

Our Lady of the  
Sacred Heart College  
KENSINGTON



# PROSPECTUS

*A community of the heart,  
living and learning together*

# Welcome to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College

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*As Principal of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, my vision is to ignite within each and every young woman a passion to be future leaders, innovators, continuous learners, responsible global citizens and above all else, to be resilient women who touch the heart of others.*

Since 1913, OLSH has embraced a culture of educational excellence – developing young women of the heart, who are empowered to use their creativity and imagination in an environment that cultivates their ability to love and lead with love, so they can be the future leaders and changemakers in our world.

## Holistic Development

Centred on holistic development, we know our young women are growing up as human beings. Our community is one that develops in all students their faith, character, wellness and competencies. Our young women develop an understanding of self and service, as they are empowered to manage who they are and what is expected of them, in a safe and caring space. In an empathetic, faith-filled environment, students engage in authentic, active learning opportunities that are interconnected with their social and emotional development.

OLSH offers a rich and diverse co-curricula program that caters for all students' interests and pursuits. Whether you are a competitive athlete, gifted musician, debater, public speaker or eSports enthusiast, there is something for every girl to nourish their all-round development.



We are a community that fosters a culture of continuous improvement as our staff and students are engaged and constantly seeking to learn and grow. As we move through this next decade, the College is committed to the pursuit of excellence, as we ignite in our young women an aspiration to be truth seekers, curious in their approach, collaborative in their way of operating and empathetic in nature. Women who touch the heart of others.

I encourage you to experience for yourself the heart of this wonderful community. We warmly welcome you to visit our College and explore our journey into the future of education.

**Brigid Taylor**  
College Principal





## *The Four Pillars of OLSH Education*



*We are Heart  
people who are  
Faith Filled*



*We are Heart  
people who Reverence  
Relationships*



*We are Heart  
people who Pursue  
Excellence*



*We are Heart  
people who Touch the  
Heart of Others*



# Our Vision & Mission

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*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Kensington was founded by the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in 1913, in the tradition of Fr Jules Chevalier, msc.*

As a Catholic community of the heart, we strive to give expression to God's unconditional love for each person, through our compassionate response to others. As an educational community we strive to engender a passion for lifelong learning.

The College motto is "Regnet Christus", usually translated as "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved".



## **A Community of the Heart - living and learning together**

The OLSH College community is challenged to be the compassionate heart of Christ to all those we meet. The College fosters an understanding of faith that will enable young women to embrace life's journey with wisdom, hope and compassion. Our vision is to develop students who are confident, independent learners with a commitment to service in the wider community.

As members of the OLSH College community, we commit ourselves to developing our students' faith and love of learning.

OLSH College fosters an understanding of being Catholic that will enable students to embrace life's journey with wisdom, hope and compassion.

The College embraces Prayer, Liturgy, the presence of religious symbols, and practical pastoral endeavours both within and reaching beyond the College. This is a significant means of highlighting the relevance of our faith to life and contemporary culture.



## College History

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The story of OLSH College begins earlier than its foundation in 1913. The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was formed in Issoudun, France in 1874.

Their founder, Fr Jules Chevalier, believed that education of girls was the means to convey the message of Jesus' love to young people and inspire them to make a significant contribution to society.

In 1884, Mother Superior Marie Louise Hartzler was instrumental in sending five Sisters to the Oceanic Missions.

When the first section of the new convent was completed in 1897, a small combined Primary and Secondary College was conducted in the convent premises. The College was co-educational.

A continual growth in the number of students led to the construction of a new College building erected in 1913 where the Brendan Wing now stands. Records indicate that 1927 was the last year for the enrolment of boys at the College. The primary section was discontinued at the end of 1953. From then on the primary aged students attended Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Primary School. The College joined the emerging Archdiocesan system in 1966 and the first lay Principal joined the College in 1995 following the departure of the last religious College Principal, Sister Mary Fyfe.

The College celebrated its Centenary in 2013. The most recent section of the College - the Hartzler Centre - was officially opened in 2014, named after Mother Marie Louise Hartzler, First Superior General of the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.



# Student Wellbeing

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*OLSH prides itself on the role our staff and community play in the shaping of our young women.*

We are developing self-confident young women of the heart, who are empowered by grit and resilience, so they are able to fulfil their potential and lead meaningful lives beyond our College walls. Every student is cared for with dignity and compassion in an environment that fosters genuine dialogue, empathy and respect. The Pastoral Care Program is run within Year levels, with classes meeting each morning in homeroom, enabling the interaction and participation of students and teachers. Each Year Group also meets as a whole form on a regular

basis in Pastoral Care lessons to connect as a group and share experiences. It is here students focus on initiatives such as building resilience, capacity building and the role-modelling of positive behaviours.

Reflection days are held throughout the year for Years 7-10 and complement the program of development and personal growth. In Years 11 and 12 students attend Retreats to enhance their spiritual wellbeing.

**“Jesus Christ is the way we have to follow, the truth we have to believe, the life that animates us here and now and which we hope will still be ours throughout the eternity”**

Fr Jules Chevalier MSC





## Student Leadership

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The Student Leadership Program offers an array of opportunities for students who aspire to lead. For students in Years 7-10, each homeroom class elects a class member to represent them on the Student Representative Council. Year 10 Students are given the opportunity for further responsibility through the positions of Junior House Captain and Peer Support Leader.

Students in Years 11-12 have the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills through the Senior Student Representative Council (SRC), House Captain and Vice Captain positions and the SRC Executive. Throughout the year, student leaders take part in training sessions, attend leadership camps and participate in meetings and planning sessions.

The Peer Support program helps to foster a warm, caring and happy environment for junior and senior students and teachers. The students learn to develop their own individuality as well as reach out in friendship to those around them. The Year 10 Peer Support Leaders work through a range of activities and games with the new Year 7 cohort. The activities focus on getting to know each other and getting to know Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College.



# Academic Curriculum

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*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College provides a dynamic, interconnected learning environment where all students are nurtured to extend and challenge themselves through engagement in active, authentic learning opportunities in a culture of inquiry and collaboration.*

The College recognises the unique nature of every student and personalisation underpins our learning framework. Our multi-faceted curriculum offerings combined with individualised programs in gifted education, literacy and numeracy development and extensive Stage 6 subject offerings, ensures all our young women's needs and interests are nourished.

Acceleration is a key aspect of our curriculum and students performing above stage level are encouraged to enter the College's acceleration program. We partner with Primary schools to offer acceleration in mathematics to those girls working beyond Stage 3 outcomes.

Our staff are continually engaged in rigorous collaborative professional learning to ensure all teaching and learning strategies are based on research and best practice in girls' education.

OLSH College strives to cultivate a growth mindset culture, where learners are empowered and learning is personalised. Our students have agency over their learning and are encouraged to seek mastery, believing in themselves and their abilities.







## *Stretching Hearts and Minds*

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College is a comprehensive school, catering to students of varying levels of ability in different areas. It is the view of the College that all students, including those who are gifted, should be given opportunities to be stretched to reach their full academic and creative potential.

The College's Gifted and Talented Program seeks to provide an enriched curriculum that embraces current educational research. This enriched curriculum includes the provision of differentiated learning experiences, where teachers personalise learning to meet the needs of the individual.

Student performance is tracked and regularly monitored through: class tests in all subjects, Allwell testing in Years 7, 8 and 10, and student semester reports along with NAPLAN in Years 7 and 9.



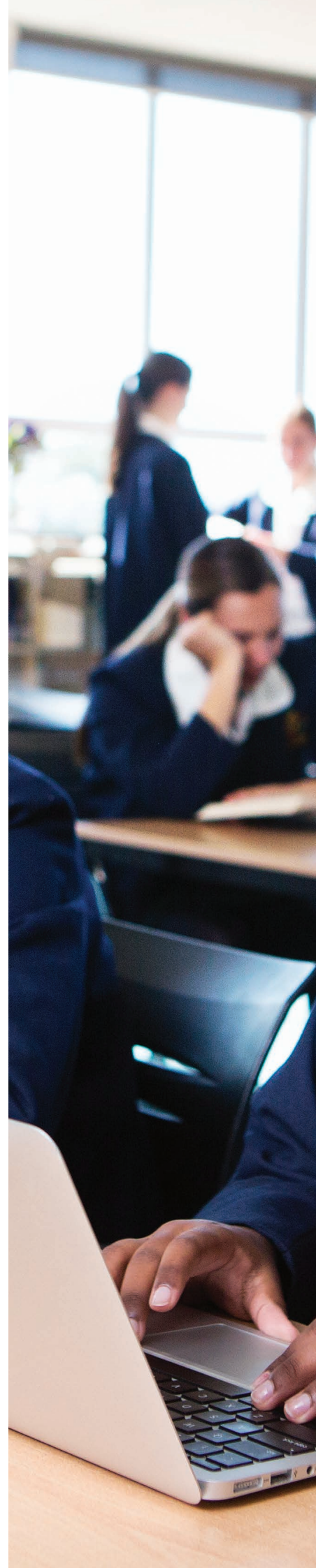
# Development of the Whole Person

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*The promotion of a healthy lifestyle is a significant feature of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum at the College.*

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College nourishes the development of the whole person and encourages each student to participate in at least one of the following extra-curricular activities:**

- Art Competitions
- Bathurst Island Immersion
- Catechists Program
- Choir and Vocal Group
- College Musical
- Community Service
- Competitive Sport
- Dance Competition
- Debating
- Drama - Theatresports Competition
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Environment Committee
- FUSE - eSports Competition
- Future Problem Solvers Competition
- Liturgy Group
- Athletics
- Mock Trial Competition
- MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
- OLSH/Vinnies Snack Packs
- Orchestra
- Public Speaking
- Young Vinnies Social Justice Group







Sporting participation and excellence is encouraged through our involvement in a range of representative sports in Catholic Girls Secondary Schools Sporting Association (CGSSSA), Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC), State and National competitions. The College competes in weekday evenings and Saturday sport competitions supported by OLSH staff, coaches and managers.

**Some of the sports  
in which OLSH College  
students compete include:**

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Gymnastics
- Football
- Golf
- Netball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Water Polo



*The OLSH Graduate is a woman of simplicity  
and a leader who is prepared to serve.*

*She is recognised because she is a woman of:*



Heart

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Active Faith

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Compassion

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Courage

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Integrity

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Wisdom

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Prayer

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Independent Thought

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Hope and Resilience

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Transforming Vision

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*Proclamation for Schools, Daughters  
of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart*



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