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Reverencing Relationships

From the Editor

Reverencing relationships is one of the four pillars that guide us at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, along with being faith-filled, pursuing excellence and touching the hearts of others.

The importance of getting along well with others cannot be underestimated and it has a direct influence on our wellbeing. Strong and healthy relationships at home, at school and at work combine to help us navigate our way through life and these connections with others are even more important in challenging times.

I think the tone of the respectful relationships that feature at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College was set many, many years ago by Fr Jules Chevalier and Mother Marie Louise Hartzler. By their words and their actions they showed how important it is to be kind, caring and inclusive and these are characteristics that are evident in our community today.

This issue of *Flame* is full of examples of people reverencing relationships. We recently held the Regnet Christus Day and Awards Ceremonies at the College and details are on pages 2 and 3. We farewell the Class of 2021 on page 4 and congratulate them on how well they have handled their final two years of schooling in the pandemic. The girls have accepted what they could not change with grace and have proven their resilience time and time again.

On page 5 you can read about the many initiatives from the Environment Team and staff during 2021 and how these have made a positive difference to the way we think about our footprint and its impact on our world.

Many of our students have enjoyed academic success in different forums and competitions this year including

the development of an award winning video game, participation in the Maths Olympiad, the Tournament of Minds and more. You can read about them on pages 6 and 7.

We value strong relationships with all of our past students and we have missed hosting our milestone reunions recently. You can read about some of the amazing things our Alumnae are doing on pages 8 and 9. We plan to restart the reunion program early next year and can't wait to welcome everyone back to the College.

We bid farewell to Mrs Maureen Malone and Mr Howard Liston both exceptional educators at OLSH College with a combined total of 85 years of service. There could be no finer example of reverencing relationships than Mrs Malone and Mr Liston, read their stories on page 10 and 11.

This year we held quite a different Feast Day as it was all online, but as usual our community dug deep to raise funds to help the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sisters carry out their missionary work around the globe, details are on page 12.

You can catch up with the latest news on page 13. I would like to thank the many contributors to this edition of *Flame* magazine. We are now issuing this publication electronically but if you would like a printed copy of the magazine mailed to you please email office@olsh.vic.edu.au

Wishing you and your families and very Merry Christmas and a wonderful

New Year. It will be good to take time to reverence as many relationships as we can over the summer break and beyond.

Annie Opray
Director of Development and Community

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Front and Back Cover: Photographs of the new bronze statues recently installed at the College of Mother Marie Louise Hartzler and Fr Jules Chevalier, msc.

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From the Principal

In this edition of *Flame* we share with you pictures of the striking new bronze sculptures of Mother Marie Louise Hartzler (fdnsc) and Fr Jules Chevalier (msc). These life size figures are the first thing the students, staff, families and visitors notice when they enter the campus. Their presence is a beautiful reminder of the vital role that both Marie Louise and Jules played in establishing the Religious congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and, consequently, in 1938 OLSH College Benthleigh. Marie Louise Hartzler and Jules Chevalier were God's gift to our world; they were the bearers of the OLSH Spirit we share, and, they are the heroes of our OLSH story. The sculptures are a tribute to the amazing work of the OLSH Sisters in their mission to make the Sacred Heart of Jesus everywhere loved and, they remind us to keep this same mission alive, always.

Marie Louise Hartzler is situated near the College Administration Block. Many students, as well as parents and visitors, enter the College through the nearby College gates. Marie Louise holds her hand in a position of welcome. She is greeting every person who steps inside the College grounds. With her other hand, she gestures towards everything that is important to us – the Chapel, the statue of OLSH in Hartzler Place and the College classrooms. Marie Louise Hartzler was passionate about education. She herself went to a bilingual all-girls school and encouraged the OLSH Sisters to take the greatest care of their students, whether in the classroom, on the playground and indeed, everywhere!

Jules Chevalier is situated near the Hall and has both arms opened wide. We often see Jules as an older man, but here he is youthful like our students. Jules had a dream during his studies, of beginning a movement to make the Heart of Jesus known and loved. In this representation of Jules, he

is already an MSC priest, wearing his cape. It is as though Jules is gesturing and saying to our students, "Dream big and never stop believing!" Jules is near the College Hall because this is the place where our most important College ceremonies and celebrations take place. Jules Chevalier is here to congratulate, celebrate and encourage each one of us and to bless us on our journey.

With our gratitude to the OLSH Sisters and to the creators of these sculptures Christine Sage and Regina Byrne (Hullabaloo Studios) and Mal Wood Foundry.

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Anne O'Loughlin
Principal



Wishing you and your family a joyous Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.



Regnet Christus Day and Awards Ceremonies

Our community enjoyed two wonderful days recently as we recognised and celebrated the achievements of students as part of our Regnet Christus Awards Ceremonies. We held ceremonies for each year level and they were live streamed for parents and friends. The award categories included academic excellence, consistent application to studies, sport, performing arts as well as the Glen Eira Awards.

We were delighted to be able to gather as a whole school community in the Hall on Friday 26 November for the presentation of the Regnet Christus Awards which included the Jules Chevalier, Marie Louise Hartzler and Sr Mary Fyfe Memorial Leadership major awards. We congratulate all of the recipients and Principal, Ms. Anne O'Loughlin, thanked all of the students for their contributions and participation, especially during the last two years which have been so challenging.





Celebrating the Class of 2021



If ever there was a group who deserved to be celebrated it is the OLSH College Class of 2021, after making it through one of the most challenging years of their lives due to the COVID pandemic. But as we have come to expect from OLSH College girls they have the ability to cope with setbacks and prove, time and time again, how resilient, kind and caring they are. If anything, the challenging circumstances have brought the year level closer together as VCE student Marissa said, "This year was tough, but my friends kept me going. Knowing I had my year level with me through the last two years was really reassuring."

Year 12 Program Leader, Ms. Robyn Rayment said, "The Year 12 girls began 2021 with the Hartzler Retreat, which was followed by the Year 12 Formal in February which was well timed as it was held on the evening before we went into the first lockdown for the year. The Class of 2021 participated with creativity and enthusiasm in the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, as

well as the SCSA Interschool Carnivals. The rest of the year was interspersed with lockdown lessons and face to face classes, but the girls allowed this lived and unique experience to bring new insights and self-knowledge to what they are capable of and of just what the can do!"

We were delighted that the Year 12 girls were able to enjoy some of the much anticipated rituals associated with finishing secondary school. They were farewelled in style over the two nights with a Mass and a formal dinner at the Huntingdale Golf Club and they certainly were wonderful occasions that will be remembered for a long time to come. The whole school community paid tribute the Class of 2021 at their Farewell Assembly which was live streamed to parents and friends.

Year 12 student Isabelle remarked, "My journey at OLSH has definitely been one to remember and I have learnt so much from the community both academically and about myself.

These past two years have been the hardest years of school for a lot of us. My favourite part of being at OLSH during the pandemic has been the constant support and encouragement from the OLSH community and all their efforts to still make our school experience more enjoyable and memorable."

There is a special relevance for the Class of 2021 in the In the wise words of Mother Marie Louise Hartzler who said, "Always remember that God is very close to you and that God see you, loves you and counts all your sacrifices. You know, too, that Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is watching over you with tenderness and care."

Ms. Rayment farewelled the Class of 2021 with the following message, "Best wishes to each and every one of you for what lies ahead. You now know with first-hand experience that life often throws a curve-ball, but you also know that you are definitely up for the challenge and the adventure!"



Sustainability Matters

“Any harm done to the environment, therefore, is harm done to humanity.”
Pope Francis

There has certainly been an increased emphasis on sustainability and environment this year at OLSH College. This is due mainly to the efforts of the girls on the Sustainability and Environment Team, along with the passionate staff who support the cause. They have worked so well together to develop initiatives, both big and small, to raise awareness about these very important topics.

Environment Captain Isabella Di Conza said, “I have always been interested in taking small actions to make the world a better place. I am fascinated by the impact that can be made when a large number of people all contribute something small. When the opportunity to become Environment Captain came up, I knew I really wanted to do my best to enable students to make a difference in the world, starting with the OLSH College Bentleigh environment. This year has proven to be a year of remarkable progress on climate action, with young people in particular leading the way.”

The Environment Team is made up of students from different year levels and they have been instrumental in developing the range of actions taken to minimise our footprint at the College and beyond. They had to consider a range of factors when developing their ideas, for example, to create events that could be held outside of timetabled classes to maximise student involvement. The girls also wanted the activities to be fun for both staff and students

to keep them engaged with the environment and sustainability cause.

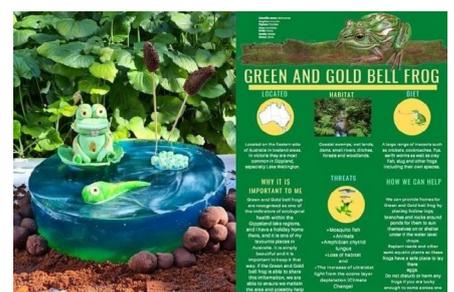
Some of the initiatives introduced at the College this year have included:

- More than 60 students submitted an entry for the Poster Design Competition, ‘The only cure for litter is you’
- Students marched in the Climate Change rally in Melbourne’s CBD
- Upcycled clothes and jewellery sale
- 8 students and staff participated in the Threatened Species Bake Off
- More than 100 students entered the Young Scientist of the Year Video Competition, teaming up to create informative videos addressing current environmental problems
- Library display for World Ocean and Environment Week
- Reminders to students and staff at assemblies to turn off lights and heaters not in use
- A 10 cent discount was implemented at the OLSH café for students and staff who brought their own keep cup
- Students and staff continued collecting bread tags to be donated to Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs
- Special screening of ‘Beyond the Burning’ a film Environment Victoria film for the OLSH community with a Q7A session of experts.

Teacher, Ms. Dianne Byers said, “The OLSH College Steering Committee comprises five staff members, who have met on a regular basis to help drive the whole school community to becoming more sustainable in their mind set and their actions. The Committee has been working on a College charter as well as auditing College curriculum. The

Committee also works with and supports activities and initiatives of the students in this very important area. All members of the Steering Committee are passionate and committed to the mission of responding to the goals of “total sustainability” as set out in Laudato Si.

Working together, both students and staff have many more plans for 2022 and beyond to keep environmental impact top of mind in our community because sustainability matters.



Thinking Outside the Box

Recent student presentations to staff were at the next level as the girls shared their entries into academic competitions. The presentations demonstrated just how hard the girls had been working with their teachers to come up with creative solutions to complex tasks and challenges. Other successes have been achieved by OLSH College students in a number of different fields throughout 2021.

First Place Australia Video Game Challenge

Members of the OLSH College Bentleigh 'STEAM Club' entered the Australian STEM Video Game Challenge. The girls were required to design, build and test an original video game (www.stemgames.org.au). Five teams were entered into the competition. Four teams were entered into the Year 5-8 Scratch Category and one was entered into the Year 5-8 GODOT Category.

The team entered into the Year 5-8 GODOT Category was awarded first prize. The four girls from Year 8 in this team were, Laura Jin, Emily Qiao, Jessica Lee, and Elena Cirugeda. The girl's game was showcased at PAX Aus which is Australia's biggest gaming expo. Due to COVID-restrictions, this event took place online and the girls showcased their game via a pre-recorded video. They also received a jumper with their game design printed on the back. This is the first time OLSH College has entered this competition and we are immensely proud of all of the students' efforts, confidence, and attention to detail and also to their teachers for their guidance and support.



Girl Power in Engineering and IT

'Girl Power in Engineering and IT' is a program developed and funded by The University of Melbourne for female high school students which helps to contribute towards

gender parity in engineering and IT disciplines. It targets students with an interest in STEM subjects and provides exposure to different engineering fields in addition to work experience positions. The final stage of the program facilitates mentoring opportunities between students and University of Melbourne engineering and IT students. We congratulate the following OSH College girls who were part of the 'Girl Power in Engineering and IT' program, Year 11 students Guoxi Lu and Isabella Di Conza and from Year 12 Chiara Bertolini.

Debating Success

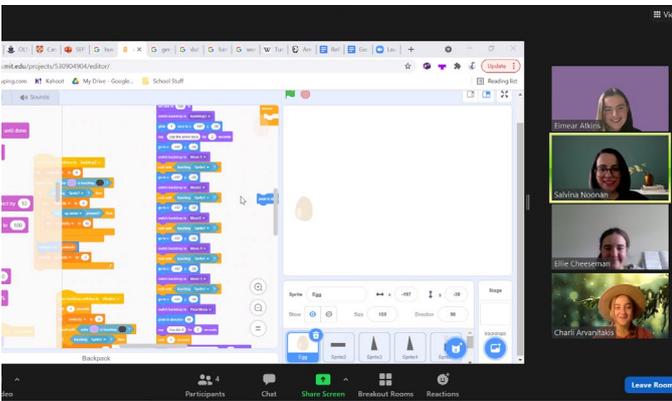


Ms. Brooke Adams, Debating Coordinator, has reported that our Debating Teams performances were a fantastic success this year! After hibernating for much of 2020, our VCE-Grade Teams, as well as three teams at D-Grade level were thrilled to be back debating face-to-face. This year, OLSH made the move to the Brighton division, presenting teams with the opportunity to debate against a greater variety of schools including Brighton Grammar, St Leonard's College, Elwood College and Brighton Secondary to name a few. Fortunately, the competition remained onsite at Brighton Grammar until Round 4, providing almost all team members with the opportunity to debate face to face; for some of our D-Grade debaters, this was their first time debating in person. Congratulations to all A and D-Grade debaters; however, a special mention must be made about D-Grade OLSH 1, mentored by Mrs Cathy Pearce, who made

it all the way to the third playoff round – the last hurdle before the finals!

Furthermore, at the beginning of the Term 4, a new class of OLSH debaters emerged with the commencement of the Junior Secondary Program (JSP) for Years 7 and 8. This program was extraordinarily popular and participants threw themselves into the online training and the three debates that followed with gusto! These girls are to be commended for putting themselves out there and trying something new at the height of lockdown. Well done to all OLSH Debaters, and all the best of luck for debating in 2022!

Tournament of Minds Success



Throughout Term 3 our IGNITE students participated online in the Tournament of Minds, which is a competition that requires students to work collaboratively to generate creative solutions to authentic and open-ended challenges.

We entered three teams this year. Our STEM team, Sarina Azad, Hannah Dao, Elly Fredrickson-Gresle, Jessica Lee, Samantha Milenkovski, Halle Schroor and Alexandra Zhevelyuk had to research the Pioneer Plaques and Voyager Golden Records as well as create three of their own objects that contained messages that could be decoded using the senses. The team demonstrated their knowledge of Fibonacci sequences and sound waves, as well as a thorough and sophisticated mathematical analysis of the service module trajectory.

Our Language Literature team, Charli Arvanitakis, Eimear Atkins, Belinda Baillie, Zoe D'Alessandro, Madeleine Di Conza, Holly Norris and Ella Splawa-Neyman had to re-create a classic story. This team really embraced the performance element of the challenge and the judges were highly entertained by their re-creation of *Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* Finally, our Social Sciences team Zara Bennett, Ellie Cheeseman, Hannah Fennessy, Keiva Kell, Anoushka Peck, Maddison Stewart

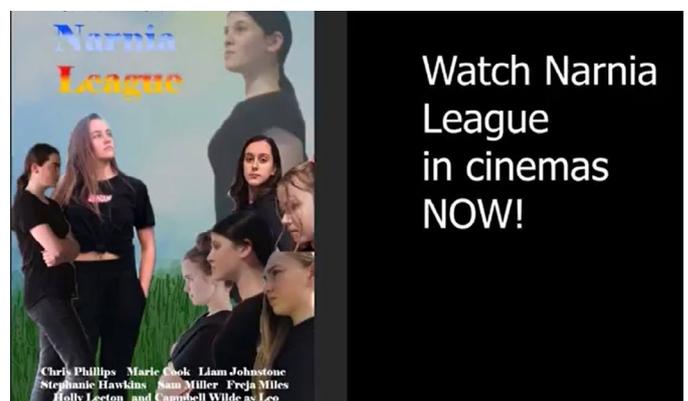
and Terri Wong had to research four people from the past to engage in conversation about a global issue. They created an interesting dialogue between Socrates, Mary Wollstonecraft, Emmeline Pankhurst and Wangari Maathai to develop solutions to issues facing women in the 21st century.

Our Language Literature and STEM teams progressed to the State Final where they encountered the Spontaneous Challenge. Enhancement Studies Coordinator, Ms. Kristie Bertschik said, "Both teams performed exceptionally well and were recognised by the panel of judges with Honours awards, such a great achievement! Ms. Byers and I and the whole school community are so very proud of you, girls. Congratulations!"

Maths Olympiad

Ms Suzy Pask, Head of Department, Mathematics was very pleased with the high participation rates in the 2021 Maths Olympiad. As stated on the Maths Olympiad website, "the aims of the competition are to introduce students to important mathematical concepts, teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving and to foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition. Ms. Pask said, "It was especially impressive that students in Olympiad 4 remained online the first afternoon back after a remote week to compete and well done to the students who submitted answers to for the recent Olympiad 5."

We often hear current OLSH students encouraging new girls to try to take advantage of all of the opportunities they are offered whilst they are at the College. Not only is it a great way to make new friends but it expand their horizons and sometimes they find something new that they just love to do. The students mentioned above heeded this advice and are now reaping the rewards, yet another example that shows that OLSH girls can do anything!



Alumnae Profiles



Mary-Anne Gallagher (1981)

I became a Psychologist by pursuing a Bachelor of Science at Monash University majoring in Psychology and Physiology. I then took a role at the ANZ Bank as a graduate trainee and became the first female Commercial Lender in the heady eighties. But finance was not for me so I did post-graduate studies in Counselling and Industrial Psychology and worked as a rehabilitation consultant helping injured workers get back to work. My human resources career began at The Alfred, traversed through State Government, Monash University and to Cabrini Australia where I now work as Group Director, People and Culture as part of the Executive Team. Career highlights have included travelling to the U.K., Europe, USA, Africa and Malaysia. A local career highlight was to work as a Psychologist in leadership development taking national leaders bush for 10 days annually. I have also completed the Williamson Program, a unique immersive year-long community based leadership development program. I volunteered in the community for ten years facilitating leadership programs and activities in small not-for profits.

In 2010, I received a scholarship to go to the U.S. to learn at the pre-eminent university in the world – Case Western University in Ohio. I completed my Masters of Science in Positive Organisation Development and my lifelong passion is to create great places for people to work where they feel respected, valued and can develop into the best version of themselves so that work is life-giving.

I enjoy reading, gardening, music, art, yoga and spending time with family and friends. I am currently studying ancient indigenous practices and taking piano lessons. I love to learn and I learned the importance of compassion, care and leading a values based life through my Catholic upbringing and education. I spent weekends door knocking for Project Compassion and the Heart Foundation and giving to those less fortunate. I have been a Board Director on Camcare and am a long-term supporter of the Worldwide Fund for Nature and Greenpeace. My advice is get clear on what matters, how you want to spend your finite time on earth, what will make you proud and what your strengths are play to those and you will remain energised throughout your life and career. Finally, enjoy the little moments because they form the important mosaic of life.



Amanda Kappa (nee Joughin) (1990)

After leaving OLSH College I took a gap year to travel and fell in love with seeing the world and experiencing different cultures. I ended up working in the travel industry for twenty years in a number of roles at Peregrine Adventures and during this time I was awarded the Managing Directors Award and Manager of the Year. I was lucky enough to travel to all 7 continents.

I have more recently spent time working and volunteering in the sport industry. With over 30 years experience in netball as either a coach, umpire, player or parent, I have been working for Netball Victoria for the past seven years. The girls all play netball and each of them has experienced the thrill of a Grand Final win with their mum as coach. One of my goals is to take to the netball court with all 3 girls which we hope to do once Sienna turns 14 next year.

I still fill in for the 'Bundies' netball team which I joined back in Year 7 at OLSH! A few past OLSH students still play (Jenni Fenton, Sharon & Penni McGill) and we even get our daughters to join us!

This year has been very special as we have three daughters at OLSH at the one time - Charli (Year 12), Lexi (Year 10) and Sienna (Year 7). Our experience has been brilliant to date and it has the same nurturing feel that I knew was so special and unique during my time at OLSH. OLSH taught me the importance of family and friends and working to get the balance right between education and sporting activities. It also gave me confidence to believe I could do anything and the importance of a positive attitude to everything I take on. OLSH taught me to follow my passion.

George, myself and the girls are also involved with lifesaving and this is another area which we love to spend our time as a family as we often get to travel down the coast for the fun carnivals and activities around this.

We look forward to seeing what the next few years will bring. My advice is to follow your dreams, find your passion and if you can, work in that area, and you will never feel like you work a day in your life!



Anne Duff (nee Gleadall) (2002)

I am a counsellor, mental health worker, educator, and case manager, and have been working at the Country Fire Authority for a little under 5 years. In that time, I have worked with staff, volunteers, families, and young people across the state, including working in East Gippsland during the Black Summer fires.

After finishing at OLSH College in 2002, I went to La Trobe University, and completed degrees in medical science, and prosthetics and orthotics. When I finished school, I wasn't sure what career I wanted to pursue, and so worked and studied in different areas until I found something that suited the person I grew into. That learning took nearly 10 years. In 2008 I married the guy I started going out with in Year 10, and spent 2009 travelling around Australia doing student placements, before spending some time working in private practice as an orthotist. In 2011 I went back to university, doing postgraduate studies in counselling and psychotherapy, finishing my masters in 2012. After my masters, I worked in the community sector as a case worker for people living with mental illness, before moving to CFA in 2017. In 2019 and 2020, I was fortunate to participate in the Australian Mental Health Leaders Fellowship. This was an amazing opportunity to study and work with mental health leaders from across the country.

With my husband and pets, I moved to the Dandenong ranges a few years back, and am about to pack up and move further into Gippsland in the New Year.

Being an OLSH girl taught me a lot about compassion, patience, and empathy, values which have informed my life direction since leaving school. I've also learned that it's OK not to know your life plan at the end of Year 12, and that you can learn a lot from trying different things and changing direction, it makes you a more creative and diverse person.

Music was a big part of my life when I was at OLSH College, and is something I've continued with in the years since finishing school, I've also continued my interest in social causes through supporting the International Women's Development Agency, and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.



Taarika Bangalore (2011)

When I was at OLSH College, I could never have foreseen leaving Australia to study in the United States during Year 8, and I definitely wouldn't have predicted that I would be back in the USA to undertake my MBA at the University of California's Haas School of Business.

I had an interest in science and mathematics during school, so it seemed natural that I would pursue environmental engineering after I finished Year 12. When I wrapped up my degree, I faced two options, either play it safe with an engineering role, or take a risk with project management at Westpac. That element of taking calculated risks has followed me throughout my career and I have been lucky to experience launching banking projects that impacted over 2000 people across Australia. Some of these projects have included helping make sports facilities and educational buildings sustainable and working on a mobile app used by over 3.5 million people.

One piece of advice I can offer is to keep your eyes open for opportunities. If I had remained fixated on getting a particular job or working in a specific industry, I would have never found myself on the other side of the planet, learning about business from some of the most intelligent people in the world.

My time at OLSH College was integral in developing an attitude of service, another element that is integral to success. I believe that we have the responsibility to give back to communities using our skills, whether it is fundraising for a charity or volunteering at a local food bank.

I'm lucky to have met some of my closest friends at OLSH, my classmates have gone on to have personally and professionally fulfilling lives. I hope that you all enjoy the experience as much as I did; if you find yourself in California in the future, get in touch!

Above and Beyond

As the saying goes “Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.” If this is true then Maureen Malone and Howard Liston have had a hand in creating too many professionals to count during their 85 years of combined service to education at OLSH College Bentleigh.

The time has now come to thank and farewell these two outstanding educators. Principal, Ms Anne O’Loughlin, said recently at the final assembly for the year, “It is unlikely we will ever see teachers with so many years of service and such deep connections to the College again.”

Maureen Malone

Maureen Malone started as a student at OLSH College as a student in 1967 and returned to teach at the school in 1977. Maureen has spent a total of 41 years at OLSH when her years as both a student and teacher are combined. She has taught for 35 years at OLSH, plus six as a student and she has also taught at other schools for another five years 5 years.

Maureen has strong connections to the College across two generations, as she and her three sisters, four

daughters and five nieces also attended OLSH College.

Initially Maureen wanted to be a Librarian but her Year 12 English teacher thought that PE teaching would be more suited. She loved sport and was Green House Captain and Sports Captain. Maureen said, “I have enjoyed my career as a teacher and working closely with students. I have supported their aspirations and guided them through challenges and experiences of all sorts so they reached their potential and could be the best person they could be.”



Maureen has held many roles at the College such as Sports Coordinator, Head of Physical Education & Health, Year 10 Coordinator, Daily Organiser, VCAL Coordinator and Pathways Coordinator. She has taught a wide range of subjects including Physical Education, Health & Human Development, Geography, VET Sport & Recreation, VET Community Services and VCAL. Maureen has also been a teacher representative on the Parents and Friends Committee.

There have been so many treasured experiences over the years including



Maureen Malone (nee Wilson) fourth row, third from the left.

trips to Central Australia, Wadeye and Bathurst Island, Performing Arts trips to London and Paris and trips to Issoudun. Maureen also went on World Challenge trips, ski trips (20), Great Vic Bike rides (8), triathlons (10), many musicals and Rock Eisteddfods (15).

Maureen says, "People make a school. Students, teachers, parents, support staff, maintenance workers, cleaners, everyone. The staff do certainly care about the students. The school is not too big and you can get to know everyone." Maureen has seen so many changes over the years from teaching classes of 40 girls, supervising Saturday and Sunday sport, from running off works sheets on the roneo machines and getting blue dye everywhere to living in the digital world.

Maureen has no specific plans for her retirement at this stage, except to travel when the opportunity arises and to spend more time with her five grandchildren. She may even volunteer at the local Library, coming full circle.

Howard Liston

Howard started at OLSH College in 1977, 44 years ago. He selected teaching as a career after short term jobs tutoring maths and assisting with computer programming at Melbourne University. Howard has held a variety of positions at OLSH College including teacher of Maths, Physics, Science, Information Technology, and Head of Department: Science and Maths, Curriculum Coordinator, Timetabler, Daily Organiser and Howard also filled in as Deputy Principal for a term.

Howard lists his most treasured experiences as having met his future wife, Sue, whilst working at OLSH College and his involvement in school trips and productions, especially in the early days.



Howard Liston second row seated on right and Maureen Malone top row seated on right.

Howard explains why he thinks OLSH College is so special by saying "It is a very collegial place to work. The staff have always been friendly and helped each other. The girls are a delight to teach."

Howard has seen many changes during his tenure as a teacher and observed, "Teaching has steadily become much more complex and demanding. Although, thirty nine students in individualised, hands-on science classes with no lab technician was also challenging. I shudder to think what the OH&S Officer would think of some of our practices in those times."

He went on to say, "Lesson times have gone from eight 40-minute lessons per day to four 80-minute lessons to five 65-minute lessons and the last of these is my favourite. At the end of the year, instead of showing videos (for educational reasons of course) we now start the next year's work with Kickstart in the senior levels.

One great improvement has been the changes in the girls' uniforms from a drab brown through to greens, blue and now a touch of red.

Lastly, the physical resources of the school have developed through the buildings and the expansion of the grounds."

Howard has delayed his retirement for a few years past the usual date but now he feels that the time is right. He says, "I expect I will spend a lot of time on my property in the Yarra Valley. There will be some overseas travel (but limited for a while) and I expect to enjoy the football much more for the next few years now that the drought has broken."

Howard's parting comments are that in his opinion OLSH College girls are great, as were their mothers that he has taught. He says he needs to make sure he retires before he ends up having taught their grandmothers as well.

We are planning a special farewell function to acknowledge and celebrate Maureen and Howard's contribution to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Bentleigh and the wider educational community in the New Year, an invitation will be emailed to all alumnae, students, staff and families soon.

Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Day and Steps for the Sisters

As part of our Feast Day celebrations on Friday 10 September, OLSH College Bentleigh students and staff completed 'Steps for the Sisters' to raise money to help the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sisters care for those in need in South Africa, South Sudan, and the Philippines.

Other celebrations on Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Feast Day included special Zoom sessions with Just Dance, Staff versus Student quizzes, spelling bees, origami art, and a Plate of Origin cooking competition. There was also a fantastic OLSH Super Stars contest for students to showcase their considerable talents.

We thank everyone on the organising committee who did a tremendous job uniting our community in spirit, even though we were apart. We also thank all members of the OLSH College Bentleigh community for their kind generosity to this very worthy cause with \$12,985 raised to help those in need.



When: September 10
9am Prayer for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
9:30am Activities, competitions and 'Steps for the Sisters'
12pm OLSH Super Stars talent quest

ALL DONATIONS go directly to the OLSH Sisters working in South Africa, South Sudan and the Philippines.

Love is in the Air - our OLSH spirit's Everywhere!

OLSH College News

2022 Student Leaders

It is with delight that we congratulate the incoming Student Leaders of 2022, College Captains Joanne Bradshaw and Emily Collins and College Vice-Captains, Charlotte Bree and Christie Papadopoulos.



Joanne Bradshaw



Emily Collins



Charlotte Bree



Christie Papadopoulos.

Performing Arts Soiree

The talented Performing Arts students shone in a Soiree held at the College recently. The girls were so excited to take to the stage after not being able to for so long. The program featured an array of acts that showcased the depth of musical abilities and talents of the girls and they should be most proud of their wonderful performances.



Farewell 2021

We farewelled 2021 at OLSH College with a very special final day of school on 8 December. We were so thankful to be able to gather together as a whole school for our Advent Mass, celebrated by Fr. Martin. The prayers, readings, and homily focused on peace, love, happiness and joy, and the Christmas season. The singing was beautiful and everyone joined in as we sang many favourites hymns and carols. It was a fantastic end to the day with a feast of delicious food being served on the field. There were a range of fund raising activities were held in the last week of school with all donations going to St Vinnie's to provide vouchers for those in need this Christmas. Over \$ 6,700 was raised for this very worthy cause and we thank everyone for their kind generosity.





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