the selfless generosity of Caroline Xue (2014 alumna). Caroline returned to Sophie's Farm in January this year to facilitate a team of medical students to provide volunteer health education programs.

I felt a great sense of pride when listening to Dee and Eilish, two delightful, intelligent, mature and compassionate young women who illustrated the best of a Sacré Cœur education.

Their presentation followed the Keynote Address by M. Carolyn Osiek RSCJ, an academic and theologian from the USA. Her address: Following Philippine Duchesne to the New Frontier, provided an excellent starting point for the Congress. She and another RSCJ are translating all the hundreds of letters exchanged between St Madeleine

Sophie and St Philippine Duchesne.

Other presentations included two delightful young Japanese alumnae who spoke about their RSCJ education from kindergarten to university. Their presentation depicted the social justice projects run by the Japanese RSCJ schools.

Padre Alex Zatyrka, SJ, gave an address titled: *Cultivating Silence*: *Caring for the atmosphere of our communion with God.* Silence was definitely not a feature of the Congress! On the contrary, 250 women, from 27 different countries, talking many different languages all at once made it difficult to hear your neighbour. Meal time conversations were an interesting challenge when you were the only English speaker at the table!

But colour definitely was a feature! Mérida is a colourful city and every day we were greeted by clear blue sky and sun rays dappling the wide tree-lined avenues. At the Gala Dinner marking the end of the Congress, attendees in national costumes made a colourful picture: the large group of Japanese women in beautiful kimonos,

the Mexican and South American women in colourful dresses and lots of jewellery, African women in national dress ... and us six Aussies in the "cleanest and best outfits" we had in our suitcases!

The 17th Congress will be announced after the Extraordinary General Meeting in Joigny, France, in October 2018. A new AMASC Board will be elected and will determine where the next four-yearly Congress is held. We can start hoping and praying that this will be rather more accessible to Australia than the eastern peninsula of Mexico!

### Kerry Bergin ASCA Co-President

The current ASCA committee members are:

Sophie Jackman – President

Kerry Bergin - Co President

Jane Murfett – Treasurer

Marianne Cassin - Secretary

Marisa Reid – General Committee



(L) Dominica (Dee) Meade (2015) and (R) Eilish Roberts (2014)

# Sacré Cœur Alumnae

# Where are they now?

### Adrienne Gault (1983)

After graduating from Sacré Cœur in 1983, I took a somewhat circuitous pathway to complete a Bachelor of Architecture at RMIT. I worked in various small practices in Melbourne until early 1999 when my husband started working at the High Court and we relocated to Canberra with Carl, our one year-old son. A year later, our son Jules was born. I never did get back to working in architecture, but my architectural training, which involved thinking laterally and developing novel solutions to complex situations, certainly influenced my approach to subsequent challenges. Carl was a gregarious, affectionate, but very quirky little boy and just before his fourth birthday he received a diagnosis of high-functioning autism.

I hesitate to use the word disability because I've learnt that difference doesn't have to equate to disability if we support people in a truly individualised way. This led me to become involved with Imagine More, a small Canberrabased NFP whose mission is to build the capacity of people with a disability and their families, to plan for good, socially inclusive lives. I'm now serving as a director.

Underlying everything Imagine More does is the understanding that for any of us, the things that make our lives good (positive relationships, having a home, meaningful employment, financial security, personal fulfilment), come through having genuine and valued roles in our families, our communities and our society. Through careful and creative planning and the building of relationships, it is also possible for people with a disability to attain valued roles and flourish in them. Imagine More runs conferences, workshops and small groups to share expert knowledge and family knowhow to inspire others and build their confidence to strive for good outcomes.



Jules is now doing the first year of an aeronautical engineering degree. Carl is studying film making through the Canberra Institute of Technology and participating in one-on-mentoring with a local film producer. He now has his first professional credit on the IMDbPro industry directory. The only way is up!

# **Small Pleasures Fund Annual Luncheon**

### Save the Date!



It has been a busy six months for the Small Pleasures Fund which has continued to provide a range of 'small pleasures' to members of the alumnae community living with a debilitating illness or injury. A huge thanks to everyone who attended our fundraising luncheon in November last year; we could not do the work we do without your generous spirit and support.

Please save the date for this year's annual event which is being held on Saturday 27 October at Leonda by the Yarra Further details to follow!

Finally, the Small Pleasures Committee is seeking new members to join our team to assist with marketing (experience in Squarespace website management will be viewed favourably!) and to

help us identify those we can support. In particular, we would love to hear from alumnae who graduated in the late 1970s, early 1980s and from 2000 onwards to ensure we have a cross-representation of committee members from across the years. Please contact sc.smallpleasures@gmail.com for further information or to express your interest.

Emma Fay (1994)

# Sacré Cœur Alumnae

### News

### **Births**



Kate Nuttall-Green (1995) and Jonathon Green welcomed Phoenix Peter, a brother for Oscar on 23 January 2018



Mary Tang (Poon 2003) and Jason Tang welcomed Maximillian Xavier Tang on 14 March 2017

**Engagements** 





Stephanie Dickson (Antonopoulos 2004) married Lewis Dickson on 11 March 2018 at Oakridge Winery in Coldstream



Madeline Kennedy (1990) and James Redfern welcomed Harry James, a brother for Poppy, on 19 March 2018



Charlotte Crowley (2010) and Sam Morris were engaged at Sauce Dining Restaurant in Kyneton on 14 April 2018



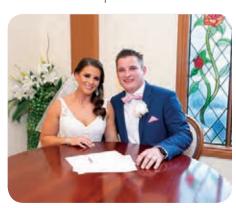
Nadia Guadagno (2003) married Daniel Diaz on 17 March 2018 in the Sacré Cœur Chapel



Katherine Bryant (2002 and staff member) and Hugh welcomed Patrick Craig and Bernie Morris on 14 April 2018



Charlotte Packwood (2006) and Jack Joslin were engaged on 24 December 2017



Sasha Jolley (2001) married Ben Radford on 18 November 2017 at the Elizabethan Lodge in Blackburn North

Amy Kopciewicz (2001) married Peter Lauritz on 10 March 2018 in the Sacré Cœur Chapel

Don't miss out on all the current alumnae e-news. Send your email address today to melinda.adams@sac.vic.edu.au

### **Deaths**

Mary Considine (1953) sister of Ann Doyle (Considine 1951) and Jane Swan (Considine 1956) on 11 October 2017 Bette Lennon (1976) daughter of Mary Gerraty (Byrne 1951 dec) and niece of Margaret O'Sullivan (Byrne 1943) and cousin of Margaret O'Sullivan (1972) on 1 April 2018

### Sacré Cœur Parents' Association

### News

After four years on the Parents' Association, I will be retiring as Co-President at the end of this year. I started on this journey firstly as the Treasurer. My initial observation in this role was that the Association was sitting on a growing pile of cash that could be put to better use. Once given the opportunity as the Co-President in 2016, the committee voted to move a large tranche of cash to the Foundation, donate funds for school equipment and started subsidising year level events.

Another observation I made was the changing demographics of parents at the school. Typically, both parents are now working, making the pool of volunteers less and/or limiting their time availability. With this in mind we set about simplifying our processes to make volunteering enjoyable and not a burden on the few. We now have many processes online (TryBooking events management and Xero bookkeeping). Also, we reviewed all our events and developed process guides and checklists, making it easy for the next parent who volunteered to smoothly transition into the role. However, a key component to all the event organising has been the school support from Ioanna Quirke and Katrina Ashton who have been the first point of contact for parent representatives wanting to organise an event. We thank them for their invaluable assistance.

Regarding changing parent demographics; it has been great to see fathers volunteering as Year Level Representatives for the first time. This year a total of five fathers from Joigny are supporting year level events as Year Level Representatives. I firmly believe in gender diversity on committees and teams to get the best outcomes. Also, it is great to see so many fathers engaged in their daughters' education. Over the years I have seen the attendance at Father Daughter Mass overtake the Mother Daughter event.

The return of the Second Hand Uniform Shop in the newly renovated Cottage was a great milestone for the Parents' Association. A special thanks to Adelina Melia-Douvos, Director of Students (7-12) and Meagan Selkirk, Second Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator, for guiding us through this process. For anyone with time available on Thursday mornings, please consider volunteering to help out in the shop—it is a great way to connect with the School and is a very sociable group.

Sometimes, in committee meetings, I have suggested that we curtail events to conserve our volunteers' energy, only to be pleasantly surprised by the overwhelming enthusiasm to hold large events. Examples of this have been the Trivia Night, the Ladies' Luncheon at Kooyong (pictured below) and the upcoming 130 Year Anniversary Gala



Ball. Also, I have seen the number of year level events increase significantly.

The dynamism of our parent volunteers is amazing!

I truly believe that our Sacré Cœur parents are now more connected with the School as a community than ever before. The outcome of this is a richer environment for our daughters' education. For this I want to thank our 2018 committee members; Pette Liacopoulos (Co-President), Greg Selkirk (Treasurer), Lisa Cubella (Secretary), Natalie Palmer and Effie Vlahos (Year Level Representatives), Kelly Lloyd (Communications Officer), and all the general committee members who regularly put their hand up to assist at events.

It has been a pleasure serving the School as a volunteer which has been a great experience for me. I look forward to other parents stepping forward to join the Parents' Association and sharing the rewards of volunteering within our community.

### Andrew Klose, Co-President

















# The Janet Stuart Bursary Fund

The purpose of the Janet Stuart Bursary Fund is to provide bursaries for the benefit of daughters or granddaughters of alumnae of Sacred Heart Schools who would not otherwise be able to attend Sacré Cœur.

Bursaries are granted for secondary education and only one child per family is eligible to receive a bursary.

School enrolment procedures must be completed prior to applying for a bursary.

Applications must be submitted before 31 January, two years prior to the intended commencement at Sacré Cœur in order for the Trustees of the Fund to consider whether the criteria are met. Applicants will be notified by April of the same year, of the outcome of their application.

As a guide, the bursary would normally cover approximately 25% of tuition fees. A bursary is granted for the remainder of the child's education at Sacré Cœur as long as the parents' needs require. The bursary is subject to an annual financial review.

Please contact the Admissions Manager, Julie Muldoon on 9835 2713 or via email at admissions@sac.vic.edu.au for an application form.

The Janet Stuart Bursary was an initiative of the Sacré Cœur Alumnae Association some fifty years ago and is still funded by the Association. The bursary is administered by the Trustees of the Janet Stuart Bursary Fund. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Fund and operate independently of the Sacré Cœur Alumnae Association.

Donations are always welcome and should be directed to the Alumnae Relations Manager, Melinda Adams 9835 2713 or melinda.adams@sac.vic.edu.au.





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