

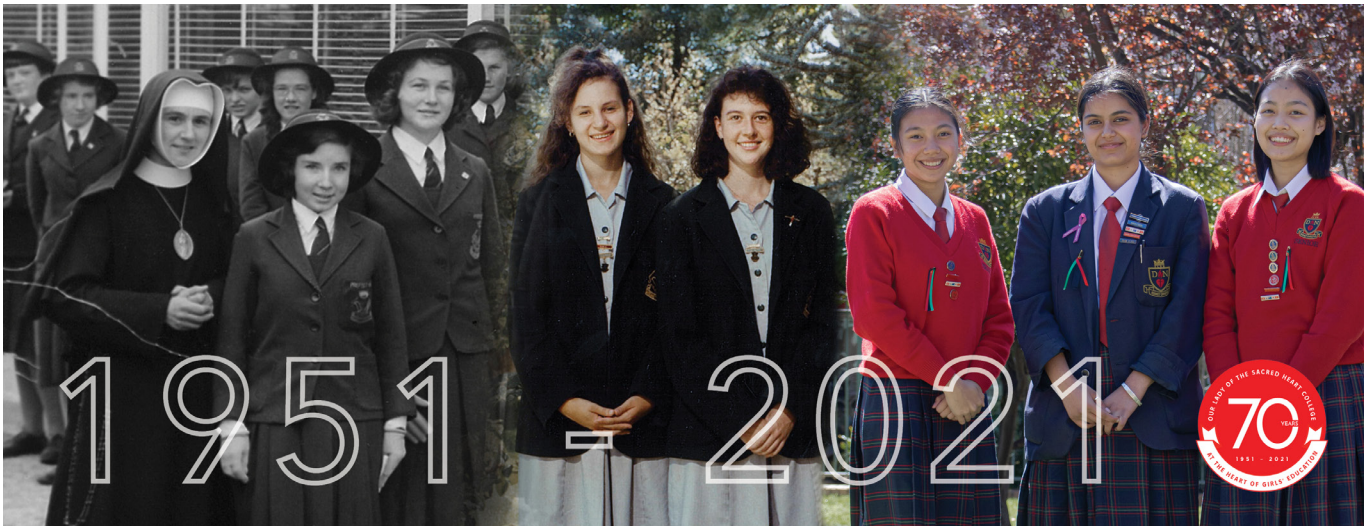
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This special edition of the newsletter is dedicated to our 70th Anniversary Celebration



Firstly, a huge CONGRATULATIONS on the OLSH 70th celebration! It was fantastic in every way!

The happy, helpful students who greeted us on our arrival set the tone for the day; many commented to us on their mature, positive presence. Please congratulate them for us.

We cannot speak highly enough of the way the afternoon unfolded: from the Mass to the tours to the delicious afternoon tea, and the meeting and greeting of the many happy ex-students as well as current and past teachers whose company we and everyone else enjoyed. The various handouts, too many to list, are all much appreciated.

We saw that many creative ideas and a huge amount of effective planning were the key to this most successful day. When we realise that this was on top of your usual busy schedules, we can only say thank you, we are filled with admiration and gratitude. In fact, it was such a worthwhile, wonderful and happy day that we feel that it will be remembered for a very long time.

————— Sr Pat Irvin (Staff 1962 - 64, 1984 - 85 and Sr Pat Smith (Student 1955 - 58, Staff 1990 - 92, 2002 - 04)



Message from Sr Philippa, Provincial Leader of the OLSH Sisters

I would like to begin with an excerpt from the inspiring liturgical song by Joyce Johnson Rouse, "Standing on the Shoulders:"

"We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before us, we are stronger for their courage, we are wiser for their words. We are lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter future, we are grateful for their vision, for their toiling on this earth."

Whose shoulders are you, staff and students of OLSH College Enfield, standing on as you celebrate with joy and gratitude the past 70 years, and look forward to whatever the future holds for you? Whose vision and mission has been entrusted to you?

When the first four Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart took up residence in a small parish cottage in Kilburn in 1947 to teach the 65 pupils there, little did they know that, within the space of the next 7 years, the Sisters in Adelaide would be teaching about 900 children in 4 primary schools plus a fast-developing secondary college. On February 13th 1951, secondary teaching was commenced at Enfield for First Form. Since there was no other Catholic secondary school in the region, this was intended to develop from an embryo secondary college into a full secondary. In 1967, the Sisters moved into a convent of their own, able to accommodate all the Sisters on the College staff, and both the convent and OLSH College were blessed on June 18th 1967.

These pioneer Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, inspired by their founder Fr Jules Chevalier MSC, brought with them the spirit and vision which continues to inspire your College community today and is encapsulated in the Sisters' motto, May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Everywhere Loved, and in the College motto, Regnet Christus, or May Christ Reign. This mission to love as we are loved is really the essence and spirit of the previous 70 years, and I am sure it will go on to shape the next 70 years, too. You are standing on the shoulders of those OLSH Sisters, and the many past teaching and ancillary staff as well as past students who have, by their actions, lived out Jesus' love. In doing so, they have brought compassion, joy, justice and hope to the College community and beyond. As members

of the Chevalier family today, you have had that baton passed to you. You are tasked with continuing to pass on an all-encompassing belief in the love of the Heart of Christ for each of us, for all people and, at the same time, a belief in the capacity of the human heart to love and to be loved - to be on earth the Heart of Christ. As the College website says so beautifully, for all of you at OLSH Enfield, as you celebrate the many achievements of the past 70 years, staff and students alike, being a part of the College isn't just about education: it's your "compass for life." This compass points you in a certain direction, one where you strive to value every human person and hold as precious the words of Jesus, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

Our OLSH school proclamation invites us all to be Heart people who are faith-filled, who reverence relationships, who pursue excellence and who touch the hearts of others. These pillars of education in the OLSH tradition call on us all as we not only look back, but also look forward, to possess beautiful human qualities, like being collaborative, welcoming and inclusive, reflective and prayerful, creative, resilient and persevering in striving to be our best, reaching out to others in service, both locally and globally. This is the College's wonderful heritage; may it continue to be the inspiring and transformative vision for the College in the coming years.

I pray for all of you celebrating today: may your hearts be filled with kindness, generosity and a sense of care and gratitude. May all of you, members of the College community, bring to your work and study a positive energy and real dedication to being the living expression of God's compassion and kindness, particularly for each other.

I will end with the words from that same song:

'I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me...I will stand a little taller, I will work a little longer, and my shoulders will be there to hold the ones who follow me.'

Sr Philippa, Provincial Leader of the OLSH Sisters

Presented at the beginning of Mass by Elyse Venour (2021 College Captain)





It was a wonderful day at the Anniversary Celebration. So many old scholars from many different years attending OLSH were there. Seeing some of our teachers who were with us between 1969 and 1972 (my years at the college were great). I hope that the Old Scholars group functions can grow in numbers, as it is so important to alive the great spirit of OLSH. I had four nieces go through OLSH, and it saddened me that none of them attended. They may have year catch ups, but to come to a combined one is so great. Keep up the great work, and keeping the flame of OLSH alive.

————— Jane Marshall (1969 - 1972 Past Member of Stewardship)



Thank you for a wonderful Sunday. I felt quite teary during Mass. The afternoon tea was buzzing with OLSH old scholars, ex-teachers, friends, teachers and OLSH girls. Great atmosphere!

————— Ellenmary Lomman (1954 - 1962)



The Mass was beautiful, liturgy and choir. Yummy lunch sitting and talking to friends. I enjoyed making the podcast and coming away knowing that I was an OLSHIE and proud to be one.

————— Jill Hutt (1961 - 1965)





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 Congratulations on your 70th Year Anniversary of foundation. Sending love and many blessings to each of you on this special occasion sharing the same OLSH Spirit with you in the Chevalier Family.

 Anne and the Community at OLSH College Bentleigh

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 Congratulations to you and your events team for organising the wonderful 70th Anniversary Mass and Celebration. The Mass, Afternoon Tea, History walk and memorabilia reflected the time and effort that went into the preparation for this happy gathering.

 Carmel Cowell nee Barnett (1953 - 1956)





It was a great day, and very well managed. We staff from the late 60s to 70s were delighted at how many 'girls' remembered us. The facilities look amazing.

— Laurel Milner-Schlinke nee Reynolds (Staff 1972-1975)



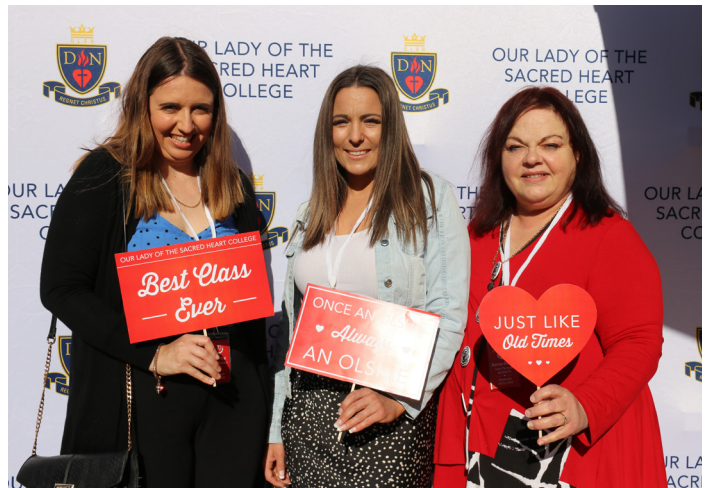
Thank you so much for hosting this wonderful event. OLSH had a far bigger impact on me than I thought it did and it was great to be reminded of that.

— Angela Hackenberger (2001-2002)



Congratulations to Maria and your team. Extraordinary organisation. It was so lovely and genuinely nostalgic especially for old scholars.

— Joy Bedford (Former Principal 1995 - 2015)



Congratulations on a very enjoyable event. It was nice seeing the nuns that I taught with so many years ago and the many students who came up to say hello. Some were in their early 60s.

— Bill Pecker (Staff 1978 - 1996)





What a wonderful day! Thank you to everyone at OLSH for inviting us all back and putting on such a beautiful afternoon!

————— Maryanne Rischmueller (1971 - 1975)



Such a fantastic day. We had a great time and seeing so many of our original teachers was wonderful. Thank you for organising.

————— Natalie Renna nee Parisi (1990 - 1995)



Thank you for the wonderful celebration this afternoon. It was a privilege to be invited and it was marvellous to see everyone. Please thank everyone involved in the organising on my behalf.

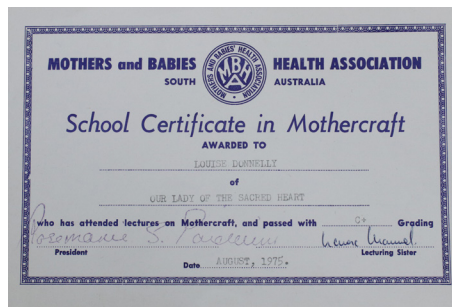
————— David Price (Staff 1999 - 2016)



It was an excellent afternoon full of memories, precious catch ups and lots of laughs. The event was well planned and elegant. The tours very insightful and our hosts polite, respectful and informed. All the best for the exciting strategic directions OLSH has in place, it is indeed a privilege to watch the college as it continues to evolve.

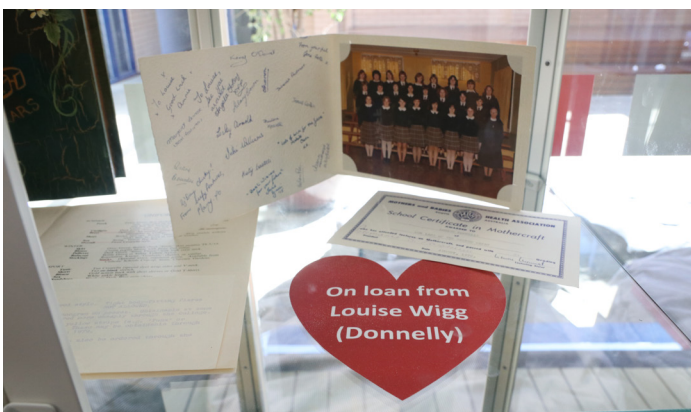
————— Julie Sloan OAM (1970 - 1973)





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 It was an excellent afternoon and the College did a wonderful job to organise the event. I'd like to acknowledge the students who were tour guides, especially Erynn who put up with us derailing her tour to reminisce about various spaces around the school. We recreated the courtyard photo (previous page) and we relished going down what used to be the front staircase - this was forbidden in 1971! A very good day and the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and teachers was greatly appreciated.

Theresa Walker nee Brayshay (1971-1975)



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Shaun Li: Capture the Present Photography

The many, generous helpers and volunteers among the current OLSH College staff and students. Too many to name individually – we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you. *Maria Urbano, Principal*



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Everywhere Loved