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St Mary's College Seymour

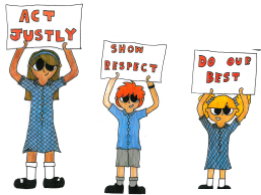
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St Mary's College Vision Statement

A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future.

We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.

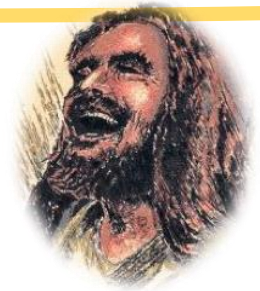


St Mary's College Seymour is a **Child Safe School**. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

From the Principal



Gracious God, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to act; so that 'we are shining lamps, giving light to all around us'.



Dear Parents and Guardians,



Shepherds

"Off to one side sits a group of shepherds. They sit silently on the floor, perhaps perplexed, perhaps in awe, no doubt in amazement. Their night watch had been interrupted by an explosion of light from heaven and a symphony of angels. God goes to those who have time to hear him—and so on this cloudless night he went to simple shepherds." Max Lucado

The Reason for the Season

'When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no room for them at the inn, they were forced to find lodging elsewhere, probably in a cave where animals were staying. When Jesus was born, Mary would not have wanted to lay her infant on the hard, cold, stone floor. Instead, she had to make do with what was available and the manger proved to be a convenient alternative: the hay was soft, the box was up and off the ground, and the sides tall enough to keep her child safely inside.' Once laid there, an angel told the shepherds that they would find their newborn Messiah and Lord "lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12). They went in haste and found the child in the feeding trough and they feasted their eyes on him (Lk 2:16).

Father Michael Van Sloun

Parish Connections

Fr Ashkar and I meet weekly to catch up on general school matters and archdiocesan news. It is important to keep Fr Eugene up to date with the life of the College. The year of Covid-19 has been difficult for all and no less for priestly life and thank you to Fr Eugene for his support of the College. In 2021 we will look further to providing families with more opportunities

to be offered the sacramental program, especially through baptism as parents at enrolment interviews recognise the importance of the Colleges holistic belief and sacramental pathway for their children.

Positions of Leadership Renewal

As has been mentioned in previous Marian's the College Review was held last year as all Catholic School's undergo a cyclical review program within the model of the Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) School Improvement Framework (SIF). The College leadership structure required renewal and this began in the latter part of 2019 and was completed by the end of Term Three 2020. Leadership positions were advertised with a three-year appointment in line with the Strategic Plan. In February of this year the area of Learning Diversity was reviewed by Catholic Education Melbourne. This review was important to ensure the College continues with best practice in line with CEM expectations and Federal Government NCCD protocols.

Congratulations to the following staff appointed in Positions of Leadership as from 2021:

Deputy Principal Operations: Mrs Genevieve Gordon

Director Faith & Mission: Mrs Rochelle Gough

Director Learning & Teaching: Mrs Christine Buhler

Director Wellbeing: Mrs Allison Moore

Leader Learning Diversity: Mrs Claire Kelly

Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator: Mrs Anne Spencer

Secondary Pastoral Care Coordinator: Mrs Angela Molinaro

Leader Numeracy: Mr Darcy McLean

Leader Data Analysis & SIMON: Mrs Andrea Richards

Leader Primary Literacy: Mrs Kerrie Pearce

Leader Secondary Literacy: Mrs Lorna Hooper

Daily Operations: Mr Leigh Krammer

Sports Coordinator: Mrs Mary Tampion

VIT/Coaching: Mrs Donna Osborne

Parent Engagement Coordinator: Mrs Catherine Evans

The VIT/Coaching and Parent Engagement Coordinator are new positions of responsibility and will support both staff development and parent engagement.

Primary Learning Centre

In 2019 the College began working with ROAM architects and Stephanie Wood from CEM to fulfil State government requirements for the 2018 State Election Grant of 2018 (\$1.4 million). One of the main criteria of the grant was to ensure the project is completed by the end of 2021. This is a significant boost for our College and the Primary Learning Centre will be an excellent educational learning environment. Moretto Building Pty Ltd of Shepparton were the successful tenders and will begin site works in January 2021. The College thanks Fr Ashkar and the parish community for working with the College to move the car park to the southern side of the Church. The car park is an excellent site for construction and will save on management and groundworks costs.

Mercy Centre

The Chapel is undergoing refurbishment. The chapel will be a gathering place for liturgy, reflective opportunities and small group meetings. Sr Sylvia Williams RSM a former principal of Sacred Heart College Seymour visited the College to offer her advice on the chapel. Former St Mary's teacher Mr Brian O'Dwyer will donate his time to build a portable altar. How wonderful it will be to return the College Chapel to the College community. The former Admin Office in the Mercy Centre will become a flexible meeting room. Shearer Construction are completing these works.

Post Graduate Studies

Congratulations to Ms Davies (Grad Cert Education Literacy Intervention); Mrs Pearce and Ms Hurst (Masters Allied School Psychology) and Mr Krammer (Masters in Religious Education or Theology) on being accepted into these 2021 courses that are co-sponsored by CEM; Australian Catholic University and the College.

House (Mentor) Groups

St Mary's secondary students will begin an exciting Pastoral program in 2021 with House Mentors. House Mentors is a proven model used extensively in many Catholic Secondary schools. The model is based on an integrated approach with families in the same Mentor group and students from across 7-10 in the same House group. A prime strength of the House Mentor system is to provide in-service for the Year 10 students to become peer leaders promoting a sense of belonging for students to their Mentor group and House. Mrs Moore, the 2021 Director of Wellbeing is researching primary and secondary Positive Behaviour programs currently in use in Australian Catholic schools to implement a St Mary's program from F-10 inclusive of age-appropriate activities.

St Mary's Child and e-Safety Committee

In 2021 this committee will be formed and consist of membership from staff, student and parent representatives. The Police Youth Liaison Officer has also been invited to join the committee to meet each term to discuss programs and education for our students and to consider parent education on e-Safety.

Farewell and Welcome

Our best wishes and congratulations go to Miss Fuhrmeister and Ms Dovara who are moving to new schools in 2021. Elizabeth began at St Mary's in 2016 and her impressive teaching skills, love of the students and welcoming smile in a caring classroom atmosphere are all obvious to colleagues and parents. Zine first began at St Mary's in 1991 to 1994 and returned to St Mary's in 2013. Zine's leadership roles at St Mary's have included Coordination of P-6; 5-7 and for the past two years as the Deputy Principal Wellbeing and is always willing to assist and care for others with a generous spirit. On behalf of the College community thank you to Zine and Elizabeth for their contributions to the story of St Mary's and our best wishes go with them for the future.

In 2021 we welcome to the College staff Miss Kaylee Jones Science/PE and Miss Seejal Sunilkumar Science/Mathematics. Miss Courtney Aldous will join the staff as a Tutor within the 2021 Tutor Grant Scheme.

Defence School Mentor Program

Interviews will be held Thursday to appoint a College Defence School Mentor for 2021. Aileen Kris the Regional Defence Education Liaison Officer for Victoria and Tasmania will join the interview panel.

Award Winners

Congratulations to all students who have received awards at the Awards Presentation. Your hard work, dedication and commitment have been rewarded. *You reap what you sow* is very true in any field of endeavour.

Go Safely

Our blessings and best wishes to families leaving St Mary's, especially to the Defence Force families and families moving from the area. Thank you for your contribution to St Mary's and may you go safely and always experience good health and fond memories of your time at St Mary's.

Primary Classes 2021

F-6 parents will be informed of class teachers Friday afternoon. Normally, parents would be informed earlier but due to a position still to be finalised a letter will be emailed to parents on Friday.

Early Term 1 2021 dates

27/1 Staff Return; Year 7 Laptop Roll out

28/1 Foundation; Year 7; Year 10 begin

29/1 F-10; Year 1-6 & 7-9 begin

Christmas, the time of joy and family. Blessings on all St Mary's families for a peaceful Christmas and especially to those families who will miss having a loved one with them this year. Christmas is when families do their best to come together and attend a Christmas Eve Mass and reflect on even if for a moment the reason for the season. Local Christmas Mass Times:

*Christmas Eve: 7.00pm St Mary's Catholic Church Seymour
Christmas Day: 8.00am St Joseph's Catholic Church Tallarook
10.00am St Mary's Catholic Church Seymour*

On behalf of College staff thank you for your support during the 2020. Go gently if you are travelling on the roads over Christmas and the New Year.

Best Wishes.



Wayne Smith
Principal

*DipEd (ACU) DipREd (ACU) BEd (ACU) Grad Cert EdAdmin (Edith Cowan)
GradDipRed (ACU) MEd Admin (Charles Sturt) MTheoSudies (BBITAITE)*

Advent



Reindeer Biscuits

1/2D put on their chefs hats and made some reindeer biscuits. Before they started, they had to write a procedural text for them to then follow. They thoroughly enjoyed eating the final product!



Christmas Around the World

Our students have been moving between the 1/2 classrooms completing an 'Around the World' activity. Each 1/2 classroom is a different country where we learn about the Christmas traditions of that country. 1/2 B have been learning about Christmas in Germany in these pictures.





From the Office

Bell Times 2020

*Supervision of students begins at
8:30am*

Homeroom	8:45 – 8:55
Period 1	8:55 – 9:55
Period 2	9:55 – 10:55
Recess	10:55 – 11:20
Period 3	11:25 – 12:25
Period 4	12:25 – 1:25
Lunch	1:25 – 2:10
Period 5	2:15 – 3:15

Term Dates 2021

Term 1: 28/1 – 01/04

Term 2: 19/04 – 25/06

Term 3: 12/07 – 17/09

Term 4

Week 10	Fri 11 Dec	Last Day for Year 7-9 Students
Week 11	Wed 16 Dec	Last Day for Foundation-Year 6 Students
	Thu 17 Dec	College Office won't be open until 9:30 am
	Fri 18 Dec	Last Day for Staff
Term 1 2021		
	Wed 20 Jan	8:30 am College Office reopens for 2021
Week 1	Tue 26 Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday
	Wed 27 Jan	Staff Return Year 7 Laptop Information and rollout 6-8pm
	Thu 28 Jan	First day for Foundation, Year 7 and Year 10
	Fri 29 Jan	First day for Year 1-6 and Year 8-9

St Mary's College

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St Mary's Parish Seymour ~ St Joseph's Tallarook

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

Telephone: (03) 9412 8406 / 0455 123 509

Mass Times: St Mary's - SAT 6:00pm, SUN 10:00am;
St Joseph's - SUN 8:30am

On the golf course

On Saturday, 28 of November. Year 8 student Alex Potts and his team won a Memorial Day playing golf. They had 65 shots and a net of 51 which was enough to win the day. The team consisted of 3 junior players and an adult who had the will and skill to beat 34 other teams. Alex is a big hitter who can hit a ball 280 metres and he came close to a hole in one (3m away).

Well done to Alex and his team. A great day of golf!

A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus with a white beard and red suit, driving a red fire truck. The truck has 'No 1' written on its side and a fire department emblem. The truck is loaded with various items on its back.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020 AT 5 PM UTC+11

Santa comes to Seymour

For more information <https://fb.me/e/11e7twcYj>

A graphic for Victoria's container deposit scheme. It features a blue background with the text 'Victoria's container deposit scheme' in white. Below the text is the slogan 'It's time to have your say!' and illustrations of various beverage containers (a carton, a bottle, a can) and gold coins.

Victoria's
**container
deposit scheme**

It's time to have your say!

The Victorian Government is introducing a container deposit scheme (CDS) to increase beverage container recycling and reduce litter in Victoria.

A container deposit scheme works by applying a small deposit to beverages sold to consumers which covers the cost of recycling. When the empty beverage containers – such as those in plastic, glass bottles and aluminium cans, are returned to a refund collection point, a cash refund can be collected for each container returned.

This consultation seeks your views on the proposed design for Victoria's container deposit scheme and how it should operate. Key design choices such as how the deposit is received, types of eligible containers and types of refund collection infrastructure will all influence your experience with the CDS and how much you'll want to use it. This is your opportunity to have your say, so that our scheme best suits Victoria's needs.

More information can be found at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme> or watch this YouTube clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vxtjll3J3d4&feature=emb_logo



Family Christmas Movie



Fancy Dress



Nativity Scene



Christmas Story

Jumping
Castle



Free entry – basic Snacks for sale.



Huge 4m Outdoor Screen

@ Seymour Uniting Church 11-13 Crawford St

Friday 18 December 2020

Book online via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNIKY>

Gates open at 7pm.

BYO outdoor chair/rugs.



More info:

Facebook: Seymour, Avenel/Nagambie Uniting Church.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2056705624460161>

Contact Michael: 0458 742 362

Serving our community.

