

From the Principal's Desk

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2nd February 2024

Dear Parents, Staff, Friends and Students of St Brigid's College,

The commencement of the school year is always very busy, and my thanks is extended to all families for ensuring that students were prepared for the term with their books, equipment and correct uniforms. I particularly welcome the 183 students who are new to our community. We are blessed to have you.



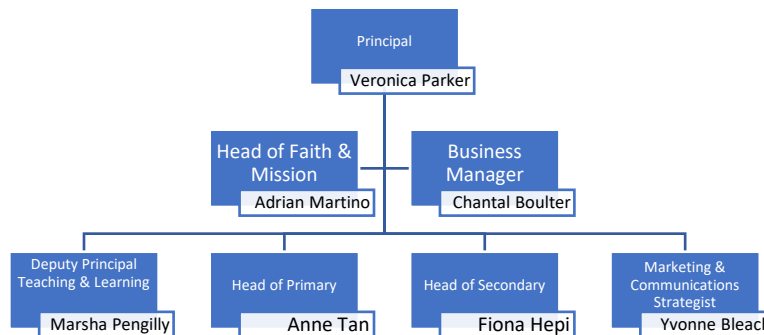
Circle of Mercy

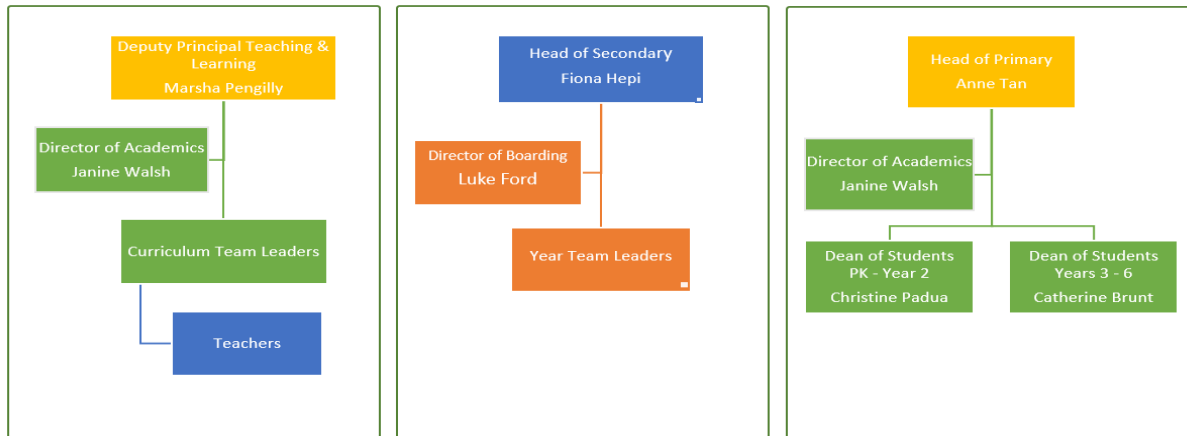


This year our logo focuses on three elements. The gold circle is symbolic of the 'Circle of Mercy', the gold cross is based on the rushes used to make the traditional St Brigid's cross and the green shading represents the hills that are home to our beautiful campus. Each student and staff member is to receive a pin with our College logo. The staff and students have been invited to wear this with pride as we continue to be a kind and inclusive community, imbued with the spirit of Mercy.

2024 Leadership Structure

As St Brigid's College continues to be a thriving faith and learning community, the need to be agile in responding to change is paramount. This year we see the introduction of a new leadership structure which will enable our team to continue to light the way in the provision of educational excellence for all students in our care.





Welcome to our new staff

Our College teaching staff officially started last Monday, 29th of January. The morning commenced with a combined Mass with the staff from Mazenod College and concluded with morning tea. Staff were then engaged in preparations and planning for the 2024 academic year.

We welcome the following new staff to our College community:

Catherine Brunt	Dean of Students, Years 3 to 6
Marion Cahill	Teacher, Secondary (Science and Maths)
Ronnie Cooper	Teacher, Secondary (Maths)
Jo Cunningham	Teacher, Secondary (Health and PE)
Stephanie Daga	Teacher, Primary (Music)
Caitlin Ford	Teacher, Secondary (Health and PE)
Andy Goodman	Teacher, Primary
Sarah Hamilton	Teacher, Secondary (The Arts)
Dominie Harris	Teacher, Primary
Michelle Lines	Home Economics Assistant, Secondary
Sarah Messina	Teacher, Secondary (Science)
Christine Padua	Dean of Students, PK to Year 2
Marsha Pengilly	Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning
Theresa Youngs-Lachmund	Teacher, Secondary (HASS)



We welcome back to our community Tiffany Morrissy (Secondary Teacher, Science) following a period of parental leave.

Congratulations to Chris Pietroniro on the safe arrival of his first child, Noah.

2024 Student Leadership Positions

This year, we have an amazing group of student leaders. Our 2024 College Student Leadership Team is as follows:

Evie Hall, Head Girl
Gemma Whittington, Head Girl
Hayley Doncon, Head Boarder

Lexie McGinty, Head Boarder
Anja Hughes, Ministry Leader
Madison Mossman, Cultural Leader
Remy Fernando, Sports Leader
Gemma Casella, Sustainability Leader
Nickaylah-Ray Dann, Boarding Representative
Amelia Redden, Boarding Representative

Ava Anderson, Docherty House Leader
Jamylah Acott, Docherty House Representative
Larnaka Wilkinson, Docherty House Representative

Skyla Lander, McAuley House Leader
Rachel Hunt, McAuley House Representative
Natalie Narducci, McAuley House Representative

Imogen Noa, O'Connor House Leader
Juwan Pious Arkangelo, O'Connor House Representative
Emily Scott, O'Connor House Representative

Chloe Mills, Rielly House Leader
Danielle Hobbs, Rielly House Representative
Olivia Raphael, Rielly House Representative

Georgia Allington, Shine House Leader
Isabelle Johnson, Shine House Representative
Serena Throssell, Shine House Representative

Melieka Eades, Watson House Leader
Halle D'Silva, Watson House Representative
Tobie Western, Watson House Representative

Claire Hughes, Assistant Ministry Leader
McKenzie Allington, Assistant Cultural Leader
Ella Evangelista-Comito, Assistant Sports Leader
Alexis Wade, Assistant Sustainability Leader

Nicholas Emmott, Primary School Ministry Leader
Benjamin Guppy, Primary School Cultural Leader
Madison Schmidberger, Primary School Sports Leader
Chloe De Vos, Primary School Sustainability Leader

Jaeden Fernando and Josephine Urbani, Primary House Leaders - Docherty
Indie Omodei and Cinyee Aird, Primary House Leaders - McAuley
Henry Herbert-Drake and Ava Tresham, Primary House Leaders - O'Connor
Oliver Klaric and Peter Squillace, Primary House Leaders - Rielly
Jessica Edwards and Blaise Parmenter, Primary House Leaders - Shine
Matthew Ogilvie-O'Neil and Onyx Wearne, Primary House Leaders - Watson

Congratulations

Our Year 12 Leaders are preparing for the year with an overnight conference facilitated by Ms Hepi in Lesmurdie House next weekend. I know that the girls will have many new initiatives to discuss during this time in support of all students at St Brigid's College in 2024.

Welcome to our new Italian Language Assistant

This term we warmly welcome Italian Language Assistant, Alice Chianale, who will be providing support to our Italian language students. Alice is from Torino and is currently studying to be a teacher. We sincerely thank the Basioli family who are hosting Alice.



Welcome (bem-vindo) to our Brazilian students

We are very fortunate to have nine Brazilian students who have joined our community under a Brazilian Government incentive to improve the educational outlooks for students in their country.



We wish Anne Alves Meneghelli, Karen Borges Soares, Maria Coluci Do Nascimento, Ruth Da Assunção, Maria Goncalves, Maria Mardegan Zaneti, Yasmin Matsmoto, Maria Moellmann de Brito, and Laura Simdon Adevente, much success over the coming months and look forward with excitement to this cultural exchange.

Requests for Extended Leave

All requests for extended leave, whether they be for a student in the primary or secondary school, **must be made in writing to the College Principal at least three weeks, where practicable, prior to the intended absence.** An absence is a period of time that is three or more school days in duration. A copy of the Extended Leave Policy may be downloaded from the College website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/policies/>.

Right to Disconnect

To assist us in enabling our teachers to disconnect from work and technology at the end of their working days, there is no expectation that they will respond to calls, emails, texts or other communications outside of school hours.

Changes to Transperth Bus Services 307 and 322

We have been advised by Transperth of the following changes to bus routes 307 and 322:

“Due to the long-term closure of Helena Valley Road associated with Water Corporation works, students transferring between routes 307 and 322 on Helena Valley Road near Scott Street (stops 24992 and 27821) will now need to travel to Midland Station to complete their journey.

Students are encouraged to plan their journey to accommodate increased travel times. Services will return to normal once Water Corporation works are complete and the road network allows.”

Transperth also advised that ‘due to short notice and printing limitations, these changes will be effective from Sunday 28th January despite new timetables 96 and 110 being dated Sunday, 4th February’.

Further information is available from the Transperth website here; [January Bus Service Changes \(transperth.wa.gov.au\)](https://transperth.wa.gov.au)

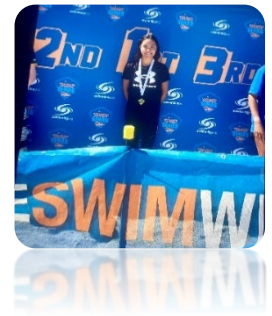
For Assistance:
transperth.wa.gov.au
Transperth InfoLine 13 62 13 (TIS: 13 14 50)
Hearing or speech impaired? Call via NRS 133 677



Sporting Achievements

Our sincerest congratulations are extended to Katie Otway who competed in the 5km Open Water Swimming event for Swimming WA in Sorrento on Saturday, 13th January 2024. Katie placed first in the under 18's Girls division.

Katie also competed in Swimming Australia's National Open Water event at Busselton on the 27th January in the under 16's category.



2025 Academic Scholarships

St Brigid's College awards Scholarships for entry to Years 7 and 10 with the intention of assisting students to maximize their potential. Applications for our 2025 Scholarship Program will open on Monday, 11th March 2024 at which time an Information Sheet and Application Form will be available for download from the College's website. Please note that applications will close at 4.00p.m. on Thursday, 28th March 2024 with examinations to be held on Monday, 15th April 2024.



2023 College Yearbook

The 2023 Annual will be distributed later in the year. Further information will be provided as soon as they are available.

Class of 2023

The College is very proud of the 2023 Year 12 group and the WACE results they achieved. Our ATAR and General students were very successful and are all to be congratulated for their efforts.

ATAR students attaining a score of 90+ were acknowledged at the conclusion of our Opening Mass earlier today.



In conclusion, I have attached a copy of our flyer, 'This Week at the College' that will provide you with an overview of events for the second week of Term 1. I hope you enjoy these snippets of life at the College.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Parker". The script is cursive and fluid.

Veronica Parker
Principal

Attachment

The St Brigid's College community acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.