



the SIENA SNAPSHOT

Welcome to *The Siena Snapshot*, a newsletter created especially for primary schools in our community. At Siena, we are all about connections and welcoming people to our Dominican family.

Siena College was established in 1940 as an independent, Catholic school for girls in Years 7 to 12. The Dominican Sisters who founded the College built a school where young women could be inspired by the human person of Jesus Christ, follow their academic and cultural interests, believe in their potential and become passionate life long learners. It is a place where the diversity and unique gifts of the young women in our care are acknowledged and celebrated, and where we aim to empower young women to go out and make a difference in the world.

This edition of *The Siena Snapshot* showcases our ASPIRE Program and announces our nomination as a finalist for Best Remote Learning Program in the Australian Education Awards. We also profile current Year 12 student, Isabella Boussioutas and provide an overview of our Open Evening in March.

We hope you enjoy this edition of *The Siena Snapshot*! We look forward to providing may more snapshots into life at Siena College.

Elizabeth Hanney
Siena College Principal



A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN THE DOMINICAN TRADITION, YEARS 7 TO 12

Best Remote Learning Program Finalist

We are thrilled to announce that we have been nominated as one of eight finalists for Best Remote Learning Program in the 2021 Australian Education Awards.

We congratulate all staff who worked with such diligence and unwavering commitment in ensuring that optimal learning continuity was provided for our students. This nomination is a team effort and reflects our ongoing pursuit

of excellence, even over the two lengthy lockdown periods of 2020. The overall winner will be announced later this year.



ASPIRE PROGRAM

ACHIEVE • SHINE • PLAY • IGNITE • REFLECT • ENGAGE



Our ASPIRE Program invites local primary students to work with Year 8 Siena student mentors on STEAM based activities. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) education is an integrated curriculum designed to equip students with knowledge in these five disciplines whilst gaining valuable collaborative and analytical skills. In 2021, our ASPIRE participants are exploring colour principles of both pigment and light, artistic symbolism and sustainability.

We were excited to have St Bridget's Primary student join us, working with our students to explore what "home" means to each of them. They created model houses which were combined together as an installation to form a community, watched the 3D printer in action, and presented their findings about colour via a livestream to their parents. Principal Elizabeth Hanney awarded all of our visitors with a certificate of participation and commended them on their terrific enthusiasm over the program.



Isabella Boussioutas, Year 12 Student



Cassia is the yellow House at Siena College and Isabella is one of the Co-Captains of Cassia for 2021.

Year 12 student Isabella Boussioutas attended St Bridget's Primary School and has fond memories of her time there. As Cassia House Co-Captain, Isabella has an important role in mentoring younger students and encouraging connections here at Siena. Here she tells us a little about her hopes for the year ahead:

The VCE subjects that I am currently undertaking are English, Mathematical Methods, Economics, Italian and Chemistry. I also completed Biology as an Accelerated Study last year.

My leadership journey at Siena has been such a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I have been given opportunities to work with like-minded students to help shape our school into a better place, and to work on initiatives that challenge us to become voices for others. Next year, I am hoping to go to university and potentially complete a Science or Commerce degree as I am not sure where I want to head just yet!



Siena Open Evening 2021

We were thrilled to welcome visitors back onsite at our annual Open Evening on Tuesday, 9 March. A capacity crowd enjoyed our interactive faculty displays, performances by our talented music and drama students and student-led campus tours. Our thanks to the many students who so willingly gave their time to be tour guides and to our staff for brilliantly showcasing all that Siena has to offer.



Visit our College

We invite you to join us for one of our Open Mornings in 2021 to learn how Siena College can inspire a lifelong love of learning in your daughter.

Open Mornings 2021

- Friday, 11 June
 - Monday, 9 August
 - Friday, 10 September
 - Monday, 18 October
- 9.30am – 11.00am

Term 2 Campus Tours

To assist those families needing to visit our campus prior to Year 7 2022 offers being made, we now have additional small group tours available. These tours will be conducted by our Head of Admissions or a member of the College Leadership Team.

You can register for an Open Morning or College Tour on the College website: www.siena.vic.edu.au

Enrolment Enquiries

Please contact our Head of Admissions, Tracey Lawson on 9835 0200 or via email at admissions@siena.vic.edu.au should you have any queries about your enrolment.



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