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Heart Service

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Reflections: Service to others



Caption: Students at the 2000 walkathon

For the past 85 years, the students, staff and families in our OLSH community have supported fundraising activities that have been passed on to those who serve. In the early days of the College, it was local families who fundraised to support the Sisters so that they could purchase land and develop buildings to provide education for girls in the community.

In later years, the annual walkathon was a major fundraiser to support the work of the Sisters in Australia and overseas. As we entered the new millennium in 2000, the College community focused on reconciliation with Indigenous Australians and raised more than \$9,000 for the provision of materials and programs in Bowraville NSW and Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory.

Our tradition of supporting those who serve continues and we're proud that it is embraced as strongly today as it was when the College was first built.

Editor's message

An important part of OLSH College life is finding ways to serve others and recognising those who make a contribution through service. Our Feast Day is a true celebration of this, bringing the College community and local supporters together to raise funds for our OLSH Sisters who serve locally and overseas.

We recognised those who have served as leaders and for their work in the community at our Regnet Christus Awards and we remembered the lifelong service of two OLSH Sisters who passed away recently and the legacy they have left. The stories of our OLSH alumnae also remind us of the culture of service that often had its foundation at the College, and we see through small acts of kindness and initiative of our students that serving others can make a real difference to those facing challenges in our local community.

Cath Ewart

*Director of Development
and Community Relations*

Principal's message

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Go out to all the world; proclaim the Good News to all creation."

Mark 16:15

Jesus was clear in his message to the disciples when he asked them to spread the Good News to all people, everywhere. What do we understand by Jesus' words Good News? Translated from the original Greek *euangelion*, to the Latin *Evangelium*, the Good News is an imperative to tell the world the story of the life of Jesus. Shusaku Endo the great Japanese author explained well what Jesus' life story was... "Jesus as I depict him is a person who lived for love and still more love..." (Shusaku Endo, *A Life of Jesus* Paulist Press).

When we do Heart Service at OLSH College we strive to be Heart people who touch the hearts of others. In whatever way we reach out or outreach in service to others we are in fact living the exact message of Jesus. Bringing the Good News to all. In our OLSH Tradition this Good News springs from a growing awareness and hopefully, an ever-deepening understanding of the boundless love that God has for each person.

There are words that we use to describe God's love such as compassion, service, empathy, forgiveness, acceptance, dignity, friendship, peace and many others. However, the key to being people who live the Jesus' message is that we actually are the example of God's love in the world, in the here and now. In this *Flame Magazine* you will read examples of this happening on every page. Every time we live out of love...and still more love, we are authentically being on earth the Heart of Christ. As one we are going out to all the world with the Good News. In the words that we pray everyday our lives are doing and saying

Ametur Ubique Terrarum cor Jesus Sacratissimum in aeternum

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Everywhere Loved. Forever.



Caption: Principal Anne O'Loughlin with Iris Morphett (Jules Chevalier Award) and Tahlia Mercuri (Marie Louise Hartzler Award)

Feast Day festivities

Our wonderful Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart celebration was extra special this year as we also celebrated the College's 85th birthday on that day. We chose our most special day of the year to honour the humble beginnings in 1938 of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, and the eight and a half decades since that have formed the story and spirit of OLSH.

Our Feast Day Mass was a beautiful start to this very special day, with joyful singing and a lovely feeling of our OLSH spirit filling the hall. Father Mark Hanns msc presented a wonderful homily and made mention of the energetic spirit of the students, staff and visitors participating in the Mass.



Then it was on to a day of fun and fundraising for the OLSH Sisters' mission work in Cebu in the Philippines. The theme was 'Heroes of History' and we saw a great range of costumes representing figures from centuries ago, right through to present day heroes. There were sporting figures, wild-life warriors, women pioneers and everyday people who are heroes to us. The delicious food offerings, rides, raffles and stalls raised more than \$20,000, for the mission work of the OLSH Sisters in Cebu in the Philippines.

The joy and enthusiasm of the students and staff from the celebration of the inspiring Mass through to the festivities of the day speaks strongly of our unity of purpose.



Celebrating excellence and achievement

Our Regnet Christus Ceremony is a highlight for our school year. We celebrated this special day in our newly refurbished hall, recognising the wonderful achievements of our students for 2023.

Our morning Awards Ceremony recognises student achievement across all areas of school life. Academic Awards, OLSH Spirit Awards, Sport, The Arts, All Rounder and Leadership Awards are among the many accolades received by our students. Regnet Christus Day is a day of joy and gratitude, a collective celebration that acknowledges the dedication and excellence exhibited by our students and staff throughout the year.

We were joined by State Member for Bentleigh Mr Nick Staikos MP and Federal Member for Goldstein Ms Zoe Daniel MP who each presented awards recognising leadership and community spirit. Congratulations to all our award winners.



VCE

2023 results

Our VCE results have again demonstrated the commitment to hard work and effort shown by our students to pursue excellence and achieve wonderful results. We witnessed a breadth of talent across all subjects in our VCE and VCEVM subjects and inspiring assessment pieces that contributed to these results. We are proud of every student for their individual achievements.

Our College Dux with an ATAR of 98.95 was Mary Moss, who also received two perfect scores of 50 for Art Creative Practices and Art Making and Exhibiting. Our Proxime Accessit was Halle Schroor with an ATAR of 97.85 and we had 16 students with an ATAR above 90. Thirty-eight per cent of our students received an ATAR over 80.

We acknowledge and thank our OLSH College families for the support they have provided their daughters during their education journey. We are especially grateful to our teachers whose professionalism and commitment have helped these students to achieve their best.

As they begin their journey beyond secondary school, we thank the Class of 2023 for all that they have contributed to the life and legacy of the College over their time here. May they continue to strive for excellence and share their talents and the OLSH spirit as they take on every opportunity in their future.

Results

College Dux Mary Moss – **ATAR 98.95**

Proxime Accessit Halle Schroor – **ATAR 97.85**

16% of students achieved **ATARs above 90**

38% of students achieved **ATARs above 80**

Two perfect student scores of 50 were achieved by **Mary Moss** – Art Creative Practice and Art Making and Exhibiting



Caption: College Dux Mary Moss



Caption: Proxime Accessit Halle Schroor



Caption: Some of our 2023 VCE students joined us for morning tea on results day

Samoa

Immersion



We were thrilled to have our first immersion trip since 2019 in September. Sixteen students and staff spent ten days in Samoa, developing an understanding of their culture and way of living and working with the OLSH sisters at St Peters Primary School in Falefa.

From their floral lei welcome through their farewell at a special assembly at St Peters, the experience was rich with cultural activities, shared learning and a deepening of the connection with our OLSH community.

Our OLSH students spent time in the classroom, helping with learning and leading activities and joined the students for games during lunch and recess. They visited the beautiful parish church and cooled off at the local cave pool and enjoyed time together preparing meals for themselves and the Sisters.

The highlight was joining St Peter's for their cultural day, a wonderful celebration on the theme of 'valuing your culture and being proud of it'. Preparation for the day started the night before with senior students and teachers staying at the school to prepare coals for the cooking that starts at 4am. Each house presented dancing, singing and craft activities, with Blue house being awarded first prize, and the day finished with a delicious meal together.

A special farewell assembly was held to say goodbye to OLSH Bentleigh students and staff, followed by a special morning tea with the Sisters to thank them for their hospitality, and share breakfast and a special cake together.

Through this immersion, these staff and students have seen firsthand the difference the fundraising we do can make for this community and are inspired to continue this work.

Engaging in outreach such as this immersion is an important way that we respond to the Call of the Gospel "Go Out to all the world and tell the Good News" (Mark 16: 15) which is so connected to "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Everywhere Loved!"



"The immersion to Samoa was an incredibly grounding experience, witnessing the sisters and students' gratitude, generosity, and deep devotion to faith."
Keiva Kell



"The Samoa immersion deepened my appreciation for all opportunities I have. I loved helping the grade 6 students with geometry, and it gave me so much joy to see how happy the students were when they understood the work."
Charlotte Soderland



Prize-winning students

Michaela's National award-winning essay

We were delighted to hear that Year 10 student Michaela Knobel was awarded the 2023 Victorian Young Historian Gold Award (Indigenous History) in the National History Challenge. Michaela completed a historical inquiry on the 1970 Day of Mourning as part of her studies in Year 10 History.

The theme for the History Challenge in 2023 'Change and continuity' and students were invited to consider events, periods, decisions, individuals or groups in various fields, for example, fashion, medicine or social movements in different eras.

"I was inspired to write about this topic as it is an important issue and is still very relevant today. By writing this essay, it shed light on the history of Indigenous civil rights here in Australia, how much progress they've made but also how much we have left to do to work towards reconciliation," Michaela said.

Michaela presented her work to a panel of judges who rated her work as outstanding and she was presented with the Gold Award at the awards ceremony. Congratulations Michaela on winning this very special award.

"When I won this prize, I was surprised but also very honoured. I believe education of history is essential as we learn from past wrongs and how we can move forward together in the right direction," Michaela said.



Caption: Michaela with Year 10 Humanities Teacher Mr Timothy Krysko

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State champions have the right chemistry

Shades of pink were the colours of the day when our Year 11 Chemistry students participated in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute's Titration Competition.

Working in teams of three, the students competed against more than 200 teams from across the state and produced the ultimate result – the number one ranking in the State for team members Heidi Edge, Jasmine Gutierrez and Eleanor Douglas. Another team were awarded Gold and we also received two silver, two bronze and two participation awards.

Chemistry teacher Mrs Angela Burke said she was thrilled with the result. "The competition provided students with an opportunity to conduct an experiment in very precise laboratory conditions. They performed two sets of acid-base titrations to determine the unknown concentration of a weak acid in a supplied solution. The end result was a pink solution, with the paler ones being the most accurate," said Mrs Burke.



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Caption: Students completing the titration competition

Vale

We were saddened to learn of the passing of two devoted OLSH Sisters who have had a connection with the College and our current and past staff and students. May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart hold them gently in her care and may their souls rest in peace.



Sr. Robyn Reynolds
fdnsc (1942 – 2023)

Sister Robyn's lifelong ministry was characterised by her qualities as a passionate, brilliant, enthusiastic, creative teacher, linguist, lecturer, advocate, spiritual companion and so much more.

She grew up in regional Victoria and made her first vows in 1965 and completed her teacher training before moving to Darwin, beginning a journey of the heart for her that would span two decades in the Northern Territory. Sister Robyn lived and worked with Aboriginal families, was the Dean of Catholic Students at Nungalinga College and learnt the Arrernte language.

For the last twenty years, she took up ministry with Yarra Theological union and also worked with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria. Sister Robyn lived with the Bentleigh Community for nearly 20 years and was a frequent visitor to the College for staff spirituality days.

A group of OLSH College students participated in Sister Robyn's service and formed a guard of honour after the service as a sign of respect. We will miss her vision, wisdom, inspiration, kindness and joyful smile that brightened our lives.



Sr. Eileen Kennedy
fdnsc (1931 – 2023)

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.'

These words from the Gospel of John capture the essence of Sister Eileen's life. She was a woman of deep faith with absolute trust in God.

Born and raised in Bentleigh, Sister Eileen went to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College and was the eldest of six children. The Kennedy family were loyal supporters of the College during this time, often providing vegetables from their market garden.

Sister Eileen was the first of three Kennedy sisters to make join the OLSH Sisters. After making her vows and completing her teacher training, at just 22 years of age Sister Eileen set off by boat to Kiribati. Despite the challenges of extreme heat and minimal resources, Sister Eileen felt a sense of deep peace here and would go on to devote 68 years of her life to the people of Kiribati.

Sister Eileen spent her final years at Hartzler Park in Bowral NSW where many of our recent staff and students would have met her. May her faith-filled soul now rest in peace.



Caption: OLSH College students formed a guard of honour at Sister Robyn's funeral

85th birthday celebrations

In 2023 we celebrated 85 years since the College was established and we marked this special birthday throughout the year. A special logo was created and we launched our new House crests, reflecting the stories of our House patrons, and the mottos that reflect their contribution to our OLSH history.

During the year, we reflected on the stories of those who came before us – the first four students who achieved matriculation, the students who established our traditions such as Feast day and House chants, the leaders who invested in buildings and technology to support education excellence and the many, many students who built and carry with them our OLSH spirit.

Our building program continued during our 85th year, with major works to connect the Performing Arts Centre and Hall, an upgrade to the Food Technology space and new music and drama rooms.

We finished the year with 85 themed cupcakes and a drone photo taken of the whole school forming the number 85.

The sense of connection to our Heart Spirit finds its foundation and strength in the stories of those who have lived this spirit across these past 85 years.



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150th Anniversary of the OLSH Sisters

It is going to be a year of celebration as we mark 150 years since the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart were established in Issoudun, France on 30th August 1874.

From those early years when there were just five professed members in a small town in France, the work and mission of the OLSH Sisters has spread to 27 countries across the world truly demonstrating their vision of 'mission without limits'.

As we celebrate and reflect in this anniversary year, we will remember the courage of those first five Sisters who came by boat to Australia to establish the missions in Oceania including Papua New Guinea, Kiribati and the Philippines, as well as many places across Australia.

Through these missions, lives have been changed, communities have been supported and children have been educated, and throughout all of this, relationships have been formed. So it will be with great joy that we celebrate those relationships and the work of the OLSH Sisters this year, and reflect on the place of all in the OLSH College Bentleigh community in that story.

Across the year we will see celebrations here at OLSH Bentleigh, as well as at Hartzler Park in Bowral NSW. We are hoping to have a staff and student group visit Thursday Island, where Sister Margaret Sweeney made her vows, and a group of our students will visit Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School in Elmore, establishing a relationship with this regional Victorian school.

Fundraising will continue to be a focus, particularly supporting a project to provide clean drinking water in Cebu in the Philippines. An OLSH Sisters Anniversary Rose will be available to purchase as part of this fundraising.

Above all, the OLSH Sisters are hoping for a year of great joy and celebration of all who are part of the OLSH community. As Sister Liz Taylor told us at our opening staff mass this year, 'people have always been the focus for the OLSH Sisters – we see you and we love you, and God loves with a human heart, no one is excluded.'

Supporting the OLSH Sisters Overseas Aid Fund

Many of our fundraising activities, such as the Lenten Appeal and Feast Day, support the work of the OLSH Sisters Overseas Aid Fund. This fund supports programs in the areas of education, healthcare and social and community development in regions including Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

If you'd like to know more or donate to the fund, visit <https://www.olshaustralia.org.au/overseasaid/olsh-overseas-aid.html>.



Chevalier Year Celebrations

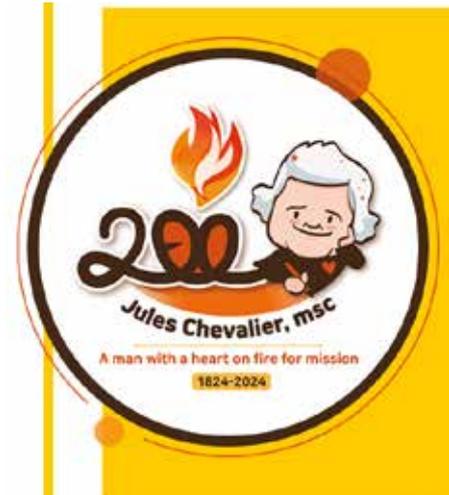
This year is also a special one for the Chevalier family as we celebrate the 200th birthday of Father Jules Chevalier on 15th March 2024. Worldwide the year is being called 'Chevalier Year' and there will be celebrations in many countries to mark this important date.

A special logo has been designed encapsulating many of the symbols that are important to our charism and the life of Jules Chevalier – the Holy spirit shaped by a dove and a flame, the number 200 incorporating a heart and Jules' white hair symbolizing wisdom.

Father Chevalier established the Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC) in Issoudun, France in 1854 and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart twenty years later. His vision was that all people would know that God loved them and he gave us our very special prayer, May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved. Forever.

Jules Chevalier saw a particular value in the education of girls, as a way of proclaiming and giving witness to the love of God in our world and we proudly continue that vision today at OLSH College Bentlyigh.

We will be celebrating this special day as a community and reflecting with gratitude the legacy of Father Jules Chevalier's vision and our place in this special story.



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Alumnae profiles



Sharee Phillips
(Rayner, Class of 1994)

After graduating OLSH in 1994, I completed a Bachelor of Applied Science with a focus on Intellectual Disability Studies and a Bachelor of Nursing. I continued my studies with Post Graduate certificates in Advanced Dermoscopy and Dermal Imaging at the University of Queensland and further postgraduate studies in Skin Cancer Medicine, Wound Closure and Suturing, Wound Management and a Certificate IV in Training and Education. I have enjoyed my career as a Registered Nurse and in more recent years as a Clinical Nurse Educator and Academic Course Writer.

My current role with the Benchmark Group enables me to travel around the country delivering healthcare education to paramedics, nurses, emergency and primary healthcare professionals, General Practitioners and Registrars.

Attending OLSH was critical to my academic development and provided the foundations of emotional maturity and growth that I have used consistently in my personal and professional life. As a Community Liaison Officer, working in hospitals and the healthcare industry and as a paediatric palliative care professional in extremely challenging situations, I have often reflected on the spiritual connections I have with the College. Reflective practice is a fundamental nursing skill, and OLSH laid the foundations for this practice well in all its teachings.

My favourite memory during my time at OLSH was Mr Williams telling me: 'Always do your research, the writing will come, you must do your reading and your research'. And Mrs Nicholson: 'Write what you know and write what you love'. I have lived by these words of advice, and they have taken me so far in my career. I cannot thank them both enough.

I live in Brighton with my partner and love working and volunteering with the RSPCA in my spare time. We love to travel and have been privileged to travel the world with my son, of whom I am so proud. The highlight of my life was the birth of my son, closely followed by his graduation from St Bedes and his joining the police force.

My advice to current OLSH College students is to listen to your teachers. The guidance they can provide you with is invaluable and may last a lifetime!



Alison Cassidy
(Munari, Class of 2003)

When I left OLSH, I faced uncertainty about my future career path. All I was certain of was my love for design, so my options came down to two choices - Interior Design or Graphic Design. During this uncertainty, I embarked on a year-long, intensive program at 'Brighton Bay Art Design and Photography College' which allowed me to create a folio to commence my degree of choice. Subsequently, I completed a degree in Communication Design at Swinburne University.

After university, I started working in the field of graphic design. As time passed, my passion for design began to wane, and I felt a strong calling towards a the teaching profession. I found myself returning to university to complete a Diploma of Education, then started working in a job I truly loved. Teaching teenagers in Art and Visual Communication Design allowed me to maintain my creative side.

I quickly moved into leadership roles, progressing from Head of Faculty to Head of Year, Dean of Academics, Sub-School Leader, and ultimately, I now hold the position of Director of Senior Years at an Independent all-girls school in Melbourne.

I live in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, am happily married and blessed with two young boys, aged 5 and 7. Throughout my journey, I have remained dedicated to following my beliefs and maintaining a positive mindset, shaping my life into what it is today.

OLSH holds a special place in my heart, filled with many happy memories. I had a passion for sports and the arts, but what I treasured most were the friendships I formed. The College had a close-knit, tight community that I truly adored. It was a place where you didn't get lost in the crowd, which can often be the case in larger schools. I consider myself fortunate to have had a group of friends who were the anchor of my school days.

I have learnt that it is important to be gentle with yourself. Understand that you don't need to have everything neatly planned out, as life often ebbs and flows like waves, and it's essential to ride those waves. I've encountered numerous challenges in my life, and I've learned that maintaining a positive mindset is the key to progressing rather than remaining stagnant. Remember that each day presents a new beginning, and failures serve as valuable lessons to be embraced and learned from.

Experiencing OLSH together

For nearly a decade from 2007, there is a good chance that you would run into a Cleary in a classroom with the four Cleary sisters attending the College during that time. We caught up with them to see what they are up to now and what their experience of being at OLSH together was like.

Victoria (Class of 2012) studied a Bachelor of Business (Psychology at Monash University and took on a HR Graduate role with American International Group (AIG), taking her to New York twice. She is currently a Learning and Organisational Development Advisor at a medical research institute in Melbourne.

Charlotte (Class of 2013) studied Physiotherapy at Charles Sturt University in Albury and immediately developed a love for rural life. She has been working as a hospital physiotherapist, primarily in NSW and will soon move back to Victoria, after some overseas travel to Sri Lanka and Japan.

Sarah (Class of 2015) completed a Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Business Administration at Australian Catholic University and Radboud University in the Netherlands. She is a Clinical Liaison and Research Nurse at Calvary Healthcare in the Progressive Neurological Disease Service and recently completed a Post-Graduation Certificate in Public Health.

Bridget (Class of 2017) studied at Bachelor of International Business and Monash University and worked in administration in the legal industry for a few years. After travelling around Europe for three months, this year she started working at Mt Buller as the Executive Assistant to the Managing Director.

So what was it like to be one of four at the College? "Starting high school was not so daunting knowing your older sisters would be there. When it was time for Bridget to enter Year 7 I wanted to guide and support her, just as Victoria and Charlotte had done for me. We remain very close as sisters and continue to support each other to be the best versions of ourselves and pursue our goals," Sarah said.

As the second Cleary, Charlotte felt a need to uphold Victoria's reputation for intelligence and good behaviour, while forging her own independence and remembers all four sisters walking to school together for one year. "We were so excited when Vic got her licence and could drive us all," Charlotte said.

The shared House experience was strong for Bridget who recalled a sense of representing her family as well as Xavier at House events.



"There is a common theme to the values that the Cleary's attribute to their time at OLSH – courage, compassion, working in a team, strong moral compass and the importance of friendships."

Caption Back row Bridget, Charlotte and Sarah. Front row mum Liz Mekken and Victoria

There is a common theme to the values that the Cleary's attribute to their time at OLSH – courage, compassion, working in a team, strong moral compass and the importance of friendships. Victoria said "Respect and care for others in the community" are the values she carries with her from her time at OLSH.

And the best thing about having sisters at the College? "Getting lunch orders four times a year for our birthdays. I have strong memories of the caramel mates that were a favourite treat," said Victoria.

Reunions

In our 85th year, we welcomed six decades of students back to the College for reunions, each bringing with them their own memories and reflections of life as an OLSH College student.

In October, the Class of 2003 returned for their 20 Year Reunion. It was lovely to share memories with these past students who attended the College at a time when we introduced the current House names and celebrated the 60th birthday of the College.

We are looking forward to welcoming back the Classes of 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 and 2014 back to the College this year. Our 2024 reunion dates are listed to the right. Check the Alumnae page on our website for booking details.

Class of 1994 30 year reunion	Friday 23 February, 6pm to 7.30pm
Class of 2014 10 year reunion	Friday 19 April, 6pm to 7.30pm
Class of 1974 50 year reunion	Saturday 18 May, 11.30am to 2pm
Class of 2004 20 year reunion	Friday 25 October, 6pm to 7.30pm
Class of 1984 40 year reunion	Friday 8 November, 6pm to 7.30pm

Class of 2003 20 Year Reunion



Welcoming our newest Alumnae members

To welcome the Class of 2023 as our newest OLSH Alumnae, we have provided them with their unique OLSH College number. Each student who has enrolled at the College in the past 85 years has been assigned a number that is uniquely theirs and represents the place they hold in the College's history.

Would you like to know your OLSH College number? Send an email to alumnae@olsh.vic.edu.au and we'll let you know what it is.



Caption *The Class of 2003 reminiscing together at their 20 year reunion*

News in brief



1 Collecting Donations for Share the Dignity

Year 10 student Zara Greco and a team of helpers took the initiative to collect donations for the *Share the Dignity* campaign, providing bags of toiletries to girls and women facing homelessness and other challenges. The items were thoughtfully donated and assembled into 81 bags that the students dropped off at Bunnings on a weekend. Thank you to all who supported this special activity.

2 A Visit from Dr Christine Connors

We were fortunate to have former OLSH College student Dr Christine Connors (Class of 1976) visit the College. Dr Connors has been working in Northern Territory public health for more than three decades, leading the Preventable Chronic Disease Program and was appointed as Chief Health Officer of the NT earlier this year. Christine spoke with our Year 8 and 9 students about her career and reflected on her time at OLSH, passing on wisdom to current students about career and life decisions and opportunities. Thanks for taking the time to visit Christine, and for all that you've contributed to public health during your career.

3 Music Concerts

We were treated to an evening of musical talent at our Semester 2 Instrumental Music Concerts. The first concert showcased our bands, instrumental ensembles and solo instrumentalists and the second concert featured our vocalists and choral ensembles. Well done to all performers and to our instrumental music teachers for the work they've done with our musicians in 2023.



4 **Visual Arts and Design Exhibition**

Our Visual Arts and Design Exhibition was a wonderful showcase of the talents and creativity of our students in the Arts and Technology subjects. We were very fortunate to have local award-winning artist Pamela Irving with us to open the exhibition.

The volume and breadth of pieces displayed demonstrated the range of styles and techniques that the students worked on during the year, in traditional and new media areas. Our Product Design and Technology students presented a fast-paced fashion parade of the clothing they've produced this year, including hoodies, evening dresses and clothes made from reclaimed fabric.

Well done to all students involved and to our Art and Technology staff for continuing to inspire the creativity of our students.

5 **Our 2024 Student Leaders**

We were delighted to announce our College Leaders for 2024. Congratulations to College Captain Mia Karvounaris, College Vice Captain Emilia Brusco and Senior College Prefects Channelle Abdulkaki and Alexandra Tzimourtas. Our Student Executive will be supported by a team of student leaders from across all year levels, to lead activities and bring the student voice to our community.

We are inspired by the dedication and commitment to our school community of our leaders and are excited to see the positive impact they will make this year. Thank you to our 2023 Year 12 leaders for all they contributed to the College – enthusiasm, mentoring, kind words and a wonderful OLSH spirit that have left a lasting legacy.

6 **Sport Awards**

We celebrated the year in sport at our annual Sports Awards, recognising students who have represented the College in 16 different sports across the year. We witnessed wonderful results across the range of sports, the development of new skills, records broken and team comradere strengthened.

Well done to all coaches and competitors and to families for supporting us at sporting events this year.



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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Bentleigh stands on the lands of the Bunurong people and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

Front cover: The 85 formation on the field for our 85th birthday

Back cover: Highlights from OLSH College life in Semester 2, 2023

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