Welcome to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College

When people visit our College, they often comment on the feeling of warmth and welcome.

As the Principal of the College, I want to see all girls develop the confidence to flourish and feel a sense of belonging.

We have a longstanding reputation for excellence. A community of the heart, living and learning together for over 100 years. The ideals of the early pioneer Sisters and the charism of the founder of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Fr Jules Chevalier guide our College community today. OLSH girls are proud of their heritage and respectful of the traditions of the College. At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, learning is at the centre of all that we do. We understand the responsibility as educators to provide an authentic learning framework that promotes intellectual rigour with the appropriate levels of challenge.

OLSH’s learning and teaching environment promotes confident young women, creative and critical thinkers. It is an environment that nurtures the development of young women who are collaborative, resilient, agile and innovative.

Knowing our students and catering for their learning needs is a priority of all staff. We aim to develop the whole person, through our breadth of educational, spiritual, cultural and sporting offerings.

OLSH offers a rich and varied co-curricular program. Our students leave OLSH with a sense of purpose and are equipped to be discerning and caring members of the global community.

I invite you to read more about our wonderful school and vibrant community.

Jenny Fowler
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

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

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 Hartzer 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 Hartzer Centre - was officially opened in 2014, named after Mother Marie Louise Hartzer, First Superior General of the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.
Student Wellbeing

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

Our aim is to ensure every student is cared for with dignity and compassion to allow them to grow into self-confident young women of the heart. The Pastoral Care Program is run within Year levels. Classes meet each morning in homeroom, enabling the interaction and participation of students and teachers. Each Year Group meets as a whole form on a regular basis in Pastoral Care lessons to connect as a group and share experiences. Part of this process may involve guest speakers focusing on initiatives such as building resilience, the individual capacity of each student and role-modelling positive behaviours.

Reflection days are held throughout the year for Years 7 to 10 and complement the program of development and personal growth. In Years 11 and 12 students attend Retreats to enhance their spiritual wellbeing. At OLSH we strive to provide a safe school environment where students are able to reflect, give feedback and contribute to the betterment of the community.

“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

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.
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College has a broad curriculum encouraging each student to achieve at the highest level.

The College delivers the curriculum according to BOSTES. All students are required to study religious education in Years 7-12.

A commitment to flexible organisation structures and the appropriate use of new technologies ensures that individualised programmes meet each student’s particular needs.

High-achieving students are enriched in one or more courses, and an extensive Gifted and Talented Program has been established. An elective Philosophy course is offered in Years 9 and 10.

OLSH College also focuses on individual learning needs and provides all students with a support network to help with diverse learning needs.
Stretching Hearts and Minds

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. In this manner teachers are able to personalise learning to meet the needs of the individual.

Student performance is tracked and regularly monitored through: class tests in all subjects, Allwell External testing in Years 7, 8 and 10 and Student Semester reports, as well as NAPLAN in Years 7 and 9.
Development of the Whole Person

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
- Catechists Program
- Choir and Vocal Group
- College Musical
- Community Service
- Competitive Sport
- Dance Competition
- Debating
- Drama - Theatresports Competition
- Environment Committee
- Future Problem Solvers Competition
- Liturgy Group
- Mathletics
- Mock Trial Competition
- MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
- Orchestra
- Public Speaking
- Vinnies Night Patrol
- 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

 UIG Active Faith

 🍖 Compassion

 ⚔️ Courage

 🏛️ Integrity

 🧙‍♀️ Wisdom

 🙌🏻 Prayer

💡 Independent Thought

🐦 Hope and Resilience

🔍 Transforming Vision

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

A community of the heart, living and learning together

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