

Prayer

*For this Mercy day,
I will rest in the Word;
I rise with the images of Mercy in my heart.
I aspire to live and give, receive and encounter Mercy,
this day and every day,
inspired by Mary who mothered Mercy,
and with the help of her Son,
Jesus the Christ of Mercy.
Amen.*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Dr Darren Egberts

This week's prayer focuses on the upcoming feast of Our Lady of Mercy (24 September) and its centrality to the Sisters of Mercy and each Mercy school. Later in this newsletter, Director of Faith and Mission, Sam Weir, highlights how Sacred Heart College celebrated Mercy Day last week (despite the foul weather). Additionally, this is a very important week for the Sisters of Mercy across Australia with most gathering in Sydney for the six-yearly Chapter. This gathering explores and articulates the priorities for the Institute of Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea as well as electing their leadership team for the next six years.

With this prayer, we also hold the family and friends of Harrison Duff (Year 11 2022) in our thoughts and prayers following his tragic death last Sunday week.

*Eternal rest grant unto Harrison, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen*

Arrangements for the End of Term

Today sees the end of term for all students and most College staff. Classes recommence on **Monday 2 October 2023**.

A busy End of Term

With Spring in the air, the improved weather has allowed a significant number of activities and events for the College community, these include:

- All Year 9 students and a number of staff have spent four days this week exploring the harbour city as part of the Sydney Urban Challenge. As I type this article, they are heading home and we look forward to many stories on their return.





- Congratulations to our Year 10 students who have spent this week completing Work Experience. This is an invaluable time for students as they experience the world of work first hand and bring this knowledge to their future career planning. A special thanks to the many businesses and organisations in the Macedon Ranges and beyond that have hosted our young people.
- Congratulations to Victoria Mackay, Religious Education Learning Area Leader, and the large number of students and staff who contributed to last week's RE and Faith activities to celebrate Religious Education Week.
- Last Saturday, I was privileged to see the Sacred Heart College Band perform in Kyneton as part of the Kyneton Daffodil Festival. It was a delight to hear so many members of public complimenting the talent and musicianship of the young people performing under the able leadership of Instrumental Music teacher, Sarah Gill.



I trust that all members of the Sacred Heart College community have a safe, restful and warm holiday break.

Yours in Mercy

Dr Darren Egberts
Principal





Bereavements - Your prayers are asked for the following families who are mourning the passing of a loved one recently. The Boyer family on the passing of Rosalie Boyer, grandmother of Jamie 9F and Carla 9C. The McDonald family on the passing of Garry Hewitt, uncle of Chloe 8C and Declan 11D. The Collins family on the passing of Geoff O'Brien, grandfather of Sadie 8F, Fin 9A and Kit 11C. The Skrijel family on the passing of Zena El Houli, cousin of Torie 12A.

Prayers are also asked for the Duff and Hassett families, on the passing of Harrison, alumni student, step-brother of Monique 12A. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

CALENDAR DATES

- Tues 19/9 - Camp Campaspe 19/9 to 21/9
- Fri 22/9 - Unit 4 Japanese Mock Oral Exams
- Mon 25/9 - VCE Trial Examinations 25/9 to 28/9
- Holiday Rehearsal for Theatre Studies 9.00am to 5.00pm
- Mon 2/10 - Term 4 Commences - Week 1 Day 6
- Year 12 Drama Solo Performance Exam 10.45am to 5.00pm
- Music Tutes 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Tues 3/10 - Year 10 Tomorrow Man/Tomorrow Woman Incursion Workshops
- Period 5 3.35pm to 5.00pm
- **STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS Via Microsoft Teams 5.00pm to 7.00pm**
- Wed 4/10 - Rehearsals Theatre Studies 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Unit 2
- GVBR Training 3.30pm to 6.00pm
- Year 12 Media Showcase Night 6.45pm to 8.30pm
- Thurs 5/10 - **STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS Via Microsoft Teams 5.00pm to 7.00pm**

- Fri 6/10 - RM Begg Student Volunteer Visits 1.45pm to 3.15pm
- Mon 9/10 - Year 10 Mock Interview Program Week 9/10 to 13/10
- Music Tutes 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Year 12 Drama Tutes and Senior Play Rehearsals
- Tues 10/10 - Year 8 Live4Life Celebration Event
- Junior Chef Round 1 - 10.00am to 12.00pm
- Wed 11/10 - VCE OES Unit 2 Grampians Camp 11/10 to 13/10
- College Tour 9.15am to 11.00am
- Rehearsals Theatre Studies 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Unit 2
- Thur 12/10 - Full College Assembly P2
- Period 5 3.35pm to 5.00pm
- JUNIOR SHOWCASE 4.00PM - 8.00PM
- Fri 13/10 - Year 7-9 Elevate Revision Sessions
- VCE Art Exhibition - Old Auction House 5.00pm to 6.00pm

College Holiday Information:

General Reception will be open:
 Thursday 28 September 8.30am – 4.00pm
 Monday 2 October - 8:00am to 4:30pm (First Day of Term 4)
 Any queries outside of these hours,
 please call 5421 1200 and leave a message.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

Thursday 28 September 10:30am – 4:30pm
 Any queries for the Uniform Shop, please call: 7020 2648
 Online orders can be placed via the Uniform Shop Website:
www.noone.com.au/school/sacred-heart-college



SCHOOL SHOWCASE

Junior School Showcase

Thursday 12 October, 4:00pm - 8:00pm

We invite you to experience the amazing project work of our Junior School students:

- Year 7 Portfolios
- Year 8 Make a Difference Projects
- Year 9 Major Projects
- Years 7, 8 & 9 Art & Design Exhibition

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JUNIOR R E NEWS - Victoria Mackay, Religious Education Learning Area Leader

Make A Difference Year 8 Projects

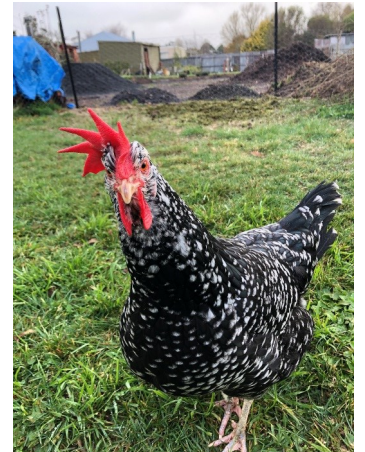
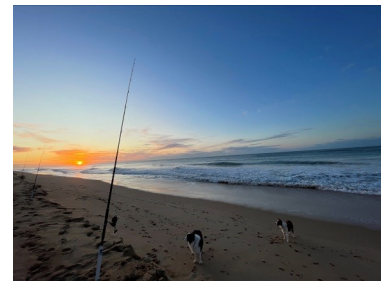
The Year 8 Religious Education students have been working studiously on their *Make a Difference* Inquiry projects. These projects engage students with an environmental or social issue of their choice which they research, study, and take an action to make a difference to the impact of their chosen issue.

The Year 8 students will soon exhibit their work to a live audience at the Showcase Evening early next term. A sample of the issues they have chosen are: Homelessness in Australia, Shark Finning, Gun Violence, Diversity in Media and Racism in Sport.



Season of Creation

From 1 September until 4 October, faith communities around the world celebrate the ecumenical [Season of Creation](#). This special time invites us to enter into a deeper appreciation of the natural beauty that surrounds us each day, and to carefully consider our roles as stewards of creation. In recent weeks, students from across the College have celebrated these twin themes through photography. We have had a great number of entries into our Season of Creation photography competition, and you can view some of the entries in this newsletter. The winning entry will be selected by members of the college Green Team early in Term 4.



Mercy Day Assembly

While the inclement weather interrupted some of our Mercy Day celebrations, we still took the opportunity to mark the occasion and celebrate our Mercy Day assembly. Mercy Day commemorates the opening of Catherine McAuley's House of Mercy in Baggot Street, Dublin in September 1827. As we celebrated this event, our college was introduced to our new College artwork, a painting titled "Mercy" created by Taungurung, Wotjobaluk, Wemba Wemba & Boon Wurrung artist Aimee McCartney.

Sr Cathy Solano rsm also spoke with our community as a key part of the assembly. Sr Cathy is a Sister of Mercy from Melbourne. Her life has been one of ongoing service to people in all corners of the world. She has served as a school teacher in Australia, as a teacher trainer in Pakistan, as an advocate in Uganda, as an educational coordinator in Sudan, and as a delegate at the United Nations. In her presentation, Sr Cathy shared stories about her life, and offered some of the wisdom that she has gained from her time spent in Mercy communities around the world. Woven throughout her address was an ongoing invitation to see our world through the eyes of Mercy, and to serve as living instruments of Mercy in our communities. There have been some great conversations that have arisen amongst staff and students in response to Sr Cathy's wisdom, and we thank her for the generosity of her time and her spirit of Mercy companionship.



*Sacred Heart College is committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.
Further information about Child Safety at SHCK can be found on the College website.
<https://www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au/our-college/child-safe/>*

UNIFORM - TERM 4

In the upcoming term, students will have the option to wear their summer uniforms, albeit with a transition period due to the prevailing cold weather conditions. For the initial two weeks of the term, students will have the flexibility to choose between wearing their complete summer attire or their full winter uniform. Our school uniform serves as a representation of our identity as a unified College Community. It's designed to be inclusive and gender-neutral, offering choices that cater to all students, ensuring that everyone can find a suitable combination that suits them.

The importance of wearing our uniform extends beyond aesthetics. It serves as a valuable practice for adhering to dress codes and fosters the ability to assess one's appearance - an essential skill that can be significant in various career paths. Moreover, our uniform system acts as a great equalizer, leveling the playing field regardless of a student's financial situation. In cases of financial hardship, we are committed to ensuring that every student has access to a proper uniform. The focus remains on the unique qualities of our students rather than their attire.

From a wellbeing perspective, the uniform also functions as an indicator of a student's overall state. It is often the first aspect that shows signs of change when a student may be facing challenges. By maintaining the priority of adhering to the uniform policy, we can easily identify and address any concerns before they escalate into more significant issues.

As we embark on the final term of 2023, I kindly request your continued support in upholding our uniform policy. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we strive to maintain the cohesion and wellbeing of our College Community.



Sacred Heart College Kyneton

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Parent Workshop



Members of the local community are invited to attend this event.

Workshop Facilitator: Maria O'Shannessy, The Parent Coach

The intention of the workshop is to provide meaningful information for parents to synthesise and leave with strategies to apply to their own family situation. This 2 hour workshop aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Provide parents with an overview of The Parent Coach framework and the key features of what are the main influencers on individuals' parenting approach
- Review the developmental stage of teenagers and describe what teenagers need from their parents
- Brainstorm different strategies when parenting teenagers, and problem solve barriers and 'roadblocks'
- Discuss self care strategies for parents

For more information about The Parent Coach visit: www.theparentcoach101.com.au



When: Wednesday 15 November

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Vivian Dwyer Senior Learning Centre, Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

**Tickets: This is a free event but seats must be booked via: www.trybooking.com/CETHC
Attendance is limited to 30 people, bookings open Monday 2 October.**



Practice Exams Reminder

Practice Exams are being conducted during the second week of the holidays. Full details went out in the last Newsletter and are available on the student Year Level Google Classrooms.

All Students completing a Unit 3/4 are required to complete a Practice Exam. Students have nominated when they are completing each subject (Monday 25 September – Thursday 28 September). Student needs to arrive 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their Exams, and can attend in neat casual clothes.

Permitted materials are the same as for the final examinations, and all details are on the Year Level Google Classroom. VCAA supervisors will be supervising the practice exams.

Thank you for your support in ensuring this important practice takes place. The opportunity to practice in the same venue, in timed conditions and get valuable teacher feedback is imperative for our students' preparation.

Students are encouraged to contact Ms Wattie via email or the VCE mobile if required.

SEEDS OF JUSTICE REGIONAL EVENT - Vicki Devine, Justice and Service Coordinator

The latest Seeds of Justice Regional Conference was held in Anglesea on Thursday 31 August and Friday 1 September. Sacred Heart College was represented by five students and accompanied by two staff. The students enjoyed interacting with others from various Mercy Schools, and approached the Conference with open hearts and open minds. Many discussions and activities were had, provoking thought, compassion and understanding. The keynote speaker for the conference, was the founder of Ballarat Afghani Action Group. He spoke to the students about his refugee story and how the group supports the regional provinces through financing the purchase of food and the salary of teachers for females. Here are some of the student's reflections:

- *It was really nice to connect with other Mercy schools and share the experience with like-minded students.*
- *Learning Abdul's story gave me new insights to a refugee's reality.*
- *I enjoyed the opportunity to work in small groups with students from other year levels.*
- *Developed my understanding of empathy and the uniqueness of each person.*

We all left the Conference well informed and moved to action, promising to retell our experience to others the College.



Mercy day at Sacred Heart was condensed due to the nasty weather, and we still got to celebrate this important occasion with a beautiful assembly for the whole College. During this assembly, and a band of students performed the Paul Kelly song, *Love Is The Law*. Tahlia Connell, Charlie Tracey and Baz Wozniak performed the piece beautifully, with tight vocal harmonies and a sophisticated guitar line. A special mention goes to Sam Benfold, who had been rehearsing with the group, but was unwell prior to the performance. Fortunately, Baz was able to step up and handled the guitar part like a pro.

Very glad to announce that we have recently welcomed two new members of the Instrumental Music staff: Miss Lizzie Dynon who will be teaching drums, and Mr Tim Allan (past student and Music Leader) who will be teaching guitars and bass.

Finally, applications are now open for students to apply for the 2024 Music Scholarships. This is open to all students studying at Sacred Heart in 2024, and all musicians are encouraged to apply. Applications are completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/SHCmusic scholarship2024>. Please note that applications for scholarships close on Thursday October 19, 2023.

We are also accepting enrolments for the Instrumental Music Program in 2024. If you would like to apply, please do so online at <https://tinyurl.com/shcmusic2024>

Have a wonderful break, and I hope all of our young musicians and take that time to reflect on their musicianship and improve their skills with lots of practice.



APPLIED COMPUTING NEWS - *Melissa Sabo*

Unit 2 Applied Computing

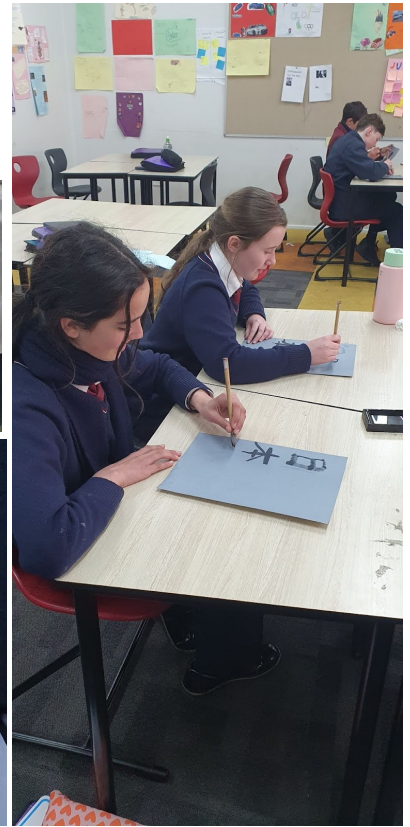
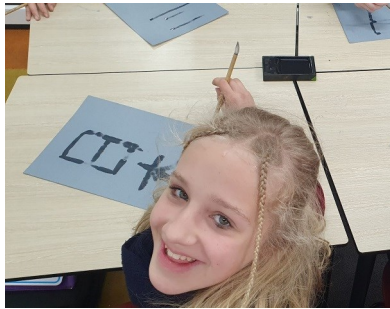
On Thursday 7 September our Unit 2 Applied Computing class had David Shaw, a Network Security Specialist, as guest speaker. David has 50 years of experience in the IT industry, working for a variety of government organisations and businesses, and spoke about the many changes he has seen in technology over that time. David completed a tertiary qualifications in electronics and was recruited shortly after to work in the IT industry. When he first started his career in 1974, computers were the size of two large classrooms and had 1% of the processing power that we now have in most mobile phones!

Network Security, Cyber Security and Network Architecture are all synonymous for the same thing – how to keep networks and the sensitive information that belongs to that business/organisation network secure. David spoke about how a cyber attack will occur for most businesses and organisations at some point, it's all about having a good disaster recovery plan to be able to recover any lost or stolen information. Skills in the IT/Network industry are becoming increasingly important to have, as cyber attacks are becoming more prevalent. David is supposed to be in retirement but is constantly being called upon for his expertise. We thank David for spending time with our VCE Applied Computing students, who gained valuable insight into what a Cyber Security career could look like for them.



What's been happening in Japanese classes?

As the term draws to a close, there have been some great things happening in our Year 7-12 classes. Tankovich Sensei's Year 7 class had a go at Calligraphy with water. Students used Calligraphy brushes on special paper where the water disappears! Then the paper can be reused again and again! Check out their awesome skills in writing 日本 which means 'Japan'. Year 8s are currently working on a manga (comic) in Japanese about their daily activities, using language they have learned in class. Keep an eye out in the upcoming newsletters for some samples. Then finally Years 9-12 made their own 'Hanko' (name seal/stamp). In Japan, a handwritten signature is not used to sign their name on official documents but a name stamp. Students wrote their name in Japanese katakana and carved it out of an eraser. It was a bit tricky as they had to write their name backwards on the eraser. However, all students did an amazing job. See below for some photos.



Jirrahlinga Dingo Conservation and Wildlife Education Centre

On Wednesday September 6, the Year 1 VET Certificate II in Animal Care students headed out to visit the Jirrahlinga Dingo Conservation and Wildlife Education Centre located in Chewton. Their vision is to be a World Class Wildlife Sanctuary, delivering high standards of care, compassion and ethics to their animals, as they work towards the long-term sustainability of all wildlife and the environment.

Students were able to meet and interact with some of Australia's amazing wildlife, including koalas, wombats, dingoes, snakes, lizards, and a variety of native birds. We were educated about the history and conservation status of these native species, and what we can do to help to preserve them and Australia's biodiversity.

We will take this knowledge back to school with us as we study our next unit, aimed at providing basic care of common native mammals.



NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES DAY - Marika Payne

On 7 September each year, many people stop and reflect on the fact that on that same date in 1936, Australia's Tasmanian tiger, also known as the thylacine (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*), slipped over the extinction line. Sixty years later in 1996, the Threatened Species Network founded by WWF-Australia and the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust, established National Threatened Species Day to commemorate the death of the last Tasmanian tiger at Hobart Zoo.

National Threatened Species Day is a day when we shine a spotlight on all the Australian native animal and plant species that are facing similar fates to that of the Tasmanian tiger.

Sacred Heart College celebrated our iconic Aussie wildlife with the help of Chris and Taasha Humfrey and the animals from the 'Zoo Comes to You'. The focus of our learning was understanding the threats our local and regional species face, and the actions each one of us can take to help conserve these species for future generations.



Throughout the week the students have enjoyed the opportunity to play a wide variety of sports against each other and the staff.

Congratulations to the Year 12 students, who last week defeated the staff in the annual Staff v Students netball match. Special mentions to Tori & Bailey for dominated when on court and for Mr Williamson and Ms Hill for tearing it up for the staff.

This week has allowed the students to compete in a downball challenge which was won by Stella & Finn and the soccer shootout which was won by Rhys & Oscar. The much anticipated Soccer Tournament was played and won by the Year 12 team 'Team Alex'. Other winners have been Flynn, Hayden (x2), Ben and the Year 11 Basketball team outplayed the Year 12s.

Thank you to everyone for the spirit in which everyone has competed this week and to all of the staff that have been involved, your efforts are much appreciated.

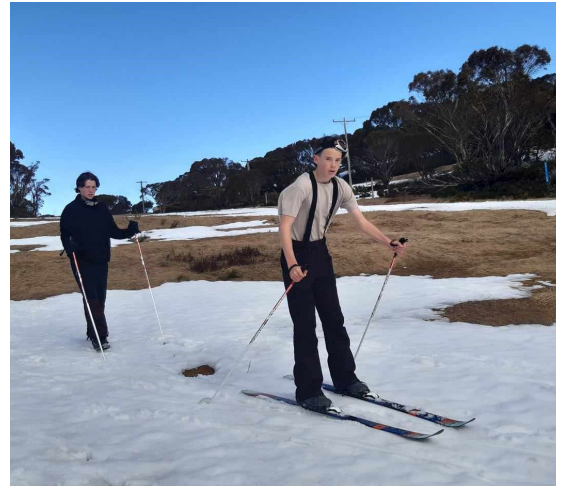


YEAR 10 ALPINE CAMP - *Lucie Cousins 10C*

On 21 August, the Year 10 students and staff packed their bags and embarked on the annual Alpine Ski Camp. The bus trip to Falls Creek went smoothly, and everyone was able to enjoy the beautiful views of the mountains along the way. Despite the first day being extremely foggy and rainy, the other two skiing days produced beautiful blue skies. This meant sunscreen was critical as the combination of sun and snow is no joke. Learning to ski was an interesting experience, or at least for me. On the first day I stacked it so badly I ripped my ski pants. If it wasn't for my friend having an extra pair, I think it would have been a good enough excuse for me to give up on my skiing career. That is why resilience was such a crucial part of this camp, along with courage and teamwork. I admired that people were able to laugh about falling down or awkwardly trying to balance in the snow, and that they didn't receive any judgment from their peers. Then, of course, there were those in the advanced group, skiing on black runs.

During dinner, Mr McMeeken would project footage from his GoPro camera, showing off the skills of all those who actually knew how to ski - and do it with style. I was just proud of being able to ski down Mousetrap unscathed! However, everyone deserves to feel proud of their achievements. This experience has given me a new perspective on my capabilities moving forward in life.

Amongst the excitement and some extremely progressive learners, I'm positive it was a challenge for the staff to keep track of us all - especially when recognisable with ski goggles and helmets! So, on behalf of Year 10, thank you to all the staff. We felt supported and encouraged when overcoming challenges, and cared for when some of us got injured. In spite of some mishaps, everyone came back from this incredible opportunity, alive and exhausted, but smiling from all the fond memories that will stay with us forever.



Over the Term break, why not download the SIMON Everywhere App!

'HAVE YOU GOT THE APP YET'!

The simplest way to use PAM and keep up to date with activity permissions, sick passes, absences, and your child's education is to download the SIMON Everywhere App. If you need some help setting this up please reach out to our Administration Team, we would be happy to help you.

We want this module to be your one stop shop for all things Sacred Heart College. If you have any suggestions, feedback, or issues in regard to PAM please contact us via email - pam@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au



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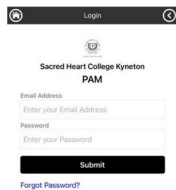
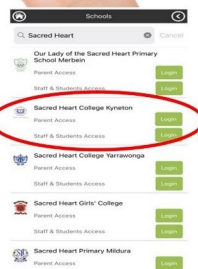
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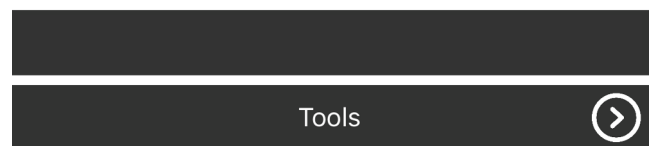
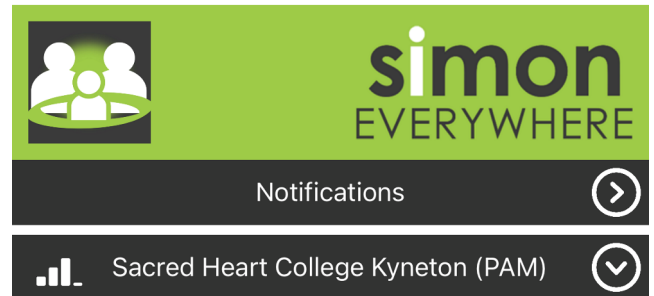
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For our latest Careers Newsletter please head to our new Careers Tools website at www.shckynetoncareers.com and go to IMPORTANT INFO then careers newsletter!

Year 12 Students Applying for Tertiary

A reminder for students applying for Tertiary studies, timely applications close on 28 Sept. SEAS and Scholarships close on the 6 Oct. Please ensure you have made your VTAC application and paid the application fee. Guidelines for the application process is: www.vtac.edu.au

Change of preference support on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December

Careers are offering results support and change of preference advice on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 December. If you require support regarding your results and preferences, please call or visit the careers centre between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Kristina and Karina will be able to offer guidance and advice. 5421 1254.

VTAC helpline-9926 1020

Offers for VTAC:

Please remember to **accept your first round offer even if you are deferring**. Please check that you have completed **all requirements** for the course you wish to study. You can check this on the VTAC website under course requirements. Good luck and we wish you all well in your continuing career journeys, we are sure you will all go onto amazing opportunities.



Come and try Croquet!

The Kyneton Croquet Club is offering a 3 Week Beginners Course

Dates: Sunday 8th, 15th and 22nd October

Time: 10:00am to 12:00noon

Cost: \$20 per person

If you have ever felt like trying croquet, come and have a go and learn a bit about the game of croquet. It is heaps of fun and a tactical and absorbing sport.



Suits all ages



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