



Sacred Heart College Yarrowonga

Semper Fidelis #16

From the Principal

The following information is provided to outline arrangements for some important upcoming events.

Headstart Commences

The College will commence the Headstart program this Wednesday, 27th of November. Students of all year levels will commence the curriculum in their new classes for 2025. To make this as effective as possible, we would appreciate the support of parents and carers to ensure students have necessary book listed and stationary items so they have all the resources required. Students considering subject changes may do so through their relevant YLL prior to the 12th December.

College Mass and Awards Ceremony

The end of year College Mass will be held on Thursday, 12th December at 10.00 am in the Multi-Purpose Building. All families are invited to celebrate with us. An awards ceremony will follow the celebration of the Eucharist. To assist in making the necessary arrangements for work and care, families whose child is to receive an award will be notified in advance.

Student Attendance

The last day of attendance for Year 7 – 11 students is Thursday, 12th December. Students are expected to be in attendance up to and including this date.

End of Year Dance

The End of Year Dance Celebration will be held in the Multi-Purpose Building from 6.00 – 9.00 pm on Thursday, 12th December. The celebration will involve students from Years 7 – 11 in traditional style partner and progressive 'Ballroom Dancing' as well as some modern dance styles. Students will have scheduled practices over the next 2 weeks. A whole school practice will be held after the End of Year Mass.

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Dress Code: The event does not require the wearing of formal attire. However, students have been reminded that they should wear attire that is both smart and neat clothes that they would wear to a significant family celebration. The following recommendations are provided to assist families in the selection of appropriate clothing.

No thongs, runners, denim, jeans, t-shirts or singlet style tops.

Neat shoes, dress shorts or trousers and a button through collared shirt. Jackets and ties are optional.

Outfits should be appropriate to the etiquette of the occasion in relation to length and modesty.

Attendance: Attendance at school, the College Mass and dance practice on the 12th December is a prerequisite for attending the Dance. Tickets will be provided to students at school on the day. Students will not be admitted without a ticket. Students will be dismissed from school at 1.30 pm. Supervision will be provided for those students who need to remain at school until the end of the school day.

Dropping Off and Picking Up: Students are not permitted to make their own way to or from the event. As it is a school function, Year 11 students are not permitted to drive other students, with the exception of family members, to or from the event.

Students can be dropped off at the main gate to the Multi-Purpose Building from 5:45 pm and can be picked up following the conclusion of the dance at 9:00 pm. Students will only be allowed to leave in the company of a parent or other nominated adult.

Please complete the School Activity form for the event on PAM by Wednesday, 4th December.

REFLECTION

Last week our Year 12 students graduated after their many years of schooling. Standing at this threshold of change, our Year 12s embody both achievement and promise. They have grown from wide-eyed children into young adults who question, challenge, and dream. Through late-night study sessions, sporting triumphs, artistic performances, and countless moments of friendship, they have written their unique stories into the fabric of our school. Their laughter has echoed through these halls, their determination has inspired younger students, and their spirit has enriched our community. As they prepare to step beyond these familiar walls, they carry with them not just knowledge, but wisdom; not just memories, but foundations for their future.

Prayer:

Loving God, bless these graduates as they venture forth.

Grant them courage to face life's uncertainties,

Wisdom to discern their path,

Strength to overcome challenges,

And hearts that remain open to wonder and joy.

May they use their gifts to serve others

And find fulfillment in their chosen journeys.

Amen.



Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

A wonderful Graduation Mass was followed by a very successful Valedictory Dinner last Wednesday. We were very pleased to have Father Jun Jun celebrate Mass which was attended by a large crowd. Mass was followed by the valedictory dinner which was held in the Willow room at the golf club. The formalities included the announcement of VCE subject awards. Once again it was pleasing to see a number of our year 11 students who had taken on a Unit 3 & 4 study feature which reflected their hard work and dedication. Winners were as follows:

Subject	Students name
VCE Physical Education	Sophia Shaw
VCE Health and Human Development	Isobel Osborne
VCE Psychology	Eliza Whiteley
VCE English	Riley Egan
VCE English Language	Connor Thomas
VCE Chemistry	Tom Lovel
VCE Physics	Connor Thomas
VCE Biology	Jessica Freeman
VCE History	Tom Coffey
VCE Legal	Tom Coffey
VCE Business Management	Riley Egan
VCE Mathematical Methods	Michael Hughes
VCE General Mathematics	Connor Thomas
VCE Specialist Mathematics	Connor Thomas
VCE Outdoor Education	Heleena Shaw (Yr 11)
Yr 12 Religious Education	Eliza Whiteley
VET Sport & Recreation	Tom Lovel
VET / VCE Business	Alannah Smith (Yr 11)
VET /VCE Allied Health	Anna VanDenBosch (Yr 11)
VET Engineering	Xander Smith
VCE VM Literacy	Lachlan Dwyer
VCE VM Numeracy	Torah Duffy
VCE VM WRS	Xander Smith
VCE VM PDS	Torah Duffy
College Awards	
ADF Long Tan	Jack McQualter-Whyte
ADF Future Innovators	Connor Thomas
College All Rounder	Jess Freeman
Male Sports	Ollie Cope
Female Sports	Jessica Freeman
Faith and Justice	Eliza Whiteley
GMLLEN Work Placement	Torah Duffy



Pictured above: Connor Thomas with his 5 awards



Pictured above: Jess Freeman, winner of the College All Rounder Award. Jess is pictured with Margie Duncan representing the Duncan family who sponsor the award.

Canberra Leaders Camp

Last week I had the pleasure of taking aspiring student leaders from Sacred Heart College and FCJ College Benalla to Canberra for a 3 day leadership camp. The students visited the National Museum, Gallery, High Court Parliament House and the Australian Institute of Sport. Members of Parliament, Helen Haines (Indi) and Sam Birrell (Nicholls) addressed the students and answered questions. Both parliamentarians were very impressed with the standard of questions that the students asked. Students were taken through the legislative process of how a bill becomes a law in a very entertaining and engaging role play. CEO of Southern Health NSW Marg Bennett (OAM) gave a keynote to the students about some of her life experiences and provided them some valuable advice to reflect on as they enter their last year of secondary education.

Mr Lew Nagle



Students outside
Parliament House



Sam Birrell with students

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HOST A

Student



We need you - This season we are inviting you to open your hearts and homes to our exchange student.

We are looking for two families from April to July 2025.

Aron is 16 and attends Sacred Heart College .



Contact us for an informal chat ...
Call Belinda on:
0411 852 784

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youth
exchange

Rotary 

Rotary are looking for a Host family from mid-April to 11th July .
If you would like any information please contact:

Belinda Pendergast
Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator
MHiPS
Yarrawonga College P-12

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Wellbeing

The Brave Program is a FREE online program for teenagers and their parents. The program is self-paced so you can work through it as you need.

The teen program provides strategies for young people to cope with worries and anxious feelings and thoughts.

The parent program provides information and skills to support your teenager through their worries and anxiousness.

These can be done individually, or at the same time as your parent/teenager.

<https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/teen-program>

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20 Minute Trial

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Great new reads in the Library #15



Stepping Sideways: Worlds of steampunk & dystopia Edited by Mily Larkin 2024

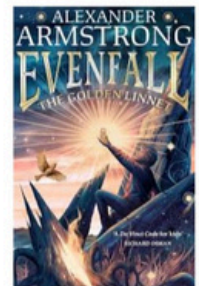
Thirteen Australian authors have written short stories based in Steampunk or Dystopian worlds. From stories about a despotic circus boss who mistreats his workers to a group of kids escaping scavenger dogs in a brutal world.



Evenfall – The Golden Linnet by Alexander Armstrong 2024

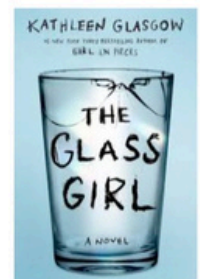
Sam is about to turn thirteen and has lived a fairly ordinary life. His mum died in an accident five years ago and his dad has been slowly fading away ever since. As his birthday looms strange things start happening and Sam discovers he has special abilities – and bad people seem to be after him.

The first book in a new fantasy, high action thriller series.



The Glass Girl by Kathleen GlasGow 2024

Fifteen year old Bella doesn't believe that she has a problem, but slowly her life is falling apart. It started with the death of her grandmother, and her parents constant fighting and separation. They were the triggers, and alcohol became the solution. A compelling story of teenage addiction.



Heir by Sabaa Tahir 2024

This is the first book in a new fantasy series, in the young adult category.

It is the story of three young people who are all fighting their own demons and the injustices that have happened to all of them in the past. The story is told from each of our main characters' points of view. Aiz, and orphan who wants revenge; Sirsha, banished and bunting a child killer; and Quil, the reluctant heir to the empire.



Visit the Library to borrow any of these books.

Year 9 Update

On Tuesday 19th of November, the Year 9 cohort presented their Paddock to Plate dinner as part of the Woka Wala program. Parents were invited for a prepared feast from grown vegetables and donated produce to showcase the hard work they have done this semester.

All set up beautifully on the Kennedy Lawn area of the school.

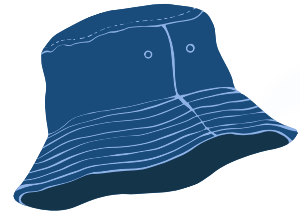




Friendly reminder: School fee accounts need to be finalised by the end of November.

Before and after school supervision:

Please note that supervision for students commences at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and 8.40am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



College Hats

A reminder to all students that hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$13, cash or card. Or from Judds, Yarrowonga.

Upcoming College Events

December

Wednesday 4th: Year 6 Transition

Friday 6th: Sacred Heart Primary School concert in MPB

Monday 9th: VET & Allied Health First Aid

Tuesday 10th: Year 6 Transition

Thursday 12: Last day for students, finishing with the College Dance

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