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PRIMARY, SECONDARY & INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS





Student Leaders, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Kensington. PHOTO: ALPHONSUS FOK



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# School leadership is about serving others



Anthony Cleary  
*Director of Mission and Identity*

Many years ago, I had the great privilege of serving as the captain of my school. It was an honour that I valued, and I took the associated responsibilities very seriously. My time in the role broadened my understanding of leadership, especially from the perspective of serving others.

Today, countless young people have been elected to leadership positions within their school communities. This is a sign of the respect with which they are held by their teachers and peers, and it indicates that others consider that they have the necessary qualities and attributes to lead.

Leading is not always easy, and at times we need to make unpopular decisions, or we find it hard to make a decision. But the opportunity to lead is rewarding and it helps us grow in our relationship with others. This of course depends upon our 'way of leading'.

**To be a good and effective leader, one must:**

- value the role and its responsibilities
- be committed to working hard and persevering during difficult times
- listen to and respect the opinions of others
- avoid friendship cliques that can isolate others
- be a person of principle and conviction
- remain humble, knowing that leading is about serving.

When 2024 comes to an end our student leaders will look back upon the year that has passed, and they will reflect upon their achievements and their learnings. Inevitably, there will have been some mistakes and some things they wished they had done differently.

This is okay. We are not defined by our

mistakes unless we refuse to learn from them.

Today's student leaders should feel honoured. You have been recognised by your communities as having particular qualities and skills. Use these to the best of your ability, not just now, but through your life's journey.

We need good leaders to make a difference in our world. I am sure that many of today's student leaders will do just that, and that they will be among the political, civic and religious leaders of the future.

As they take on their responsibilities for this year, their family, friends and school communities pray for their success.

*Lord our God, send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Give them strength of character so that they may continue their witness to the Gospel as they serve our school and Church communities.*



Captains, Good Samaritan Catholic College Hinchinbrook

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Captains, All Saints Catholic College, Liverpool





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## All Saints Catholic College Liverpool/Casula



**David Forrester**  
Principal

### About the Principal

David Forrester is an exceptional leader who joined the All Saints community in 2018 as the Principal of the All Saints Catholic Senior College at Casula. His transformative leadership has been instrumental in shaping the educational landscape of the college. In 2024, he took on the role of Principal K-12 for All Saints Catholic College Liverpool/Casula, reflecting his commitment to instilling the foundations for a community of strong faith and educational excellence. As a lifelong teacher, David is dedicated to the vocation of Catholic education and is making a real difference in the lives of the people in the ASCC K-12 community he leads.

### About the School

All Saints Catholic College is the newest K-12 School in Sydney and the first fully operational Systemic Catholic K-12 school in the Archdiocese of Sydney. We are a dual Campus community with our K-10 Campus being located in the heart of Liverpool and our Senior Year 11-12 Campus located at Casula in a tranquil bush setting bordering the Bellbird Trail. Our history in educating the youth of the Liverpool area has a proud and rich tradition, with the first students beginning way back in 1827.

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## Excellence in faith, teaching and learning

The All Saints Catholic College K-12, Liverpool and Casula communities have a long, proud and rich history; with early beginnings as the third Catholic school in the new colony, we have developed into the first K-12 Catholic systemic school in the Archdiocese of Sydney, with a community of almost 2400 students and staff entering our gates each day.

The school has two campuses (Liverpool K-10 and Casula 11-12) but is known in the local area as 'one school, dual campus, one community'. Critical to the strong culture of the College is the outstanding student leaders who give daily witness to their peers of student excellence in faith, teaching and learning, wellbeing, and extracurricular life.

College Principal Mr Forrester summed this up at the Leadership Investiture when he said; With leadership comes responsibility. Our student leaders acknowledge their responsibility in upholding the traditions and values of All Saints Catholic College. They acknowledge this responsibility not as individuals but as a team. A team that will form a bond and share their wisdom, strength and courage. They are challenged to drive our community to ensure that we work together and succeed together in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Mr David Forrester**  
*Principal, All Saints Catholic College K-12*





# All Saints Catholic College 2024



## Student Leaders 2024

All Saints Catholic College is a proud Catholic community, founded on the traditions of the Sisters of Charity and the Patrician Brothers. All Saints offers leadership opportunities in many areas such as the Student Representative Council, sport, social justice and peer support. The College is committed to equipping students with the confidence and abilities that will enable them to succeed in their time at school and beyond.

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## Aquinas Catholic College Menai



**Mr James Clancy**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Commencing as Principal in 2019, James Clancy is a highly effective and contemporary Catholic leader, with more than 30 years' experience in Catholic Education. He is committed to ensuring students receive a faith-based education that places an emphasis on academic achievement and challenges students to pursue excellence in all facets of school life.

### About the School

Aquinas Catholic College is a Year 7 to Year 12 co-educational Catholic College. Our 'ASPIRE' touchstones encourage all students to achieve their best in everything, whilst our Enlivened Learning philosophy fosters a growth mindset in uniting faith, wellbeing and learning. The College continues to build on its strong foundations in supporting every student on their journey to becoming confident, capable and respectful citizens. We have an aspiration that our graduates pursue their dreams, make positive contributions to the local and global community.

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## Leaders of community, faith and future

Providing students with opportunities to use their individual gifts and talents in a purposeful way is what defines leadership at Aquinas Catholic College Menai. We're committed to enabling our students to develop relationships that allow them to work positively and meaningfully with their peers, throughout their schooling and beyond.

Our students strive to model servant leadership, by inspiring each other to aim for their personal best and seek opportunities to effect positive change in the lives of others in and around our community. Whether it be through leading school assemblies, providing motivation and inspiration at carnivals, raising awareness and fundraising, serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, contributing to school improvement forums, coordinating our Feast Day celebrations or mentoring students from Holy Family Primary School, our leaders enrich the lives of individuals, build better communities and ultimately contribute to

a more just and caring world.

We build a culture of leadership through a variety of experiences. Formal leadership positions include appointment as a Senior School Leader (Years 11 and 12), a member of the Student Representative Council and a Year 10 Peer Support Leader. Leadership opportunities also arise through our extensive co-curricular program including sport and cultural activities, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, social outreach and community service initiatives. Each of these experiences require students to take initiative, engage with their peers and surrounding communities, build strong relationships and work collaboratively to address shared challenges.

This year we have a group of fine young men and women who have willingly put themselves forward to serve our College community. We are supremely confident they will be excellent representatives of whom we can be very proud. Congratulations to all of our leaders.





**AQUINAS**  
Catholic College Menai

# 2024 College Leaders



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## Casimir Catholic College Marrickville



**Mrs Carmelina Eussen**  
Principal

### About the Principal

As Principal of Casimir Catholic College, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our school. We are delighted to have the opportunity to share our | ethos, our story and our aspirations with you.

### About the School

As a multi-charism school founded in the traditions of The Sisters of the Good Samaritan, The De La Salle Brothers and The Passionist Fathers, we offer a rich, inclusive and holistic approach to education in the Catholic tradition. Our founding charisms provide an affiliation to a worldwide community of educators that work in thousands of schools, colleges and universities from all corners of the globe.

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## Quality education—Academic excellence

Casimir Catholic College is a Year 7-12 co-educational College which was established in 1983 from the amalgamation of De La Salle College and St Brigid's College, both of which had been landmark schools in the Marrickville area dating back to the 1930s.

The College exists to meet the educational needs of children from Marrickville and surrounding suburbs. It has a rich tradition, steeped in the values and customs of three religious orders: The Good Samaritan Sisters, the De La Salle Brothers and the Passionist Fathers. The College is renowned for its genuine sense of community, friendly campus, vibrant, diverse and dynamic feel. The College has great relations with St Brigid's Church, Marrickville and very close connections with our feeder primary schools.

We aim to provide quality Catholic education with a focus on

academic excellence - in turn, creating quality graduates with high standards and expectations, motivating and challenging students to achieve their potential. We endeavour to create a very organised, structured and settled environment.

The Newman Selective Gifted Education Program enriches and extends students to be curious, creative and critical thinkers. At Casimir we are committed to educating our students to be strong and respectful global citizens.

The Amadeus Music Program introduced in 2022 allows all students the opportunity to learn to play an instrument with professional tutors and specialist music classes. Alongside the Sport and Co-curricular program that offers an extensive range of activities and opportunities for all students.

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*Believe. Strive. Succeed*



# Clancy Catholic College



**Mr David Costin**  
Principal

### About the Principal

This is my third year at Clancy Catholic College, a community where relationships are built on respect between staff, students and families. We are proudly Catholic, though receptive to all who share our Christian values. At Clancy, We have a reputation for excellence in all that we do. We make no apologies for setting high expectations and for challenging all students to be the very best they can be.

### About the School

Clancy Catholic College is a coeducational 7-12 secondary College with an enrolment of over 1240 students. We describe our mission as 'Seeking excellence in all that we do, while nurturing a love of Christ, a love of learning and a love of each other.

### School Details

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2024 Student Leaders, main. College captains Jonathan Caprarelli and Ariel Mazzetti, inset.

## Supporting students in our community

At Clancy Catholic College all students are encouraged to develop their leadership skills in order to serve and support fellow students and the wider community. There are many student roles throughout the number of year levels that offer support and leadership for other students in the school community, through house activities and specific fields of interest. Every student is encouraged to build their own sense of themselves as leaders.

A wide range of formal leadership positions are available at the College. These positions are in place to provide a 'student voice' to the entire student body. Student voice flows from the belief that schools should listen, collaborate and act with students.

### EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT LEADERS

Once elected, Student Leaders will be expected to comply with the following expectations:

- Demonstrate a willingness to work hard for others...the notion

of 'Service';

- Uphold the aims and Catholic values of the College community at all times;
- Demonstrate pride in being a member of the College community;
- Work to find ways to actively represent, and involve, students in decision making so that student voices are heard;
- Show the courage to stand up for what is fair and right;
- Demonstrate initiative in identifying thoughtful and creative ideas to improve the College;
- Provide leadership to the student body;
- Be a role model for fellow students in word, action and demeanor;
- Be approachable, honest, patient, kind and friendly;
- Show interest in others and a willingness to make friends throughout the student body;
- Represent the College in a variety of meetings, forums, functions and programs, as required;
- Perform any other duties, as requested.





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## De La Salle College Revesby Heights



**Mr Michael Hollis**  
Principal

### School Profile

Our College motto is 'Christo Regente' (Christ Reigns), which underpins the ever-present Catholic life of the community. We provide our students with many opportunities to enliven Gospel values and they are encouraged to be generous in both word and action. Most importantly, the young men of De La Salle College, Revesby Heights "enter to learn and to leave to serve".

### About the School

De La Salle College Revesby Heights has the advantage of being a comparatively small secondary school (approximately 640 students) with strong community support. Our nurturing environment is tailored to learning and co-curricular needs and engenders a sense of belonging in our boys. We are a Newman Selective Gifted Education school that sets high academic expectations of our students and our dedicated teachers deliver high-quality boys' focused education. This culminates in impressive results in NAPLAN and the Higher School Certificate, setting our students up for success now and in the future.

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## Excellence, Service, Community Empowering young men for the future

De La Salle College's Student Leadership Program inspires students to become leaders of integrity and accountability by learning that leaders are, first and foremost, people who serve the needs of others. Leaders are expected to model the values of faith, service, community, excellence and respect to support the College as a Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition. In doing so, students are able to develop leadership skills for life

### **Our students work together to:**

- Be of service to others both in our College and the wider community
- Invite participation from the rest of the community
- Promote the Catholic ethos of the College
- Listen to, and voice, student concerns
- Involve themselves in issues of social justice
- Lead College events and gatherings

- Challenge themselves and others to be their best selves.

### **The Year 12 Student Leaders include our:**

College Captain and Vice Captain

### **Senior Prefect Body**

- Liturgy Prefects
- Wellbeing Prefects
- Social Justice Prefects
- House Prefects

### **Lasallian Youth Leaders**

- Senior students only

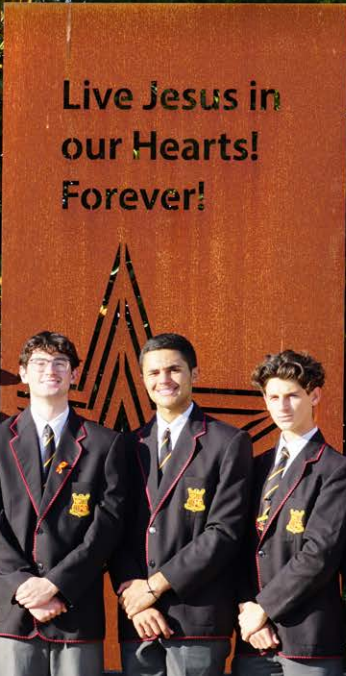
A Student Representative Council (SRC) also operates at the College. This group includes two student representatives from each year group across Years 7-11, which gives a further opportunity for student voice to be heard.





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## Archbishop Fisher OP Student Leaders luncheon

By George Al-Akiki

Christians should not accept “progressive” or “conservative” labels for themselves, but only strive to align themselves closely with Christ and his church, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP told young leaders at the annual student leadership luncheon.

Year 12 students of Sydney Catholic School’s eastern district met at Cathedral House to break bread and discuss their burning questions on faith and leadership with each other and their archbishop.

The lunch was the first of three to be hosted by Archbishop Fisher and Sydney Catholic Schools again this year.

They provide student leaders with relaxed opportunities to speak with the spiritual leader about matters close to their hearts and to seek his advice, as well as meet with archdiocesan youth leaders.

Students from nearly 20 schools attended in March, including one student from St Ignatius College in Riverview who inquired about the church’s capacity to remove “conservative” obligations in order to reflect the present “progressive” society and its changing values.

“I’d say to all, be careful of being pigeonholed into a camp of progressive or conservative,” the archbishop responded.

“These aren’t categories for Christians, we care simply about truth and people.

“If we do join a camp, then the only camp we join is Jesus.”

“We ask ourselves what he has said, what he would do and what he has demonstrated in his life, his church, and its traditions. “When we do this, we can see some

components of our faith are perennial and for every generation, while other aspects—as in any religion—are cultural elements or customs arisen at one stage or another that may be passing.”

Asked how modern Catholics can combat spiritual dryness and connect with God in prayer, the archbishop said that prayer is “just talking to a friend.”

“We should be both comfortable with formal prayers and also the spontaneous prayer that comes out of your heart,” he said.

“People at times can overcomplicate prayer, but I’m quite childish in mine just as a child with their parents.

“Bring God those simple needs in your heart—they are the easiest to express because they come so naturally to us as children of God.”

Marist Catholic College North Shore leaders Tyler Sestito and Carsten Muller said they had been nervous about meeting the archbishop but left with an inspired sense of hope.

“Listening to his responses on a range of difficult topics showed the archbishop is a very genuine and well-educated man, not just a church figure but also very approachable,” Carsten said.

“What I can take from his words today is certainly an illuminated idea of how to bring Christianity into our school and outer communities,” Tyler added.

The archbishop also hosted the luncheon in Sydney’s western and central regions.



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP answers questions of student leaders from across Sydney Catholic Schools at Cathedral House. Photos: Giovanni Portelli





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## Domremy College Five Dock



**Antoinette McGahan**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Domremy is a place of infinite possibilities with an explicit focus on girls' education. The students are at the heart of innovative curricular and co-curricular activities.

### About the School

Domremy College stands for excellence, tradition, faith and service to others. It is a comprehensive high school, Years 7-12 Girls, with a strong focus on the spiritual, academic, social and physical development of its students and is a vibrant and dynamic community.

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## Excellence, tradition, faith and service

In 2023 Domremy selected 19 dynamic women as school leaders for **2024**, harnessing their diverse talents to guide the school community. Together, they crafted the 2024 school theme, "**In the fireworks, find your flair**", urging students to embrace their uniqueness and uncover their strengths and passions. By drawing inspiration from the vibrant colours and patterns of fireworks, this theme champions diversity, inclusivity, and the inherent beauty of each individual.

Through promoting resilience and fostering a strong sense of community, this theme aims to cultivate an educational journey that ignites each student's potential by providing an environment where everyone can express themselves without fear or pressure, encouraging us to celebrate diversity and appreciate differences that make each person unique. Advocating a culture of learning driven by passion, creativity, and personal growth, empowers students to pursue their aspirations, fostering collaboration and celebrating individual and collective accomplishments.

The 2024 theme has been diligently extended across school culture, including curriculum enhancement, student engagement, community building, leadership development, prioritising

wellness and resilience, and celebrating achievements. Our leaders are role models, demonstrating positive behaviour and inspiring peers and junior students to strive for excellence. They represent the voice of the student body. They have a significant role in shaping the school culture and help to foster a positive and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Social justice included the Breast Cancer Pink walk and breakfast, raising nearly \$7,000; Music Festival; sale of St Patrick's Day doughnuts; Easter Raffle Hamper prize & Egg Guessing competition; and Multicultural Mufti gold coin donations which benefited both the Breast Cancer Foundation and Caritas Project Compassion.

By weaving these ideas into the fabric of the school culture our school leaders have created a vibrant and inclusive learning environment that nurtures each student's unique potential and inspires them to shine brightly in their own way.

If you wish to enrol your daughter at Domremy for Year 7 2026, **please submit an Application for Enrolment at [www.domremy.catholic.edu.au](http://www.domremy.catholic.edu.au)** or call our Enrolment Officer on **9712 2133**.



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## Freeman Catholic College Bonnyrigg Heights



**Melinda Melham**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Melinda Melham joined Freeman Catholic College in 2022 as Principal, returning to the community where she was previously the Assistant Principal. As an educator with over 25 years experience in various leadership positions in Catholic education, she is committed to ensuring all students have the opportunity to thrive and develop a love for learning, and actively engage with their faith to live the Gospel values and be people of service, empathy and compassion.

### About the School

Freeman Catholic College was established in 1985 to provide a quality Catholic education to families in the south west of Sydney. Cardinal Sir James Freeman challenged staff, students and parents to live the Gospel through our College motto 'To Proclaim the Good News' by prioritising our faith, maintaining a devotion to Mary, having a great love and respect for all people and a commitment to personal best. The 'Freeman Way' has a commitment to excellence, both in and outside of the classroom, where all students are challenged to be 'good people' and 'good students' which has led to outstanding academic successes for over a decade.

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School captains: Marko Simovic and Jacinta Esho

## Leaders of tomorrow

Cardinal Freeman envisaged that all students would embrace the opportunity to lead, with or without a badge. Service leadership was at the heart of his ministry, and he would often visit the College in our early years to deliver this message. He had a remarkable devotion to Mary, and his episcopal motto, *Per ipsum ipsa duce*, meaning "With Him, under her leadership" has become the cornerstone of our charism at Freeman. Cardinal Freeman asked all students to strive for academic excellence, to be humble, compassionate, empathetic and be people of action. Living the Gospel values is at the core of our community, and developing a love of learning that is life long is our core business.

Our Student Representative Council are remarkable young men and women who recognise the privilege of continuing in Cardinal Freeman's legacy and serving not only our school community, but the broader community, starting with our parishes.

Our Year 11 and 12 students, whether elected or not, are modern day witnesses of service. Each year over forty Year 11 students serve as Catechists in our local state primary schools, many of our Year 11 and 12 students participate in the 'Early Bird

Reading' program by reading with the infants students at John the Baptist Primary School before the day begins, and many have volunteered their time to help facilitate the sacramental programs in our feeder primary schools as younger students prepare for their sacraments. The 24 students elected to lead the students at Freeman actively engage in these initiatives, represent the College in sport, debating, Eisteddfods, social justice and the Arts and have achieved academic excellence with recognition on the Honour Roll. Each year, our newly elected SRC attend a residential retreat to reflect on what it means to be a servant leader.

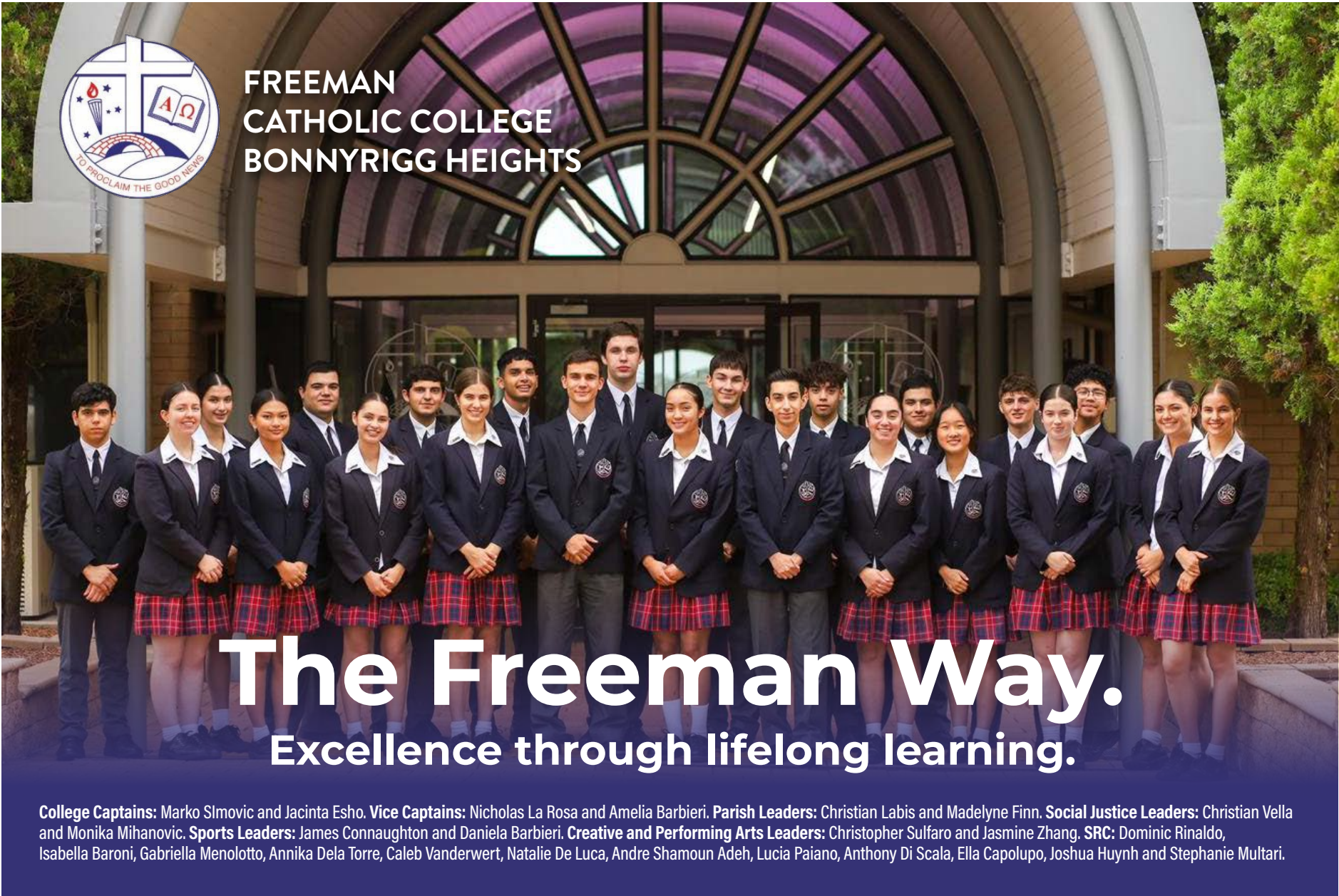
They also determine a theme for the school year, inspiring all students to live the 'Freeman Way'. In 2024, this theme is '2024, Strive for more, Resilience in Adversity, Strength in Diversity'. This theme was evident in their leadership of 'Harmony Day' and upcoming initiatives to support younger students through tutoring and supporting their efforts in community events.

Their pride and commitment to our community makes them incredible ambassadors of our College, and provides hope to us knowing that their leadership in the broader community will have a positive impact on our world.





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# Good Samaritan Catholic College



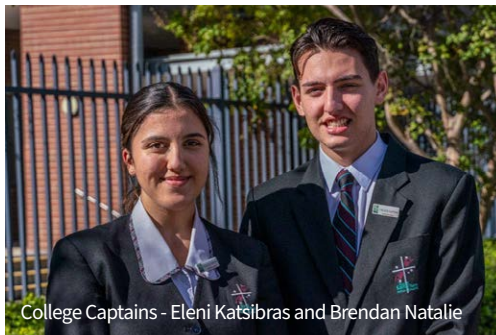
**Pablo Grana**  
Principal

### About the School

Good Samaritan Catholic College is a Year 7-12 comprehensive co-educational Community committed to quality education. Our challenge is to make a positive contribution to the transformation of society by encouraging independent and creative thinkers to search out new ways of dealing with our rapidly changing world

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College Captains - Eleni Katsibras and Brendan Natalie



Year 7, 2024

## Quality Catholic education

Good Samaritan Catholic College provides a quality Catholic Education by developing exceptional Good Samaritan People and exceptional Good Samaritan Students. We do this within a learning culture that focuses on personal best for all students in an environment of high expectations with high support. Our staff believe in three principles for student learning; Student at the Centre; Know your Student and Know your Impact.

The school's motto 'Journeying with Compassion', derived directly from the parable of the Good Samaritan, provides the underlying ethos of its mission statement. The College encourages students to grow as individuals by 'Encountering God', 'Promoting Educational Excellence', 'Nurturing Individual Growth' and 'Being a Samaritan'.

Good Samaritan Catholic College is committed to the mission and vision of Sydney Catholic schools through our extensive faith, evangelisation and social justice initiatives that have Jesus and the Gospels at the centre of everything that we do.

The College is committed to providing a comprehensive education that addresses the learning of each individual student and offers a diverse range of curriculum offerings. These include the Newman Gifted Education Program that challenges students through extension opportunities across multiple subjects across Years 7 to 10. The College also offers an

extensive range of specialist vocational training courses at the St Joseph Trade Skills Centre, proudly part of Good Samaritan Catholic College. The St Joseph Trade Skills Centre also offers its vocational curriculum to local partner SCS Colleges and is a central hub of vocational learning for Year 11 and 12 students across the South West, Aerotropolis and Horsley Networks.

The co-curricular life of our College offers opportunities for students to participate in Encounter Youth Group, performing arts (music, art, dance, drama), Media Team, debating, public speaking, STEM, Garden Club and extensive internal and external sporting opportunities that support students to compete at state and national level.

A welcoming environment and effective communication processes ensure that parents work in partnership with the College in the education of their sons and daughters. The result is a diverse, dynamic, strong and confident community that is called to develop the gifts of love, justice, mercy and compassion through a quality Catholic education of young people. The college encourages a culture of student leadership across Years 7 to 12. In 2024, Good Samaritan Catholic College is confident in the group of young men and women, who have willingly put themselves forward to serve our College and the wider community.





# Good Samaritan Catholic College

College Captains: Reem Tomena, Jessica Lazar, Danielle Campos, Eleni Katsibras, Alicia Rafla, Mackenzie Manev  
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Good Samaritan Catholic College Leadership 2024 *Journeying with Compassion*



# Holy Cross College Ryde



**Mr Phillip Stewart**  
Principal

**About the Principal**  
MEd. Admin. (UNSW) BEd. (ACU)  
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### About the School

Holy Cross College, Ryde is a Catholic Systemic School catering for boys from Year 7 to Year 12. Founded by the Patrician Brothers in 1891, Holy Cross College has a proud 132 year tradition of educating the young men of Ryde and surrounding districts.

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Student Leaders 2024



Senior Under Officer - Chris Cagica

## Meet the Leaders of 2024

Holy Cross College, Ryde, is proud to introduce its student leadership team for 2024.

Chosen by their peers to be interviewed by panel members - including the Parish Priest of Ryde-Gladesville Parish and College Chaplain - the 16 selected students have already undertaken the responsibilities of leadership at the College with great distinction.

College Captain for 2024 Callan Flynn will be assisted by two other leaders in Max Menin and Jean - Paul Kawtal, to lead the team who have begun working towards their goals as they commence HSC studies and move into Year 12.

Callan Flynn said he hopes to bring all students together to achieve common goals on school culture in 2024.

"We get to come to school with our friends who make every single day enjoyable and worthwhile," he said. "In the coming year, I invite and challenge every young man at Holy Cross College to engage in initiatives and activities that we as a leadership team will coordinate."

"In focusing on the three aspects of College life - faith, learning, co-curricular - we are going to ensure that this community remains far from ordinary."

Max said being part of the Holy Cross Community offers a great sense of community and purpose.

"Community is about doing something together that makes

belonging matter," he said. "It is accepting high standards as a College community and maintaining those every single day we put on our uniform."

"It is supporting our brothers and teachers in times of hardship and stress, and being the first to congratulate them for successes and good deeds."

Students understand their learning and extra-curricular activities are enhanced by having a strong foundation of faith in their lives.

Jean-Paul said: "At Holy Cross, we are able to receive an education, play a range of sports both competitively and non-competitively, be active in the arts department, extend ourselves in a variety of sciences and practise our faith."

### Holy Cross College Army Cadet Unit Leadership Team For 2024

The College also has significant leadership opportunities in the newly formed Cadet Unit. Year 12 student Chris Cagica takes the unique honour of being the Senior Cadet of the College in his final year of school. Year 11 and 10 students take up leadership roles of each platoon. Holy Cross is the only Catholic Systemic School offering the Australian Army Cadets Program.





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## Holy Spirit Catholic College Lakemba



**Mr Kevin Griffiths**  
Principal

### About the School

Holy Spirit Catholic College is a Year 7 to Year 12 co-educational Catholic College. The College has grown from the rich traditions of service in education through the charisms of the Josephites and the LaSallians, led ably by our first saint in Australia, Mary MacKillop and John Baptist De La Salle respectively, to which the College attempts to foster the values of faith, hope and love.

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## Empowering Success, Inspired Learning

Holy Spirit Catholic College is a comprehensive systemic Catholic school and proud member of the system of schools across the Sydney archdiocese. The College is inspired by the Spirit, just as the followers of Christ were at Pentecost, to live lives that promote respect, reflection, responsibility and creativity. All students are provided resources that allow them to reach their personal best and fulfill their innate potential.

The College prides itself on offering a holistic education as Holy Spirit is an accredited facility that engages students in the Newman Selective Gifted Education Program. Students are also asked to explore the creative and performing arts fields and the College provides the Amadeus program which offers access to orchestral instruments and tuition to promote their musical talents in Years 7 and 8. Finally, the College is very adept at providing the full range of sporting and cultural

experiences for all students so that they can excel in their chosen field.

At Holy Spirit the College strives to be an authentic witness to the person of Jesus Christ while offering a comprehensive education. Each student is well known, safe and provided with opportunities that meet the demands of life in an ever-changing world.

Our 2024 College leaders are witnesses to our school values. Each of them are respectful, responsible, reflective and inquisitive learners who aspire to not only be successful in their chosen field but through the work of the dedicated staff and the Holy Spirit they too will be people who positively contribute to our society.

***Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.***





## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



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# LaSalle Catholic College Bankstown



**Mr Paul Forrester**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Starting in 2024 as College Principal of LaSalle Catholic College, Mr. Paul Forrester is a highly qualified and experienced Catholic educator with over 25 years of experience in Catholic education. He is deeply committed to learning and strives to positively impact the lives of young people."

### About the School

LaSalle Catholic College, Bankstown is a co-educational Years 7 to 12 College. LaSalle endeavours to touch hearts by developing the dignity and wellbeing of each student, teaching minds through its educational programs and transform lives. Our motto is:-  
"Educating for Commitment, Confidence & Success"

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## Educating for commitment, confidence and success

Every student at LaSalle Catholic College is encouraged to strive for personal excellence in both their academic and spiritual endeavours, fostering their development as future leaders within their communities. The College promotes continuous learning from Years 7 to 12 and ensures academic success across the spectrum of educational, technical and vocational fields.

The College maintains a profound and continuous bond with its Lasallian ethos, guiding students to pursue justice and prioritise the needs of the underprivileged within our local, national, and global societies.

Our College Leaders embody the spirit of community and are a testament to the mission of the College, evidenced in the thoughts of our College Captains;

It is with great humility and excitement that we assume the wonderful privilege to be the 25th College Captains of LaSalle Catholic College, Bankstown. Serving in this role is not just an

honour but a profound responsibility. It is one that we undertake with deep respect for our school's traditions, values, and the incredible potential of our students.

Our college is a vibrant community where students, teachers, and staff come together to learn, grow, and inspire one another. From our own experiences at the College from Year 7 to the present, the LaSalle has always offered its students so many opportunities, from within and beyond the classroom; youth ministry, debating, competitive sports, youth events. These opportunities have not only enriched our own personal growth but have also created lasting, cherished memories that we will forever share with my friends, teachers, and fellow Lasallians.

As the Leadership team of 2024 we encourage all members of our college to embrace challenges, seize opportunities, and strive for excellence in everything they do with commitment and confidence to achieve success.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024



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## Marist College Kogarah



**Simon Ghantous**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Simon Ghantous joined Marist College Kogarah as College Principal in 2021. Prior to this he was the Assistant Principal at De La Salle Revesby and held leadership positions in the Sydney Catholic Schools Office, Patrician Brothers College Fairfield and St Dominic's College Kingswood. Simon is committed to strong faith and educational excellence and has positively contributed to the MCK community by creating a supportive and thriving environment.

### About the School

Marist College Kogarah is a Catholic systemic boys school that caters for students in years 7-12 and has served the St George area for over 100 years. The Marist values of simplicity, presence, family spirit, love of work and in the way of Mary are at the core of daily life at the College.

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## Strengthening student leadership and voice

The enthusiastic and dynamic student leaders at Marist College Kogarah are committed to servant leadership and understand the importance of their role in giving voice to their peers at the College.

Student leadership at Marist College Kogarah provides an important channel through which student opinion may be expressed, enabling students to raise issues concerning their involvement in the life of the College. It provides the community, both within the College and more broadly, visible witnesses of the Marist Charism. In particular, our student leaders display the characteristics of presence, simplicity, family spirit, love of work, in the way of Mary, which we are all striving for within a Marist community.

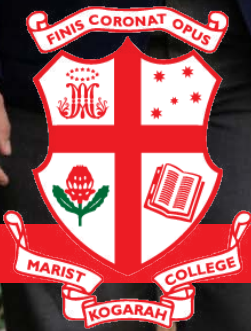
The Senior Student Leadership Team consists of the College Captain and Vice Captain who hold the important position of leading the 7-12 student body and representing the College

community. They are supported by the four House Captains who foster pride, teamwork and camaraderie within their House, creating a sense of community. Furthermore, two students are elected to each of the portfolios of Ministry, Learning, Wellbeing and Creative Arts Prefects, ensuring that students have a voice in each aspect of College life. Students in Years 7 to 11 are represented by four House Representatives per year group. This role has strengthened the student voice and created an opportunity for students who are committed to service and aspire to lead.

In 2024, our student leaders have been highly motivated to participate in and lead wellbeing and charitable fundraising initiatives including Project Compassion and Push Up for Better. Each fortnight, this dedicated team meets to discuss various matters of importance to their peers.

This layered approach to leadership has strengthened student voice and, ultimately, student engagement.





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# Wanderers and SCS kick off new partnership

By Domenic Trimboli

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) and Western Sydney Wanderers FC have launched a new partnership set to increase and support football participation in Western Sydney.

Together with Sydney Catholic Schools, the Wanderers will be running several grassroots programs and tournaments as well as courses to help increase students' physical and emotional wellbeing.

This includes Coaching Courses for teachers, focusing on the fundamentals of the game, management of players and coaching players of all abilities. Team Building Programs for staff and senior-aged students will take the learnings from football and combine it with a fun and interactive session focused on building strong relationships around trust, communication and problem solving.

The Wanderers will also be rolling out an After School Pre-Academy Development Program designed to advance the skills of football players across Western Sydney schools under the guidance of leading Wanderers Academy coaches.

Western Sydney Wanderers CEO

Scott Hudson said he was proud to create a new pathway for students and support teachers.

"We are delighted to be able to partner with Sydney Catholic Schools to provide a product and pathway for students and teachers to enjoy and learn to play football," said Mr Hudson.

Sydney Catholic Schools Manager of Sport Declan Donohue said that he was excited for Sydney Catholic Schools to be part of the Western Sydney community.

"The Wanderers are an organisation that have such a strong connection to their fanbase and region, and we are looking forward to being part of that community," said Mr Donohue.

"We have a large number of talented footballers in our schools across Western Sydney who will now have access to a range of exciting opportunities and programs.

"Sport plays a vital role in the education and development of young people, and we are excited about the benefits our students will be able to enjoy with the Wanderers' ongoing support."



SCS Students work on developing their skills with the help of Western Sydney Wanderers FC defender, Marcelo Guedes. PHOTO: SCS





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## Leading the nation with the Amadeus Music Education Program

*By Baden Parker-Brown*



***Sydney Catholic Schools is changing the landscape of music education in Australia with its groundbreaking Amadeus Music Education Program.***

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Sydney Catholic Schools believes music education should be accessible for all students and not just for the privileged.

The benefits of a quality music education are immense, contributing to enhanced brain function, personal wellbeing and overall development.

Decades of research demonstrate

that learning an instrument and playing in a musical ensemble strengthens neural pathways in the brain, and can significantly improve student academic success in areas including language and mathematical development.

Access to tuition in a musical instrument also improves engagement, attention, self-discipline and promotes wellbeing in students.

The introduction of Amadeus is a shining example of how Sydney Catholic Schools is applying the scale and collaboration of its network to deliver innovative educational programs.

Sydney Catholic Schools is committed to putting its students at the centre of everything it does and with Amadeus, it is not only rolling out unprecedented classroom music lessons from kindergarten, but providing students the teaching and support they need to learn and thrive.

Amadeus students undertake instrumental tuition in small groups of five to eight for 30 minutes per week, learning to play on a string, woodwind, or brass instrument. Students also play their instrument in a string ensemble, orchestra, or concert band (whole of class) for up to one hour per week.

Professional musicians tutor students and nurture their passion and skills to meet musical outcomes for the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and Quality Music Instruction, and support students to complete standard graded music exams.

These music tutors bring professional experience from orchestras and ensembles around Australia and the world.

The program has the support of renowned stakeholders within the music industry including Opera Australia, the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and Sydney Youth Orchestras.

Students are given the opportunity

to perform at school and parish level, at larger inter school events and at Sydney Catholic Schools' competitions and showcases, including Sydney Catholic Schools' Performing Arts Festival and Eisteddfod.

The Kindergarten to Year 8 scope of the program means there is a continuum of music education from a student's primary school to their secondary school. Students can also choose to continue Music as an elective into Year 9 and beyond.

Sydney Catholic Schools is the system of 147 Catholic primary and secondary schools operating across the Archdiocese of Sydney providing more than 74,000 students with a high-quality, affordable Catholic education. Their dedicated and hard-working educators deliver a strong faith-based education, catering for students with all interests and abilities.

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## Marist Sisters' College Woolwich



**Dr Anne Ireland**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Dr Anne Ireland was appointed Principal of Marist Sisters' College Woolwich in 2015. She oversees Strategic Planning, Governance, Curriculum, Building Programs and Professional Development. Holding a Doctorate in Education, Masters in Educational Leadership, Masters of Arts (Theology), Diploma in Education and Certificate in Gifted Education, Dr Ireland is widely recognised for her positive advocacy for girls' education, published articles as well as her involvement in community fundraising. She continues her active involvement in her parish, St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay.

### About the School

Since 1908, Marist Sisters' College Woolwich (MSCW), an all-girls' secondary College on the north shore of Sydney, has been committed to the education of young women in the Marist tradition. The community is faith-based, respectful, innovative and inspired by Mary, the mother of our church. At MSCW, the gifts of curiosity and imagination are nurtured across the curriculum. The teaching and learning approach encourages girls to be critical thinkers, capable networkers, independent learners and team players who can make worthwhile contributions to professional and community networks.

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## Developing leaders with a 'compass for life'

Marist Sisters' College Woolwich (MSCW) has an exceptional reputation for instilling leadership qualities in young girls and women, consistently motivating them to contribute positively to their communities. The College's ethos is inspired by its motto, ***Virtus Super Omnia - 'Goodness Above All'***, which guides student leaders to emulate the values of Mary by demonstrating truth, diligence, and honour in all their actions.

The College's vision is to assist students to develop a 'compass for Life' that serves as a foundation for growth and excellence. This compass is fostered through four key dimensions: ***Empowerment*** through leadership opportunities, ***Courage*** to rise above challenges, the discovery and refinement of individual ***Gifts***, and the building of ***Sisterly*** relationships. The Student Leadership Team has played a significant role in establishing a College culture that supports each individual's

growth and development in these dimensions.

Monet Lobina and Sienna Duarte, College Co-captains, are determined to support and empower their MSCW 'sisters', to use their individual gifts towards creating positive change in the community. Monet states: "In being able to work alongside such a diversely-talented group of individuals, Marist Sisters' College has equipped me with essential life and leadership skills". Sienna also comments, "Leadership is about being an advocate for others and being a facilitator for raising awareness. It acts as a catalyst for positive change and brings a community together".

The MSCW community is immensely proud of its student leaders' commitment, engagement and passion towards making a difference. Our Leaders, as 'Marist Women of Action', are renowned for their energetic contributions which create a positive impact on the community and beyond.





# Marist Sisters' College

— Woolwich —



## Student Leaders 2024

**Front Row:** Cleo Wockner, Caragh Price, Rihanna Duldulao, Sienna McCarthy, Sienna Duarte, Dr. Anne Ireland, Monet Lobina, Maddison Sherry, Tiare Tramarin, Kaia Wilkowska, Isabella Cicciari

**Second Row:** Melodie Brown, Amy Davis, Josephine Chrystie, Sienna Brown, Elsie Gray, Indie Roberts, Grace Galea, Ellie Barnett, Leah Russell, Zara Yildirim

**Back Row:** Serafina Brkic, Alessia Lo Russo, Anika Ressay, Ziani Viola, Isabel Dooley, Eliza Jeffreys, Gabrielle Foster, Jaime Morelli, Jade Dunleavy, Mia Bartram

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## Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College



**Ms Gilda Pussich**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Ms Pussich has a passion for learning and a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people. After attending Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) College as a student, teaching and coordinating Mathematics at the College for the first 10 years of her teaching career, and then gaining an additional 21 years experience in girls Catholic secondary school education, including 13 years as a Principal, Ms Pussich has returned to OLSH College, a school that she knows and loves, as Principal in 2024.

### About the School

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Kensington is a Catholic College for girls in Years 7-12. Founded in 1913, the College proudly continues the tradition of the Daughters of OLSH, offering a holistic education which focuses on the faith, academic, social, emotional and physical development of students. The College is a 'community of the heart, living and learning together' where girls feel nurtured, challenged and well-supported to thrive and meet their full potential.

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## Focussing on values for the future

OLSH College is focused on being a 'community of the heart, living and learning together'. Students are encouraged to be heart people who are **faith-filled, revere relationships, pursue excellence and touch the heart of others**. These values are instilled into students.

Our student leaders model being a 'community of the heart, living and learning together'. They do this by displaying a caring and considerate attitude towards their peers and teachers. They display a positive attitude towards learning, taking responsibility for their learning and setting high expectations upon themselves. They understand that values, especially gratitude, integrity and respect, contribute to creating a safe, inclusive and connected community which prepares them for the future. Our student leaders represent the College beyond the school walls at Sydney Catholic Schools events such as the Archbishop's Lunch for Leaders and at community events such as the CSNSW International Women's Day Breakfast and local ANZAC Day services.

The Student Leadership team is made up of a mix of Year 11 and

Year 12 students. Year 12 students hold the positions of College Captain, College Vice Captain and Portfolio Captains: Faith and Justice, Liturgy, Academic, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Arts and Culture, Indigenous, Sports, Stewardship and the Student Representative Council President. The student leaders connect with the student body by presenting at assemblies, providing mentoring sessions, participating in meetings, and planning activities and events to lead positive change. They are instrumental in motivating students, being strong role models, and representing the College at both internal and external events.

All Year 12 students take part in a leadership retreat where they gain practical knowledge on how to be great leaders, whilst building connections with students and teachers so there is a sense of teamwork and unity for the cohort in the final year of school. Year 11 students take on the roles of House Captain and House Vice Captain, allowing them to hone their leadership skills by leading Sport Carnival days together with cultural and community events in preparation for taking on further leadership roles in Year 12.



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## Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield



**Mr Peter Wade**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Mr. Wade has served as Principal in three Catholic schools, and has been committed to leading learning for the past 45 years. In 2015 Mr Wade was recognised for his Outstanding Contribution to Education at the Asian Education Leadership Awards in Dubai. Presently, he will share insights on Student-led Conferences at the 2024 Catholic Secondary Principals' Association Conference in Perth.

### About the School

Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield, is a systemic Catholic School for boys from Year 7 to 12 with an enrolment of over 1150 students, offers an inclusive and safe environment. Students are encouraged to excel, guided by dedicated staff through tailored learning. Our culturally diverse College empowers young men to realize their potential, fostering leadership, and cultivating a love for learning.

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## Nurturing leaders who espouse core values

Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield is committed to nurturing leaders who espouse our core values of faith, respect, integrity, service and welcome. The College believes that leadership is deeply ingrained in every student at the College, enabling every student to become a leader in their own capacity.

In line with this philosophy, the 2024 Student Leaders led by Zackary Facer our College Captain chose the theme, **"Brothers in Christ. The Spirit we Share"**, to highlight the importance of unity, brotherhood, and shared values within the school community. This theme serves as a guiding principle for all aspects of College life, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie among students and staff alike. Our student leaders give witness to this theme through service initiatives such as the Breakfast Club.

The mission statement of Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield influences all aspects of College life, moulding the

academic curriculum, extracurricular activities and community engagement initiatives. At the core of the College's mission is its Christ-centred approach to an education for all. Each student has the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, physically and socially.

The College is not only a place of learning but also a community that strives to empower students to become compassionate, ethical, and responsible leaders. Through a holistic approach to education that encompasses academic excellence, spiritual growth, and social responsibility, the College endeavours to equip its students with the skills and values necessary to make a positive impact in the world.

Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield shines as a symbol of educational excellence, driven by its steadfast dedication to fostering leadership, promoting brotherhood, and upholding its Christ-centred mission.

# 2024 Student Leadership Team



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## St Clare's College Waverley



**Ms Ann Freeman**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Ms Ann Freeman has a passion for Catholic girls' education. An experienced educator, she leads St Clare's College by example, warmly encouraging our students to challenge themselves and take ownership of their learning journey.

### About the School

St Clare's College is a strong and supportive Catholic girls high school that actively prioritises educational innovation, while honouring our history and faith-based heritage.

A St Clare's student enjoys a personalised education, in a learning environment that is positive, challenging and exciting. We promote critical thinking and creativity, as we equip our students to become lifelong learners.

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Student leadership team with principal Ms Ann Freeman, main. Suki Waddel, College Captain, inset.

## Alone you plant a seed. Together, we grow a garden.

St Clare's College provides students with many opportunities for student leadership throughout their high school journey. This begins with involvement in the Student Representative Council (SRC) from Year 7 and culminates in the nomination of the Year 12 Student Leadership Team, led by the College Captain.

Each year, the Student Leadership Team sets an annual theme to guide the entire study body. The 2024 theme is 'Alone you plant a seed. Together, we grow a garden.'

This theme encourages students to focus on personal growth and development throughout the school year. It emphasises the importance of always adapting, improving and collaborating to achieve our goals.

Suki Waddel, College Captain (pictured inset), outlines her personal leadership goal for 2024: "My goal is to leave a legacy that extends beyond my graduation. I want to make a real, noticeable difference to the College, which has given me so much over the years, and to improve the high school experience of the

girls after me."

Suki and the Student Leadership Team want to create an environment at school where their fellow students feel fulfilled and inspired.

"We want to get people involved in sport, art, academics, games, music and more. Underpinning this is the continual focus on strengthening the St Clare's community, bringing girls from all different years and groups together to connect and collaborate. We see this as our way of promoting growth in our community," said Suki.

Collaborative learning and community connection are key foundations at St Clare's College, along with our Catholic faith and history. Ann Freeman, College Principal, says that "we want our young women to leave St Clare's empowered to do their best through experiences of leadership and social justice."

The St Clare's College students will undoubtedly thrive in 2024, led by an empowered and inspiring Student Leadership Team.



# St Clare's College

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## St John Bosco College Engadine



**Mrs Fowler**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Mrs Fowler has a love of learning and working with young people. Throughout her career in teaching and leading secondary schools she has exhibited a commitment to delivering innovative and creative learning experiences, while placing the students' interest at the centre of every aspect of college life.

### About the School

St John Bosco is a Yr 7-12 co-educational college, operating in the Salesian tradition that focuses on broad educational excellence in a caring environment. Outstanding HSC results and a successful transition to post-school opportunities are features of the vibrant learning environment that offers students a full range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

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## A home that welcomes all

St John Bosco is a co-educational Catholic college in Engadine, operating in the Salesian tradition that focuses on educational excellence in a caring environment.

Principal Mrs Jenny Fowler describes the College as a home that welcomes all with a well-earned reputation for educating the whole person. "We provide abundant spiritual, academic, co-curricular, and pastoral opportunities, including the renowned Amadeus Music Education Program and the Newman Selective Education Program for gifted students." Empowered by the traditions of Saint John Bosco and the Salesian Charism, strong relationships form the basis of success at the College.

"What sets the school apart is the vibrant Bosco school spirit. The spirit is our heartbeat. We're a family, and a very close knit community where I feel that the students, teachers and parents really share in the journey of learning. But there is something very special about this school and I put it down to the Bosco

spirit," Mrs Fowler says.

2024 College Captains, Tahlia Robertson and Luke Osiowy, said "We have immense pride in representing our exceptional College. In staying true to the vision of St John Bosco, we have embraced the tradition of crafting a theme for our year of service. This year, we call upon every member of our community to reflect on what they bring to the school. Our theme, 'Light Your Flame', encapsulates the spirit of individuality, passion, and upliftment. It encourages each of us to explore our distinct talents and strengths, using them to enrich our college experience and create a diverse and harmonious environment."

Tahlia and Luke have a clear set of goals in mind for their final year of schooling. "As leaders, our mission is clear: to cultivate a culture that celebrates individuality and ignites passion. The pursuit of joy, hope, excellence, and compassion embodies the essence of our Bosco community."

# 2024 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



From left to right: Benjamin Lenarduzzi, Luke Osiowy (College Captain), Liam Devlin, Sawyer Wackett, Cameron Knowles, Leny Legros, Cooper Knowles, Ella Gair, Indiana Field, Sahara Ingram, Ella Roberts, Larissa King, Lily Warnes, Georgia Ritchie, Tahlia Robertson (College Captain) and Nell Payne

*A School that Prepares for Life*

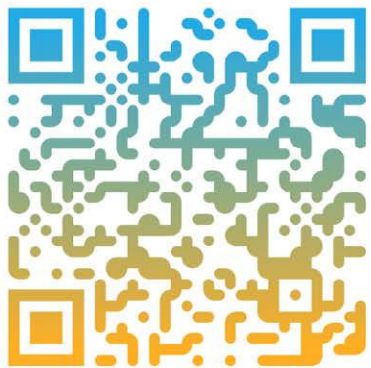


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# 2024 CSNSW SPORT UNIFORM RANGE





## A rising rugby star and inspirational leader at Magdalene Catholic College

At just 17 years old, Caitlyn Halse, a student at Magdalene Catholic College, is making waves in the world of rugby and demonstrating exceptional leadership both on and off the field. Caitlyn excelled at many sports and her decision to focus on rugby union, has been vindicated by her selection into the Waratahs Super W Championship winning team, as well as the Wallaroos team, underscoring a year filled with significant sporting milestones and commendable leadership.

Caitlyn's influence extends beyond personal achievements. She co-captained the NSWCCC (NSW Combined Catholic Colleges) team at the NSW All Schools Championships, leading with maturity and insight, and was pivotal in securing her position on the NSW team for the national championships and the Australian Youth rugby 7s side. Her sporting excellence continued to break records, where in 2023 she became at the time the youngest player, male or female, to represent NSW in which

she debuted in the XVs match against the Western Force at Allianz Stadium.

Beyond the rugby pitch, Caitlyn shows significant leadership within Magdalene Catholic College, characterised by her role as a mentor and very active participant in school events, such as the Magdalene Feast Day, where she motivated younger students to get involved. She is also actively involved in fundraising events for Catholic Mission and the St Vincent de Paul Society, underscoring her dedication to social causes. The fact Caitlyn finds time in her busy schedule to assist in school Catholic Community events, highlights her broader commitment and provides leadership by example to her school community.

Caitlyn's daily life involves significant dedication and time management, as she balances a rigorous academic schedule with a demanding training regimen including travelling from Camden – a daily commitment that sees her travelling extensively to fulfill her sporting



Caitlyn Halse in action.

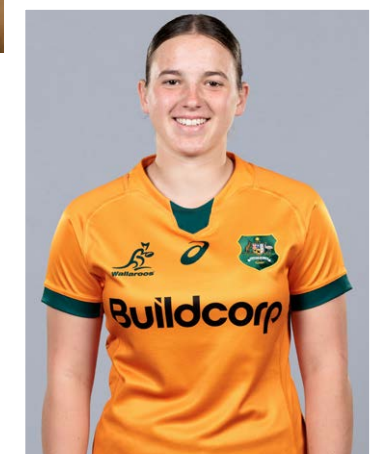
commitments. Caitlyn also has sage words for anyone wanting to play rugby union no matter what their sex or size is:

*"It's definitely still true, girls are just as good as boys...I reckon all girls that want to play, just give it a go. Just give it a go, give it your best effort. Anyone can play the game, no matter how big or small you are."*

Looking ahead, Caitlyn is poised to make her international debut in the upcoming Pacific Four series, where the Wallaroos will face Canada at Allianz Stadium. This opportunity marks a significant milestone in her burgeoning career, reflecting her status

as a rising star in international rugby.

Caitlyn Halse stands as a beacon of inspiration at Magdalene Catholic College, proving that with passion and perseverance, one can achieve excellence in multiple arenas. This was further showcased through receiving a NSWCCC Blue Award in 2023 for her outstanding efforts in Rugby. Her story is not just about sports achievements but also about inspiring leadership and community engagement. Leadership is built on multiple sources and Caitlyn's leadership is also testament to her family, Magdalene Catholic College and Catholic community.







**ST MARY'S**  
CATHEDRAL COLLEGE SYDNEY



**Mrs Kerrie McDiarmid**  
Principal

#### About the Principal

Named one of Australia's most influential educators, Mrs Kerrie McDiarmid is a highly gifted educator. Kerrie is an exceptional curriculum leader with an outstanding understanding of pedagogy and the development of teacher capacity.

#### About the School

St Mary's Cathedral College Sydney, the oldest school in the Sydney Archdiocese, is steeped in tradition. Since 1824, the College has built a reputation for offering a comprehensive education with excellent academic outcomes for students from all over Sydney. St Mary's Cathedral College is a dual campus coeducational Kindergarten to Year 12 school, located in the heart of the City.

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## Continuing a proud legacy: Student leaders uphold 200-Year tradition of excellence

Located in the heart of the city, St Mary's Cathedral College provides students a Catholic education enriched by the unique opportunities afforded by a global city. Our innovative curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire our students, bringing joy to their learning experience.

We are a high-performing school committed to ensuring that every student reaches their full potential. We adopt a learning focus that allows students to apply their in-school learning to real and authentic situations as independent, creative and critical thinkers.

College Principal, Mrs Kerrie McDiarmid comments, "Faith and reason inspire our students to become exceptional communicators adept at solving problems and taking action to make a positive difference."

Student leadership plays an integral role at the College, offering aspiring leaders the opportunity to make significant contributions to our community's growth. These roles are highly esteemed within the college, enabling students to actively shape the college's operations by amplifying their voices.

Student leaders are instrumental in academic, sporting, cultural, spiritual, and social justice initiatives, empowering every student to explore their passions and strive to become exemplary cathedral individuals.

Our structured student leadership framework encompasses various positions, including the senior prefect body, prefect executive, ministry leaders, peer support mentors, class captains and our newly appointed Student Parliament Council.

"We continue to recognise the importance of student voice, choice and agency. The establishment of a Student Parliament represents the opportunity for our students as young people to make a difference; a difference in this College, in their communities, and the world," comments Mrs McDiarmid.

St Mary's Cathedral College students were fortunate to have the Prime Minister and former student, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP attend as a notable guest at the Student Parliament launch in February. The Prime Minister drew upon the values St Mary's instilled, and has created a platform for change that will have a lasting legacy.

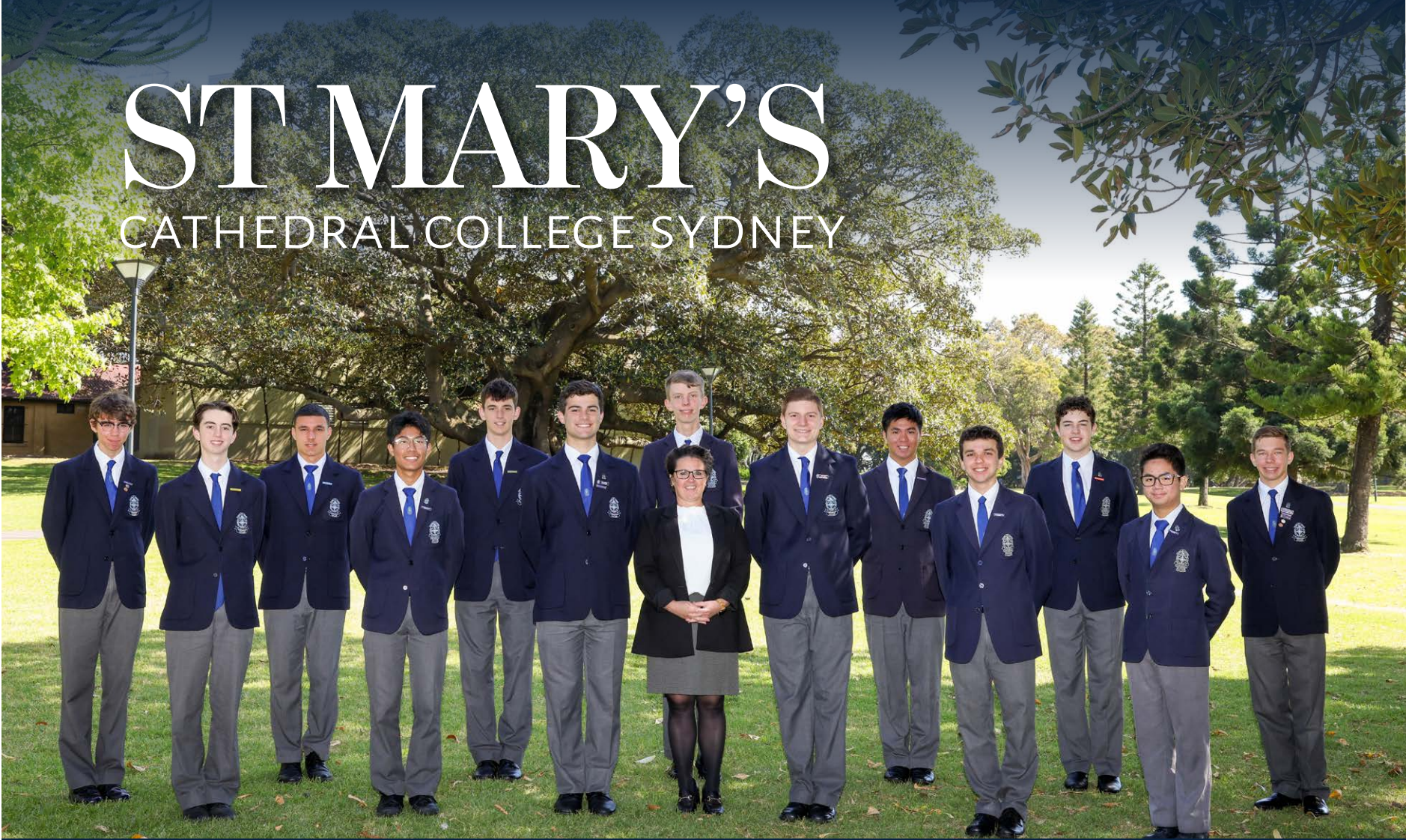
Charlie Abbey, a representative of the Student Parliament and College Prefect, emphasised a core lesson instilled by the Prime Minister, "Always listen and make sure that everyone's voice is heard. No one is left behind, and no one is held back from aspiring to make the most of their opportunities."

In 2024, like 1824, the student leaders of St Mary's Cathedral College continue the journey of faith and learning, setting strong foundations for a future filled with hope and success.



# ST MARY'S

## CATHEDRAL COLLEGE SYDNEY



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## St Ursula's College Kingsgrove



**Ms Vivienne Awad**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Ms Vivienne Awad was appointed Principal in 2024. She was previously the Principal at OLSH College Kensington in 2023 and Domremy College from 2012 to 2020, Deputy Principal at Loreto Kirribilli from 2008 to 2011 and Deputy Principal at Bethany College from 2000 to 2008.

### About the School

St Ursula's College is a girls high school with a reputation for high academic achievement and graduating faith filled, confident, lifelong learners, who are ready to create a more just and peaceful world. Currently it is the only Sydney Systemic Catholic school to offer the International Baccalaureate as an alternative to the Higher School Certificate.

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## Leading with Service

At St Ursula's College, our students are proud to live and lead by our College motto *Serviam*, "I will serve" and there are many opportunities for our students and student leaders to make a difference within our community.

With the assistance of students from all year groups, Student Leaders organise and host an annual "Girls Night In" to raise money and awareness for women's cancer. This is an initiative that has been running for four years and the evening consists of student run stalls and activities.

Our current College Captains founded our Student College Newspaper "Ignite the News!". The idea was initiated from the interest in creating a platform for students to express themselves and have a voice. The newspaper allows students to use their

creativity to inspire, promote awareness, and engage the College community.

Last year St Ursula's established its very own Zonta club. Zonta is a leading international service organisation that advocates for the empowerment of women and girls worldwide. Students have been involved in creating breast care cushions for breast cancer patients in local hospitals and assembling essential birth kits for pregnant women in developing nations.

Another community based initiative in which St Ursula's College is heavily involved is the One Meal Service. In partnership with the primary school and local parish, staff and students at St Ursula's College volunteer and provide a weekly meal service to those in need. St Ursula's College students truly lead by example.



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# PURPOSE CAMP

*By Sydney Catholic Youth*

Young people across Sydney are 'on fire' with the Holy Spirit, sparking soaring attendance rates at Catholic youth events, and growing calls for youth ministry and formation in schools.

Following their hugely successful Purpose Conference in December last year, the Sydney Catholic Youth (SCY) team has seen record expressions of interest for them to attend schools and host events, as exhibited at the team's annual Purpose Camp.

In a time meant for sleep-ins, catch-ups and movie marathons, more than 120 teenagers instead took time out of their school holidays for Christ at this year's Purpose Camp, which was the maximum capacity for the event.

Students from Year 9-12 rushed to book their places at the three days annual archdiocesan youth camp last week, facilitated by the SCY team, camp chaplain Fr Bijoy Joseph, and soon to be ordained seminarian Justin Faehrmann.

The hugely successful camp follows five months on from SCY's inaugural Purpose Conference last December, which saw

almost 2000 teens and young adults come together to witness faith from international formators like Matt Fradd and Jason Evert.

The SCY team continued to witness the Holy Spirit at work during the camp at a packed-out Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, which many teens attested was the perfect way to keep the fire burning.

"I attended Purpose Conference last year and when I saw the flyer for the camp, I paused everything I was doing to sign up. I knew based on the conference that three days at camp would be perfect for me" shared a Year 11 student from Trinity Catholic College, Auburn.

Others who were totally new to the experience of faith left the camp with a genuine and deep desire for more.

One year 10 student from Marist Sisters' Woolwich was initially "not entirely open to the camp, but as it progressed, I opened myself more to the experience of God, which produced such a powerful and overwhelming feeling."

Games and competitions, music and bonfires, Eucharistic adoration and confession, a candlelit rosary procession,



faith talks and discussions, laughs and tears of joy, and of course, beautiful solemn sung masses, had the teens hesitating to get back on buses to head home.

"Jesus wiped away the fear I had about the world. I realised during all-night adoration that true love has no fear, and to God nothing is impossible" said one participant from St Aloysius, Milson's Point.

"During the last mystery of the rosary procession (the crucifixion) when we were all kneeling on the hill at the foot of the cross, I really felt God's love over me and how much he loves us," said another student from Freeman Catholic College.

Participants were deeply appreciative of an experience that watered the seeds that

were initially planted in their hearts at the Purpose Conference.

"There should be no hesitation whatsoever to offer the Catholic faith in its fullness to young people, and the SCY team use every opportunity possible to do that," said SCY team leader Milad Khalil.

"The openness, growth, healing and pure joy we have witnessed among thousands of youth over the last few months has been an absolute blessing and joy. We really do have the incredible privilege of seeing how God works in the lives of all we minister to." Camp chaplain Fr Bijoy shared a similar sentiment.

"As chaplain, it was encouraging to see how much the kids were thirsting for God.

So many had thought-filled and profound questions about the faith," said Fr Bijoy.

"They want something so much deeper than what the prevailing culture can offer. We must not be afraid to challenge students to grow in faith rather than water down faith's requirements."

Special thanks also go to the Mission and Identity directorate from Sydney Catholic Schools for supporting students from SCS schools through ticket subsidies.

*The Sydney Catholic Youth team will now continue the journey of faith with camp participants through their Purpose High program, where they offer ongoing formation to high school students.*



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# PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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# Catholic Primary Schools.



Catholic primary school education provides our children with a foundation for life to the full—intellectually, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. We foster openness and communication among parents, teachers and community. God is the centre of our education enabling the children to come to know how much God loves them and entering into a personal relationship with him.



## Holy Family Catholic Primary School Menai



**John Kennedy**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Principal John Kennedy has been working for Sydney Catholic Schools for over 30 years and held a position of leadership for much of this time. John believes leading schools effectively is a collaborative effort between staff of the school, the parish priest, the students and their families. Working together as a harmonious community creates a truly dynamic and thriving Catholic school.

### About the School

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Menai offers a dynamic curriculum in a contemporary learning environment. We are well-resourced with modern technology and open playgrounds, and provide many opportunities in the creative and performing arts and sports. Our dedicated teachers nurture individual passion and talent, fostering collaboration and creativity to develop resilient, exceptional learners, with a strong sense of faith, respect and social justice.

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## Nurturing individual passion and talent

Holy Family's motto is 'Wisdom through Faith and Unity.' We are a family united in our faith and our commitment to the children in our care. We work together to make our school a safe, inclusive environment committed to excellence in learning. Central to Holy Family's ethos of leadership and service is our 2024 Year 6 student leadership team. Comprising students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, integrity, and a willingness to serve their peers and community, this team plays a vital role in shaping the school's culture and fostering a sense of belonging among students.

Our sport captains, representing our school house colours - Unity (gold), Faith (blue), Wisdom (green), Spirit (red), exemplify remarkable sportsmanship and teamwork on the field, inspiring their peers to persevere and strive for excellence. Meanwhile, our dedicated school councillors and captains embody professionalism, pride, and unwavering commitment as they guide our school forward. Through their exemplary leadership, they serve as shining examples, embodying our core values of Care for Self, Others, and Our Place.

What sets Holy Family's Year 6 student leadership team apart is their unwavering commitment to making a difference.

Whether it's organising fundraisers for charitable causes, leading environmental initiatives, or simply being a supportive presence and voice for their peers, these young leaders embody our school's ethos of service and community.

As Holy Family Catholic Primary School Menai continues to nurture the leaders of tomorrow, our Year 6 student leadership team serves as a shining example of our school's values in action. With their passion, integrity, and commitment to service, these young leaders are not only making a difference within our school but also laying the groundwork for a brighter future beyond its walls.

*"Being school captain has enabled me to reach my full potential in my learning experience. One of my favourite things about the role is to be the voice for the students. I always have the students' needs and wants first to be able to make suggestions and improvements to our school community and to take initiative."* - **Lilah Brock (School Captain)**

*"I love being school captain because it means that I have more responsibility than most other students. Being school captain challenges me in all sorts of different ways to help me be a better leader for this amazing school!"* - **Max Watson (School Captain)**





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# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School Earlwood



**Margrita Cutrupi**  
Principal

### About the Principal

As a former student of Our Lady of Lourdes, there is no greater privilege than leading this vibrant and culturally diverse Catholic community. I bring my deep faith, energy and commitment to the role of Principal at OLOL and work together with Staff, Parents and Parish Priest, Father Roberto to ensure that each child is nurtured and inspired to know and love Christ through learning.

### About the School

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School thrives as an inclusive Catholic community, firmly believing in the potential of every student to excel in their learning journey. We are proud of our deep connection with the Sisters of Mercy and continue to be inspired by the legacy and vision created by Catherine McAuley

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## Leading by the Mercy example

Our Lady of Lourdes is proud of its Mercy heritage. One hundred years ago, the Sisters of Mercy embarked on a noble mission to provide quality education, rooted in the values of compassion and service to our community. In these one hundred years, our school has nurtured scholars, athletes, artists, and leaders. It has instilled within us values that go far beyond the classroom - values of integrity, compassion, and perseverance. It has forged friendships that have withstood the tests of time and distance. It has been a place where dreams were born, cultivated, and achieved. Today, their legacy is the very essence of our school—a legacy that has flourished, evolved, and grown stronger with each passing year.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we are dedicated to providing a nurturing, inclusive, and innovative environment for our students where they flourish not only as learners but also as leaders of the future. Student leadership is highly valued and promoted at the school. We are deeply committed to supporting a range of charitable organisations, families and individuals in need. Student outreach and social

responsibility are developed through the support of local parish needs, St Vincent de Paul Society, the work of the founding order, the Sisters of Mercy, and the Pope Francis Award. The introduction of the Mercy Ambassador Program for students in Years 4-6 has further supported the school in actively promoting a range of social justice initiatives. This commitment to outreach allows the students to live out the Mercy values of our school in words and action.

Today, as always, we continue to be a beacon of hope and a force for positive change in our community, just as the Sisters of Mercy envisioned. We are committed to remaining dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, encouraging curiosity and intellectual growth. Our school remains a bastion of inclusivity, celebrating diversity and fostering an environment where every individual is valued and respected. May the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy guide us for another hundred years and beyond as we continue to build strong relationships and a sense of community that extends beyond the classroom, uniting students, teachers and families.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
Catholic Primary School Earlowood

# ENROL NOW

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School Earlowood we nurture every student's potential to succeed. This is achieved by setting high standards as embodied in our learning principles of challenge, collaborate, create and recreate, persevere and share.

# Love. Learn. Live.





# St Brigid's Catholic Primary School Marrickville



**Mrs Antonella Mazzucco**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Antonella leads with a strong focus on the spiritual, academic, social and physical development of all students. As principal of the school, she is passionate about developing students who are motivated, self-directed learners who thrive under the guidance of passionate and energetic teachers. Antonella is committed to living our school motto: 'Alive in Christ' through a focus on school values. The values of respect, love, peace, justice, compassion, hospitality and stewardship are evident in her practice, empowering students to make a difference in their world, building positive relationships and promoting high quality lifelong learning.

### About the School

St Brigid's Catholic Primary School is a Catholic systemic Co-educational School located in Marrickville. St Brigid's was first established in 1897 by the Good Samaritan sisters and supported by the Passionist community. The charisms of the Good Samaritan order and the Passionists combined with the values of St Brigid, our patron saint, are the basis for the school's mission and vision statements.

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## Alive in Christ!

St. Brigid's Primary School, Marrickville, is a K-6 co-educational Catholic Primary School that was established in 1887 by the Good Samaritan Sisters. The school exists to meet the educational needs and support the faith development of primary-aged children in Marrickville. We strive to sustain the ongoing development of the whole person by collaboratively supporting academic, emotional, physical, social and spiritual wellbeing. The school is known for its genuine sense of community and attention to the development of the whole student. St Brigid's shares a strong connection with the Passionate Priests of St Brigid's Parish and the feeder school, Casimir College, Marrickville, a co-educational high school, located next door.

Student leadership is strongly valued at St. Brigid's Primary School. The student leaders roles support our school principles and values of our school, with in addition to School Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains, we have highly valued roles of Leaders of Learning, Leaders of Faith and Leaders of our World. Leadership opportunities are offered early through access to the Mini-Vinnies program which focuses on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the application of Catholic Social Teaching. Initiatives include the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal and Project Compassion. Year Six lead sports competitions,

learning competitions and faith opportunities across the school. Leaders are also assigned to a year group and work as leaders in classrooms across the school. We encourage all children to step into leadership initiatives and activities that we as a leadership team offer to all students including The Pope Francis Award, Altar Serving, the Buddy Program, and Public Speaking. Year Six leaders will also in 2024 be involved in Principal for a Day Program, where they will experience leading the school for a day alongside the school Principal. Leaders at St Brigid's excel at living our school motto: 'Alive in Christ'.

As Catholic educators, we provide opportunities for students to develop their faith. We work closely with our parish and pastor in our commitment to developing the Catholic identity of our students. Above all, we live as a collaborative community turning to God for guidance and strength, to give us courage in our decision-making and purpose in our work. We are committed to living our school motto: 'Alive in Christ' through a focus on school values. The values of respect, love, peace, justice, compassion, hospitality and stewardship are evident in our practice, empowering students to make a difference in their world, building positive relationships and promoting high quality lifelong learning.





# St Brigid's Catholic Primary School



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# St Patrick's Primary School Lithgow



**Ms Renae Dunleavy**  
Principal

### About the Principal

As Principal of St Patrick's School Lithgow it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to our wonderful school. We are a whole school focused on quality student engagement and creating a safe, settled environment in which all students are nurtured, supported and set up for success.

### About the School

St Patrick's School Lithgow, founded by the Sisters of St Joseph, is a co-educational Catholic Primary school located in Lithgow NSW. With a proud tradition and reputation within the local community, St Patrick's School prides itself on its high standards, ensuring a safe, settled environment where all students can achieve their very best. St Patrick's leads the way in terms of inclusive education and strives, in collaboration with families, to ensure that the needs of individual students are being met. With a strong focus on quality student engagement and wellbeing, St Patrick's School is the perfect place for your child to learn and grow.

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## Focused on quality student engagement

St Patrick's School Lithgow is a co-educational Catholic Primary school located in Lithgow NSW in the Blue Mountains. St Patrick's is a two stream school catering for students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Founded in 1880, St Patrick's boasts a proud tradition and reputation within the local community and continues to be immersed and inspired by the charisms of its founder St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. At St Patrick's, we are called and guided by the words of St Mary MacKillop "never see a need without doing something about it".

St Patrick's School focuses on the creation of a very safe and settled environment through the implementation of whole school strategies and routines that are designed to enhance quality student engagement and learning.

At St Patrick's we believe in setting our students up for learning success and that setting high standards across the school ensures that all students can achieve their very best.

St Patrick's is a leader in inclusive education and our diverse range of programs ensure that all students are met at their point of need. Our HUB program caters for individual learning needs and has gained significant recognition within the wider education

community. We offer onsite Professional Learning and regularly welcome educators from within and outside of our diocese who come to St Pat's to learn about our leadership initiatives and the HUB program. With a strong focus on pastoral care and student wellbeing, St Patrick's School is a place where everyone is supported, nurtured and understood. We are a Grow Your Mind school and this program that focuses on mental-health awareness, is implemented from Kindergarten through to Year 6.

St Patrick's values parents/carers as crucial contributors to our school and strive to work in partnership with parents and carers to achieve the very best outcomes for our students. We understand the importance of quality communication with parents and community.

At St Patrick's we value student voice and seek regular feedback from our students to inform decision making. Our student leaders are an important part of our school community and meet regularly with the Principal with the aim of planning special projects, fundraising, as well as engaging in discussion around how we can improve our school.

St Patrick's is a wonderful place for a child to learn and grow and we invite you to come and experience the St Pat's difference.

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## Bede Polding College South Windsor



**Mr Greg Malone**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Greg Malone joined the Bede Polding College community in 2024. He has held several leadership positions in the Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese. Greg has a strong commitment to the students in the Hawkesbury and believes that every student has the ability to achieve excellence.

### About the School

For 38 years our College has strived to build a dynamic, harmonious Catholic learning community, and we have earned our reputation as a well-respected provider of quality secondary education in the Hawkesbury. Our success comes from our focus on personalised learning and knowing every student.

### School Details

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Student Leaders

## Providing quality Catholic education

Bede Polding College was established in 1986. The college was founded under the leadership and guidance of the Marist Brothers and the Good Samaritan Sisters. From a founding class of 112 students, the college now caters for a student population of almost 1200 across Years 7 to 12. Our College patron, John Bede Polding was Australia's first Bishop and the college draws upon his inspiration as a man of faith and action. The college motto, 'Called to bring peace,' aligns to his spirit in attempting to live a life inspired by the Gospel and in service to others.

At Bede Polding we encourage each individual to believe in

their self worth and work to equip each member with the skills and passion to make a difference in the community. John Bede Polding was a person of faith and compassion, and we actively seek ways to follow his example. We value an atmosphere of peace and harmony for the community of students, staff and parents. We celebrate the richness and uniqueness of all individuals in our community. We are dedicated to proclaiming and witnessing Gospel values, providing quality Catholic education, creating a positive learning environment and nurturing the development of each individual as a Christian leader.



# *Bede Polding College*

South Windsor

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## St Andrews College Marayong



**Dr Stephen Kennaugh**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Commencing in 2019, Dr Stephen Kennaugh is committed to providing St Andrews students with a faith based education that integrates academic achievement and personal growth. Dr Kennaugh has held numerous senior leadership positions in Catholic schools and is the President of the Catholic Secondary Principals Australia (CaSPA). His leadership philosophy emphasises empowering staff, building strong relationships and the development of the whole person within the school community.

### About the School

St Andrews College is a Catholic, co-educational, dual campus college catering to students in Years 7 to 12. Our unwavering commitment lies in providing a personalised, relevant and meaningful learning experience for every student. Guided by the SPIRE framework, we prioritise holistic wellbeing, ensuring that each student thrives academically, emotionally and socially. Our ethos of "doing more and going beyond" propels us forward to reach new heights, while our steadfast faith in Christ remains at the heart of our mission.

### School Details

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## Christ placed at the forefront of learning

Leadership at St Andrews College is deeply rooted in the philosophy of servant leadership, serving as the guiding principle for our student leadership body. As College Captains, we embrace this philosophy, igniting a vibrant College culture and ensuring that Christ remains at the forefront of every decision we make.

As Captains, we are responsible for ensuring Christ is placed at the forefront of every decision we make and event we run, showcasing the Catholic values of our community both socially and intellectually. As leaders, we represent the student body at St Andrews, with the focus on leading with action, as disciples of Christ. Our role consists of organising and planning school initiatives that aim to better our school community or assist the wider community, becoming a voice for the student body and leading our peers to great success in their spiritual, academic and social lives. As School Captains we see it as our role to guide our community in "doing more and going beyond". We embody servant leadership, to be the voices of change, uplift the students of St Andrews, and to encourage our fellow students to uphold the

values and integrity of St Andrew himself. **The student leadership structure at St Andrews consists of:**

- College Captains and Vice Captains
- Junior Campus School Captains and Vice Captains
- Wellbeing Portfolio
- Stewardship Portfolio
- Faith in Action Portfolio
- College Events Portfolio
- Publicity Portfolio
- Positive School Climate Portfolio

These various portfolios aid in fostering a comprehensive approach to servant leadership within our student body. Each portfolio plays a crucial role in embodying and promoting the values of Christ while contributing to the overall wellbeing and success of the College community. As College Captains, we're eager to continue the mission of servant leadership here at St Andrews and empower our fellow students in serving others and living out the values of Christ in all aspects of their lives.





ST ANDREWS  
COLLEGE

FAITH IN CHRIST

*Junior Campus 7-10*  
*Senior Campus 11-12*

**S**PIRITUAL  
Leading in courage, life and ministry among the people

**P**HYSICAL  
Caring for the body and helping the community

**I**NTELLECTUAL  
Developing deep thinking and learning to lead change

**R**ELATIONAL  
Promoting a supportive, respectful and caring community

**E**MOTIONAL  
Fostering an inclusive, caring, respectful and caring community



**BE YOUR  
BEST SELF**  
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**BROKEN BAY**

Catholic Schools Broken Bay



# Faith. Learning. Wellbeing.



We are Catholic Schools Broken Bay, a vibrant and enriching learning environment that spans the Central Coast, Sydney's Northern Beaches and the North Shore. Students are engaged, empowered and inspired to become their best selves. Our 44 schools all promote faith, learning, and wellbeing. We invite parents, caregivers, and students to discover a Catholic education delivered with care and compassion, available through our Kindergarten to Year 12 pathways.



# Mater Maria Catholic College



**Mr Reicher**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Mr Reicher has been the dedicated Principal of Mater Maria Catholic College since 2013, bringing with him over 27 years of experience in education. He is deeply committed to providing a faith-centred Catholic co-education, fostering a culture of continual improvement and positive learning networks. Under his guidance, Mater Maria has flourished into a large, student-focused secondary school in Catholic Schools Broken Bay and warmly welcomes all families seeking a faith-centred education for their children in Years 7 to 12.

### About the School

Mater Maria Catholic College, a beacon of academic and spiritual growth, offers a faith-centred Catholic co-education for students in Years 7 to 12. Committed to continual improvement, it provides a comprehensive educational experience preparing students for success. Situated in Broken Bay, it serves as a vital educational hub, fostering academic excellence and social responsibility. With dedicated faculty and positive learning networks, Mater Maria ensures students thrive and reach their full potential.

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## Leading with Heart

At Mater Maria Catholic College, student leadership lies at the core of our vibrant community, fostering the growth of servant leaders and driving forward initiatives like Peer Counselling and organising events for important causes such as RUOK? Day and the National Day Against Bullying and Violence. Through Student Representative Council (SRC) action groups, students actively shape the college's policies, contributing to improvements in areas like mentorship, pastoral care and student recognition.

Our college captains, prefects, house captains and the fully inclusive SRC work tirelessly throughout the year to enrich our student body.

With ministries dedicated to community, liturgy, social

justice, creative and performing arts, house sports and stewardship each aspect of leadership strives to enhance our college environment. Year 12 student leaders share their faith at various events, inspiring unity among their peers.

The SRC's inclusivity provides all students who desire to lead with the opportunity to have their voices heard. Our SRC represents 193 student leaders, a wonderful training ground for leadership both for the school and the wider community.

All students are involved in providing valuable feedback through surveys, to ensure that Mater Maria continues to evolve in meeting the needs of every student. At Mater Maria, student leadership is not just a title but a commitment to service, growth and the embodiment of our shared values.





*Walk in New Life*

**2024 STUDENT LEADERS**





**MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
CHATSWOOD Est. 1890



**Mrs Timp**  
Principal

**About the Principal**

With over twenty years of experience in education, and over a decade in the mining sector, Mrs Timp is a passionate, faith-filled leader dedicated to preparing young women for the evolving challenges of the workforce. She emphasises the importance of nurturing confidence and critical thinking in a girls' school environment, where students can positively shape society and culture. Mrs Timp aims to connect students with female mentors in diverse workplaces, opening doors to endless industry possibilities.

**About the School**

Mercy Catholic College, situated in the vibrant community of Chatswood, welcomes girls from Years 7 to 12 to a supportive and enriching educational journey. Renowned for its commitment to excellence and built on the rich tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, its strong 2023 HSC results saw Mercy ranked 7th among systemic Catholic Girls Schools in NSW. Offering extensive opportunities including over 30 co-curricular clubs and programs, Mercy ensures a diverse range of opportunities.

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# Elevating with Mercy

At Mercy Catholic College, leadership is an important attribute and encouraged for all students in our college. From Years 7 to 11, students can take on roles in various portfolios including Liturgy, Mercy Action (Social Justice), Creative Arts/ Media, Learning and Colour House. In Year 11, Prefects are elected to guide junior leaders, while in Year 12, College Captain, College Vice Captain and Prefects are elected. These leaders work closely with teaching and executive staff, representing the voice of the students and influencing decision-making to ensure student success.

In Year 12, our leaders engage in a range of events. Recently, they attended a Morning Tea at NSW Parliament, hosted by the Member for Willoughby, where they discussed important issues including mental health, housing, cost of living, democracy and civil debate.

We maintain links to our heritage and our wider Mercy family as a member of the Australasian Mercy Secondary School Association. As a member of Mercy 5, the College along with the

four other remaining Mercy high schools in Sydney work closely together to continue the Mercy traditions with principals and students, sharing experiences and resources to further Mercy's spirituality and ethos.

Furthermore, Mercy celebrated International Women's Day with a special breakfast where portfolio leaders joined distinguished guests, Minister for Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek. Other special guests included Sisters from Charities and Good Samaritan and women in leadership across industry and education. Tanya Plibersek spoke about the significant and often overlooked contributions of nuns to Australia's education system, acknowledging both their triumphs and challenges. It was a great reminder that leadership can be undertaken in many vocations.

At Mercy, every student is encouraged to show initiative and leadership, embody the values of the college, and serve as an ambassador for positive change.



# MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

*We strive for better things*

## 2024 STUDENT LEADERS





# WOLLONGONG

Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong

St Francis Catholic College Edmondson Park. PHOTO ALPHONSUS FOK



# Lighting the way.



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong (CEDoW) serves Catholic systemic school communities across the four regions of the Illawarra, Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven. Many parishes and schools have much longer histories, with some dating back to the early days of European settlement. Stories abound of wonderful lay people, clergy and religious who helped build the foundations of the vibrant Catholic school system we now enjoy.



# Magdalene Catholic College



**Mr David Cloran**  
Principal

David Cloran joined the Magdalene Catholic College community in 2023 having spent over 20 years in various leadership positions in Catholic secondary schools in the south-west of Sydney. Mr Cloran is committed to building on the excellent record of academic success that the College has enjoyed in recent years, while strengthening its reputation as a Catholic college committed to the formation of the whole person.

### About the School

Magdalene Catholic College provides a co-educational environment which has students at the centre. Our community is a place where lifelong holistic growth is valued by fostering high expectations, quality relationships and academic success for all. We develop courageous hearts and creative minds and we are committed to all of these aspects because, like our patron, Saint Mary Magdalene, we have "seen the Lord".

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School Leaders with Principal David Cloran.

## Forming the whole person

At Magdalene, there is a shared understanding of the inherent leadership responsibilities that come with being a Year 12 student at the College. As a Catholic College that is committed to the formation of the whole person, Magdalene provides numerous opportunities for all our students to exercise and develop their leadership skills for the betterment of themselves and both our College and broader community.

For a select group of students, this leadership role is formalised via their appointment to specific positions of student leadership. In 2024, our College leaders are Laura Rixon and Aleksander Moore (College Captains) and Zoe Gill and Benjamin Harding (Vice Captains). These leaders are supported by an outstanding team of peers who each have carriage of

a particular portfolio and who are each keen advocates and voices for the student body.

In any given year, the College can expect over 40% of its senior cohort to be nominated for one of its senior leadership positions. Given both the interest and the quality of the applicants throughout this process, it is little wonder that as a College we are exceptionally proud of our senior cohorts.

Leadership opportunities at Magdalene are extended to students in all year groups via formal SRC responsibilities, as Peer Support Leaders and as Youth Ministry Leaders. Each of these positions play a vital role in promoting student voice and agency, while developing the leadership skills of the students appointed to each position.



# MAGDALENE CATHOLIC COLLEGE



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## St Francis Catholic College Edmondson Park



**Mr Matthew McMahon**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Mr Matthew McMahon is an accomplished educator with a proven track record of excellence. This is his eighth year as a principal in the Wollongong Diocese and his second year at St Francis Catholic College. Mr McMahon continues to advocate passionately for young people and acknowledges the importance of quality leaders and teachers who can guide our youth towards meaningful and impactful futures.

### About the School

St Francis Catholic College, a coeducational school within the Wollongong Diocese, serves over 1,500 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Founded in 2017, the College is known for academic and co-curricular excellence and embodies the motto "Open Minds, Open Hearts." State-of-the-art facilities will near completion this year. Affiliated with Edmund Rice Education Australia, the College emphasises inclusivity and social justice.

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## Student-centred & faith-driven culture

In just eight years, Saint Francis Catholic College has established an impressive academic, student-centred, and faith-driven culture, providing diverse subjects and co-curricular opportunities for students.

The College is excited to expand its Student Leadership roles in 2024, offering new empowerment opportunities for students. These include vital positions such as College Captains and Vice Captains and roles like House Captains and Leaders of Culture, Environment, Justice and Solidarity, Learning, Sport, and Wellbeing. These opportunities extend across all educational levels from Junior Years (K-4), Middle Years (5-8), to Senior Years (9-12), reflecting the College's commitment to developing well-rounded individuals prepared for an evolving world.

Not surprisingly, the 2024 College Leaders, Nicholas Cho and Abigail Aneesh (Captains) and Saurav Bimali and Khloe Fogliani (Vice Captains), are highly committed and proactive about listening to and embracing student voices across the College's

offerings and initiatives.

The College is also adopting "New Pedagogies for Deep Learning," fostering skills like the 7 C's—Catholicity, Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking. This approach aims to prepare students to thrive in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world, enhancing their ability to collaborate and think critically.

The College's environment, inspired by Blessed Edmund Rice and Saint Francis of Assisi, nurtures empathy and a lifelong passion for learning. Thus, in keeping with its Graduate Statement, the College fosters confident, creative, and empathetic thinkers who are also responsible global citizens. Indeed, the College emphasises a sense of belonging and a commitment to serving others, echoing Jesus' call to love our neighbours. Accordingly, hope is nurtured, and tomorrow's leaders are developed through a steadfast commitment to excellence.



# St Francis Catholic College



*Open Minds, Open Hearts*





A photograph of two young boys in school uniforms standing outdoors on a grassy area. The boy on the left is seen in profile, looking towards the other boy. The boy on the right is smiling and looking back at him. They are both wearing dark blue blazers, light blue shirts, and striped ties. The boy on the right has a crest on his blazer pocket that reads "Hartford College". In the background, there is a brick building with a white cross on its wall and other buildings with red roofs. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Hartford College Daceyville. PHOTO ALPHONSUS FOK

# Nurturing excellence and wisdom in each student to make a difference.



There are a substantial number of independent Catholic schools which are usually run by established religious orders. Independent Catholic schools are motivated by a Christian ethos. They are committed to nurturing excellence and growth of the student, intellectually, spiritually and socially. Students are encouraged to use their gifts and talents to make a difference in this world.



## Brigidine College St Ives



**Laetitia Richmond**  
Principal

### About the Principal

For more than 30 years, Laetitia Richmond has served as a prominent educational figure in various Catholic schools. Joining Brigidine College in 2020, her dedication to empowering young women through education is notable. Ms Richmond is driven by a passion to cultivate creativity, courage and individual strengths among her students, while also fostering a collaborative spirit and a global perspective.

### About the School

Brigidine College is a Catholic Independent school for girls from Year 7 to Year 12, embracing students of diverse abilities and talents. We take pride in offering a comprehensive education that integrates spiritual, academic, physical and cultural aspects of learning. Through this holistic approach, we equip our students for a lifetime of learning, leadership and meaningful engagement in the global community.

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## Be You. Be Brigidine.

Brigidine College, as a non-selective Catholic independent school, proudly embraces students of all abilities and talents. Guided by our motto, "Fortiter et Suaviter" (Strength and Gentleness), we inspire our students to embody these qualities and to explore opportunities, embrace challenges and transcend self-interest.

Situated on a single campus, our College maintains an optimal size of 850 students spanning from Year 7 to Year 12. This scale allows us to intimately know each girl while offering a diverse curriculum and cocurricular options, empowering them to discover their true potential.

At Brigidine, we celebrate the individuality of every student, shaping their education to instil a profound sense of purpose and achievement. We prioritise understanding their unique

differences, academic strengths, interests, and challenges, crafting personalised and relevant curricula that adapt to their evolving needs and a changing world.

Here at Brigidine, every girl is not just welcome, but belongs. We foster an environment where each student can be authentic, participate fully, and seize every opportunity for growth. Encouraged to take learning risks, our students develop critical thinking skills, resourcefulness, and creativity as they tackle real-life problems all while paving the way for them to achieve their personal best and thrive academically.

We invite you to discover more about Brigidine College by joining us for a guided tour, where you'll have the opportunity to engage with our Principal, senior members of staff and vibrant student community.



## Join us for a Twilight Tour

Now accepting applications for Year 7 2027

Limited places for Year 7 2025 and 2026



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**Ian Mejia**  
Principal

#### About the Principal

Ian Mejia brings energy, vision and twenty years of teaching experience to his role as principal of Hartford College, a new Catholic educational offering for boys in Sydney. Ian has collaborated closely with parents in his teaching career and draws great personal fulfilment and satisfaction from helping families form their sons to strive for academic excellence in a challenging external environment. Ian brings passion for education in the classroom to his role as Principal. Through this example he enthuses a school culture that ensures a love for the gift of learning is central to the ethos of the teaching faculty.

#### About the School

Hartford College is Australia's first Liberal Arts School for young men. Our school motto "Dare to think; dare to know", challenges the common sentiment of "group think" permeating our society, and encourages students to think outside the box, to ask difficult questions and to have courage in pursuing the truth.

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## Australia's first Catholic Liberal Arts School

Opened in 2023 by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Hartford College seeks to inspire the intellectual life of its students through its classically inspired Liberal Arts curriculum.

Hand in hand with Catholic formation that respects the individual faith journey of each student and his family, Hartford draws on the educational riches of our tradition to foster charity, character and critical thinking.

Each boy has a personal mentor who he meets with regularly. The child's parents meet with the mentor four times per year to closely collaborate on all aspects of their son's education, personal improvement, growth and development.

In 2025, students are invited to apply at any stage between Years 5 to 9. The school will continue to grow in subsequent years until the HSC.

For the first time in 2025, more than twenty scholarships for new entrants at any stage are being made available. Applicants

are invited from all families who meet the eligibility criteria ([hartfordcollege.nsw.edu.au/scholarships](http://hartfordcollege.nsw.edu.au/scholarships)).

Hartford College is an independent Catholic school specialising in boys' education. The school is delighted with the feedback from our parents who witness the academic turnaround of their sons and their enthusiasm for learning.

Drawing inspiration from St Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus Christ, we seek to never under-estimate the capacity of our students to be the great young men they are called to be. Through our mentoring program, it is our hope and goal that each student will bring this Christian calling to their future academic career, profession, family, relationships and their contribution to society.

Hartford College is located in Daceyville, a short walk from the Light Rail. It is surrounded by parks and excellent sporting facilities to enable its Sport for Life program.



# ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2025

**Dare to think. Dare to know.**

Our rich and engaging liberal arts curriculum is designed to impart well-rounded knowledge, encourage and develop critical thinking and support digital literacy – qualities the 21st-century demands.



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## LORETO KIRRIBILLI



**Dr Nicole Archard**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Dr Nicole Archard, BA DipEd, MA, MEdLead, MTheolSt, PhD, is a specialist educator of girls, and deeply passionate about Loreto charism and girls' education. "I believe that a girls' school environment, enriched by Catholic values and faith, will prepare our girls to be strong and confident women of the future. It is through the values of a Loreto education that our girls become 'wise, loving, well-educated women', who are socially just, ethically minded, and the women leaders our society deserves and requires."

### About the School

Loreto Kirribilli is an independent Catholic school for girls from Kindergarten to Year 12 with an enrolment of over 1,000 students. Established on the Kirribilli peninsula in 1908, our school is proud to be part of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM), a national and international network of schools and other social justice organisations imbued with the Mary Ward tradition of women 'doing much' in the service of others.

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Georgina, Victoria and Alyssa are Loreto Kirribilli's Environment Council Leaders, inspiring our community to 'care for our common home' by being mindful and informed agents for change.

## Champions of Change

Over 400 years ago our foundress Mary Ward predicted, 'Women in time to come will do much.' The example she set of selfless leadership in the service of others, and her courage and conviction in the face of adversity, continues to inspire generations of Loreto Kirribilli students.

Our senior student Environment Council Leaders, Georgina, Victoria and Alyssa, are following Mary Ward's example with their commitment to the school's award-winning Environmental Sustainability Framework. "Our goals are simple yet impactful," explain the girls. "We want to raise awareness, promote eco-friendly practices, and lead initiatives that contribute to a healthier planet. Through collaboration, education, and advocacy, we want to make a meaningful impact here at Loreto Kirribilli."

As an example, the students have instituted monthly lunchtime eco-webinars with one of our learning partners, Taronga Conservation Society. The informative sessions cover topics such

as biodiversity, plastic pollution, koala habitats, and the integration of machine learning research into wildlife conservation and animal welfare. While they munch their sandwiches, students are also learning more about the scope of the zoo's community conservation initiatives. "These sessions inspire us to alter our daily habits in support of wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability, encouraging us all to become climate heroes," explains Georgina.

Our Environment Leaders also join Board members and executive, parent and staff representatives on our Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee. This collaboration gives our students a unique opportunity to advocate at Board level.

Student advocacy and leadership opportunities are just some of the ways students at Loreto Kirribilli are challenged to use their gifts with courage and compassion to make a positive difference in our world.



# LORETO KIRRIBILLI



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## Rosebank College Five Dock



**Iris Nastasi**  
Principal

### About the Principal

Ms Iris Nastasi (BA, DipHE, MEd) is the Principal of Rosebank College, a Good Samaritan co-educational secondary school in Sydney. She has dedicated her career to improving educational outcomes for young people. Emphasising lifelong learning, innovation and critical thinking, Iris Nastasi's leadership is characterised by her belief in the transformative power of student voice in learning.

### About the School

Rosebank College is a co-educational, Catholic high school in the heart of Sydney's inner west. Rooted in a rich Benedictine history of over 150 years, Rosebank embodies authenticity and inclusivity as a Catholic community in the tradition of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. With state-of-the-art facilities, dedicated educators and a wealth of learning opportunities, we prepare students for the world in all its diversity.

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## Inclusive Leadership: Fostering Growth and Respect at Rosebank College

At Rosebank College, a vibrant Catholic co-educational school in Sydney's inner west, student leaders stand as shining examples of our inclusive and welcoming Benedictine and Sisters of the Good Samaritan heritage. Embracing our tradition of fostering respect and collaboration between all students, these young leaders embody the values of compassion, integrity and service, preparing for a world enriched by diversity.

At the core of Rosebank's educational philosophy lies the belief that every student's voice is valuable and deserving of a platform. From the vibrant creative expression in Creative and Performing Arts to the transformative experiences of Physical and Cultural Engagement, our students are provided with a myriad of opportunities to thrive and grow. Through Diverse Learning initiatives and dedicated Pastoral Care, we ensure that each individual receives the support and guidance they need

to flourish academically, emotionally and spiritually. Rosebank's excellent academic outcomes are a testament to the level of comprehensive support, diverse opportunities and tailored curriculum provided to each and every student.

As our student leaders step forward to shoulder responsibilities within our community, they do so with a profound understanding of their role as stewards of our Benedictine tradition. Rooted in a legacy of compassion and justice, they lead by example, championing inclusivity, empathy and understanding.

In our Catholic co-educational school, the journey towards leadership is not confined to a select few but is open to all who are willing to listen, learn, and lead with humility and grace. Together, guided by our faith and enriched by our diversity, we strive to create a community where every voice is heard, and every heart is welcomed.



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# Excellence in education within a Christ-centred environment



The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst provides a diverse range of educational options, from primary schools in small rural communities to large secondary schools. More than 9000 students attend 33 Catholic schools in the diocese, enjoying high educational standards in contemporary, Christ-centred learning environments. In partnership with parents and parishes, our schools nurture a relationship with Jesus, educate for academic excellence and prepare students for lifelong service in a faith-centred community.



# La Salle Academy Lithgow



**Mr Glenn Carpenter**  
Principal

### About the Principal

La Salle Academy's Principal, Mr. Glenn Carpenter leads an enthusiastic staff who are focused on developing resilient and independent learners. The staff of La Salle Academy are passionate and dedicated in delivering quality education and cocurricular opportunities so that students are best positioned for a successful post-schooling transition.

### About the School

La Salle Academy has provided quality Catholic secondary education for the youth of the beautiful western valleys of the Blue Mountains for the last 70 years. La Salle Academy aims to provide a safe, supportive and focused learning environment that is grounded in the Lasallian charism.

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## A purposeful pathway for students

La Salle Academy continues to grow from strength to strength. In our teaching and learning focus in 2024, teachers are employing strategies that can assist our students in making those incremental improvements each and every day. This is coupled with purposeful pathway options for students entering senior school as students are supported with whatever post schooling pathways they choose: university, trades or employment. All of this is complimented by a significant investment in resources to renovate significant numbers of classroom spaces, improvement of students access to technology and the enhancement of schools grounds and common areas.

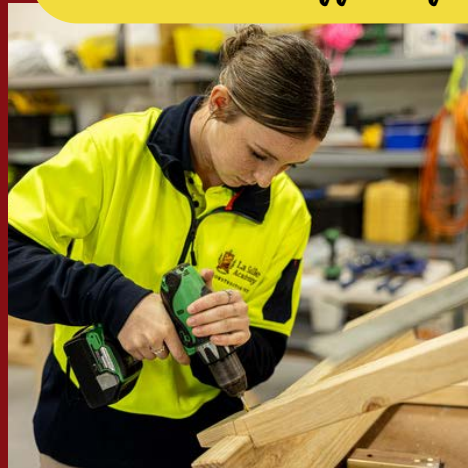
La Salle Academy also acknowledged the importance of enhanced wellbeing and pastoral supports for our students. Although it is a small school, with a strong community focus and great interactions and support throughout from our

student body and student leaders, it has been enhanced by further targeting how we resource the school. In 2024, there has been the introduction of a Wellbeing hub that houses wellbeing coordinators, counsellors and our attendance officer. The school has also created a Sensory room to support those students who may struggle in social situations or who may need a quiet place during a busy and vibrant lunch. This fully staffed room provides our students with the additional care, support, concern and guidance every school day.

Grounded in our Lasallian charism, the school looks to create students who strengthen their beliefs and values and work towards the common good for all. Our senior leaders have demonstrated their servant leadership by planning, promoting and coordinating a series of activities that have raised money and awareness for significant charities and causes in the Lithgow area and across the world.



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# St Johns College Dubbo



**Mr Justin McCarney**  
Principal

### About the Principal

As Principal of St Johns College Dubbo, it is my pleasure to warmly welcome you to our wonderful community and invite you to be part of the educational experience here at St Johns College.

### About the School

St Johns College is dedicated to educating students in an inclusive, Catholic, Christ centred environment. We promote respect and encourage students to reach their potential, contributing to a community to which we all belong.

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## Promoting respect for self and others

St Johns College has a proud tradition of academic excellence, sporting prowess, spiritual development and contributing to the community of Dubbo. Inspired by the Mercy and La Sallian traditions, enlivening us to engage in a better way of being. Our motto of 'Christ is my light' guides us in the pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, compassion and truth.

As a Catholic school community, we are people of hope. We believe in the dignity and inclusion of all which promotes a deep sense of belonging. Our focus on developing positive behaviours promotes respect for self and others. The pastoral care of our students is informed by our faith and motivated by our intrinsic desire to see each student's gifts and talents grow whilst in our care at St Johns College.

We believe in partnerships with our parents that support the learning growth of our students. It is in partnership that we work to ensure that each student has the opportunity to grow throughout their journey at St Johns College.

Learning at St Johns College is not just confined to the classroom- learning encapsulates all aspects of spiritual, social, physical and academic growth. We encourage all of our students to avail themselves of the opportunities available to them at St John's College whether it be in the classroom, representing the school in sporting endeavours, in their relationships with others, social justice or co-curricular activities. We encourage our students to be courageous in their learning in the pursuit of their goals and achievements.



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# How the liberal arts can complement law

For Nick Long, the relationship between the arts and law is central to his pursuit of becoming a great lawyer.

The Ramsay Scholarship recipient for Australian Catholic University's Western Civilisation program is halfway through the double degree in Arts (Western Civilisation) and Laws.

Having loved English as a teenager, the double degree combines his passion for literature with a growing commitment to public service and the law.

"At the moment we've been studying the work of philosopher John Locke, and in Law we're doing a property course. Being able to incorporate John Locke's theory of property and other broad conceptual legal theories to understand of modern property law act has really helped me," Nick said.

"Our first assignment was on concepts of property law, but it felt like an arts assignment since I was just looking at all my notes on John Locke from last year."

Although initially offered early entry into a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws through ACU Guarantee, Nick took up the opportunity to apply for a Ramsay Scholarship of \$160,000 to enrol in the Western Civilisation program.

The Ramsay name was extremely familiar to him in high school, since both he and Paul Ramsay AO, founder of the Ramsay Centre which funds ACU's Western Civilisation

program, share the same alma mater in St Ignatius' College, Riverview.

Going from a Catholic high school informed by the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola, straight into a Catholic university, has shaped Nick's approach to faith as a university student.

Born into a Northern Irish family, the fraught and often turbulent religious history of the region imbued much of Nick's understanding of the Catholic faith growing up.

"I joke with some of my friends that my family were 'ethnically Catholic' but we'd go to Mass on Sunday as kids and never really know what was going on," Nick said.

"Now that I'm coming to a higher education institution that is Catholic, you see how the faith permeates all the way down. Understanding the Catholic intellectual tradition through my degree, and experiencing the practical aspects of faith, I find myself getting a lot closer to the teachings that I was supposed to be learning as a kid or at school. Particularly when things are getting quite hectic at uni or with work or with family and everything, going back to what I had learned at school makes a massive difference.

"Today religion is often talked about as something that's impractical but in my experience, particularly being at ACU, it's definitely not the case."

Nick Long, Ramsay Scholarship recipient.





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