



STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE



Encouraged to be their best

Welcome to Star of the Sea College.

Governed by Kildare Ministries since 2014, Star of the Sea College has been educating young people in the Presentation tradition since 1883.

A Star of the Sea College education is one that fosters in students a strong sense of connectedness, a deep commitment to their faith and a firm belief that they are capable of amazing accomplishments. Our motto, 'Deeds not Words', encourages each young person to strive to be their best: not just for themselves but for the world in which they live.

Star is a school of opportunity. As a large college, we are able to provide a broad range of subjects designed to meet all interests and abilities. We are very proud of our high academic standards and our inclusive philosophy.

Our co-curricular program is equally vibrant and varied. Learning at Star is not confined to the classroom. It is alive with activity well before lessons commence and late into the afternoon.

We firmly believe that young people



learn best in an environment where they are known, cared for and supported. We take great pride in our excellent and comprehensive wellbeing program. We offer counselling and learning support as we understand the diverse needs of our students.

This prospectus provides an insight into life at Star. Enjoy discovering our remarkable College.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mary O'Connor'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mary O'Connor - Principal



A Star Education

Star of the Sea College offers a broad, challenging and progressive academic program. Religious Education is an integral part of the curriculum across all year levels. Through all aspects of Religious Education we seek to affirm the dignity and worth of each individual. Students are encouraged to be active in practising their faith and take responsibility for their lives and the world in which they live.

In the first two years of their secondary education, students have the opportunity to experience a range of subjects as outlined in The Victorian Curriculum F-10. They are introduced to three Language studies, German, Italian and Japanese, and will maintain at least one of these until the completion of Year 9. Mixed ability classes ensure that each student has the opportunity to reach their potential through a curriculum that is sufficiently differentiated to cater for the needs of each individual. A wide selection of elective subjects offered at Years 9 and 10 allows students to specialise in particular areas of interest and expertise. Along with the continuation of core subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Health and Physical Education, students are encouraged to develop their strengths and interests and maintain breadth through Design & Technology and the visual and performing arts.

A Careers Leader is available to assist Years 9 to 12 students in

choosing subjects appropriate to strengths, interests and aspirations. Star offers a VCE program that caters for a wide range of interests and abilities and includes a number of programs that allow students to follow different academic pathways including an Applied Learning Pathway (Vocational Major and VET Studies). The learning spaces for senior classes have been specifically designed to replicate a tertiary environment, preparing our students for future endeavours.

Co-Curricular Activities

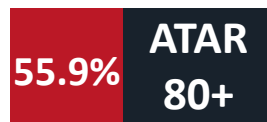
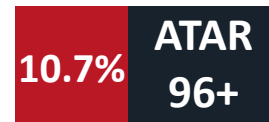
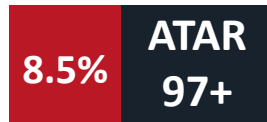
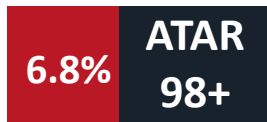
The co-curricular opportunities across GSV Sport, music, debating and visual and performing arts encourage students to broaden their interests and extend their abilities. The co-curricular program recognises the importance of students across different year levels coming together to support each other as they recognise, share and foster the gifts each has to offer.

***In aiming for
excellence, Star
provides a rich
learning culture that
is responsive to the
needs
of ALL students...***



Class of 2022 Year 12 Results Highlights

Celebrating the outstanding Median ATAR of **82.55** we congratulate the Star of the Sea College Class of 2022 with these highlights:



Over **55.9%** of the cohort achieved an ATAR of 80+ and cumulatively, **76.8%** of the cohort achieved an ATAR of 70+ (placing them in the top 30% of the state).

5 Perfect Study Scores

Achieving a perfect Study Score of 50 is an amazing achievement. Congratulations to the following students:



ALEXANDRA CARSON

PSYCHOLOGY
Teacher:
Ms D Waysman



JEMIMA DUGGAN

PSYCHOLOGY
Teacher:
Ms C Mathison



SCOUT HOWDEN

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Teacher:
Ms Prue McLeod



ELISABETH SAGIADELLIS

PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
Teacher: Mrs Marta Pearson



OLGA VLAHOS

Congratulations to our Dux



LILY DONOHUE 99.65

Lily is a proud member of Ave House and throughout her final year at Star of the Sea, has involved herself in a wide range of co-curricular activities which include; Music Festival, GSV Tennis and Friday Night Tutoring. Lily was also a GSV Netball coach and a member of the Sports Leadership Team, actively participating in both the House Swimming and Athletics Carnivals.

Lily's preference is to study a double degree: Bachelor of Law (Honours)/Commerce at Monash University.

Studies:

- Economics (Mr A Dexter) = 44
- English (Mrs J Watkins) = 49
- Further Mathematics (Mrs M Ellul) = 45
- Global Politics (Mr P Farrar) = 46
- Legal Studies (Ms A Javernik) - completed in 2021 = 50
- Mathematical Methods (Ms K Gallivan) = 38

ATAR of 96 and Above

LILY DONOHUE 99.65



CHIARA GOSLING 99.4



SAFFRON COOKESLEY 99.15



EMMA HOGARTH 99.0



GRACE BONACINA 98.95



ALEXANDRA CARSON 98.9



ABIGAIL BROOKS 98.9



ELOISE GRIFFIN 98.85



SOPHIE JACKSON 98.5



SOPHIE HILLEMACHER 98.45



ELIZABETH CLEARY 98.4



JEMIMA DUGGAN 98.25



ANNA KENNEDY 97.8



SYBILLE MORFELD 97.5



MICHAELA BROOKS 97.45



FREYA ROPER 96.9



SOFIA MICARI 96.15



ELISABETH SAGIADELLIS 96.05



ABBIEY FRANCIS 96.0



CONGRATULATIONS VCAL

We celebrate the achievements of our 12 Senior VCAL students who successfully completed their Applied Learning Certificate, including their VET Certificate and Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze Certificate). At Senior level, knowledge and employability skills development leads to a high level of interpersonal skills, independent action and achievement of tasks that require decision-making and leadership. The qualification provides these students with the skills, knowledge and attributes to make informed choices about pathways to work and further education. They are moving into tertiary studies, traineeships and employment.

On behalf of the Star of the Sea College community, we extend our sincerest congratulations and share our immense pride in the results of the Class of 2022.



Advent Wreath

Four candles are used to mark the 4 weeks of Advent - leading up to Jesus birth at Christmas.

Week 1: Candle of HOPE - Prophecy of Isaiah re. Jesus birth
Week 2: Candle of PEACE - Leading to Bethlehem - Jesus birth

Week 3: Candle of JOY - connection to the shepherds
Week 4: Candle of LOVE - connection to the angels



Faith, Family and Friends

The wellbeing of students permeates the fabric of education at Star of the Sea College. It is embedded in the spirit of the gospels and the mission of Kildare Ministries through justice, compassion and action. Wellbeing encompasses the partnership of student, parent and College and every opportunity is taken to foster this partnership. The quality of the relationship between all members of the school community characterises Star as a Catholic College. A culture of openness, compassion, tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation is engendered within the College community.

The emphasis on self respect means respect for others' rights, safety and happiness. Leadership skills are encouraged through the Mentor group, year level and House programs.

Student wellbeing is the immediate concern of the Mentor teachers, who are the first contact point for parents to communicate with the College. At Year 7 to Year 9 the Mentor groups are arranged in year level cohorts. For Years 10 to 12, Mentor groups are vertical. The Pastoral Leader supports the Mentor teacher. Counselling support is offered to students and parents. The College also offers a wide range of curricular and co-curricular Pastoral programs to augment the wellbeing of students.

'Each student is nurtured, cherished and challenged through the Wellbeing program. Every student is encouraged to value themselves, to develop a sense of belonging and to be secure in their engagement with the world.'



Living Justice

Some of the outreach opportunities offered to Star of the Sea College students are the commitment to Little Mission, a local charity supporting low income families and the Friday Night Tutoring program held each week in Richmond. Star supports Wellsprings for Women, the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Program (BASP) and engages in a wide range of environmental activities including 'Clean Up Australia Day', 'Earth Hour', tree planting, beach clean-ups, an annual 'Environment Week', the maintenance of a kitchen garden, recycling facilities and the installation of solar panels and water tanks.

There is student participation in a multitude of justice-related conferences and justice topics are studied across the curriculum in all subject areas.

Annual fundraising and goods collection for the Caritas 'Project Compassion' campaign, Sacred Heart Mission, St Vincent de Paul conference, and various Presentation Sisters' projects are other areas where Star students actively support others.

Living the Star Motto


'Facta non verba'

***Deeds not
Words***





The opportunity to
grow



Sport, Health and Physical Education at Star of the Sea College work closely together to provide students with a very challenging and comprehensive program. During all Physical Education classes, students are encouraged to participate fully to explore and realise their potential. Physical Education classes provide students with the opportunity to experience a wide range of traditional and recreational sports, as well as new developments and trends in the sporting world.

Through our involvement with Girls' Sport Victoria, students have the opportunity to represent their school in 15 different sports. The emphasis is on commitment, organisation and doing one's best.

Star has a strong tradition of fostering creativity in visual art, music, drama and dance. Performances in drama, music and dance are an important feature of the life of the school. One highlight every year is the House competition 'Music Festival', which is completely student led and performed at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The opportunities for students to develop their talents extend from music-making, acting and dancing to areas of stagecraft, set design,

lighting, costuming and stage management. The senior student production is a highlight each year, allowing further development and learning in the arts. Star's award winning acapella group 'Stacella' showcases a variety of musical styles and provides an avenue for students across the school to sing together, which has been shown to have positive wellbeing outcomes.

The FayByrne Centre is a Performing Arts space dedicated to providing a variety of performance spaces for theatre studies, drama and music.

The Visual Arts curriculum offers students the opportunity to work in a wide range of media. Emphasis is placed on encouraging students to be imaginative, confident and skilful in discussing and producing art works. The annual Art and Design Show showcases the abundant talent amongst our students and their work is regularly featured in the VCAA Top Arts and Top Designs seasons of excellence.



The Year 9

experience

Kamesburgh House provides the backdrop for Year 9 Star of the Sea College students and offers a unique learning and teaching program to prepare them for their future in the world. As students enter Year 9, they become increasingly aware of the world around them, and more complex in their thinking.

We foster in our Year 9 students the self-confidence they need to reflect and strive for excellence in their endeavours. We encourage Year 9 students to problem solve, become independent in their decision-making and form authentic relationships. We provide an environment in which learning is a journey taken together as students, teachers, families and the wider community.

As part of the curriculum, Endeavour is a specialised subject with a focus on entrepreneurial skills, critical and creative thinking, ethics, inter cultural studies, and personal and social skills. Throughout the year, students will collaborate and communicate, engage with and solve problems in a real-world context. Enterprise skills are seen as vital for future employment and the Endeavour program provides an opportunity for the development of skills and competencies that are seen as vital for success in the future.

The extensive Exploration program is embedded into the Year 9 curriculum, allowing students to see how their subjects link with their experiences in the world around them. Through this, they develop a deeper understanding of their own place in the world.

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The Star **community**

Past students, parents, current students, teachers and parishes, as well as supporters in the district make up the wider Star of the Sea College Community.

The College's governing body, Kildare Ministries, encompasses the work of the Presentation Sisters and the Brigidine Sisters, and we continue to work with the students on joint projects in the areas of sustainability, national reconciliation, human trafficking and the spirituality of young people.

College tours, reunions and events provide opportunities for our community partnerships to flourish.

The Star Parents' Association ensures that the parent community is involved in their daughter's education. They are responsible for organising events that bring together our parents with a common interest - their students.

The Past Students' Association has recently launched the Star Community Choir to foster connection for past students through choral singing.

The local Catholic parishes are an integral part of our community as this is where most of our Star students begin their education journey.

Students and staff gather for national conferences on a biennial basis, sharing resources, strategies and dreams through Kildare Ministries and the Nagle Education Australia Alliance (NEAA), connecting our community nationally and internationally.

***'This sense
of family and
community is a
benefit for all
students.'***



Star's **Guiding Principles**

- **Fostering Faith**
- **Teaching and Learning with Passion and Excellence**
- **Nurturing Compassion and Community**
- **Being Energised by Change**
- **Striving for Justice**
- **Celebrating the Presentation Mission**
- **Developing Independence, Initiative and Leadership**



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