

Meet your Future at Sacré Cœur

Open Heart
Open Mind
Infinite Possibilities

2023 – 2027

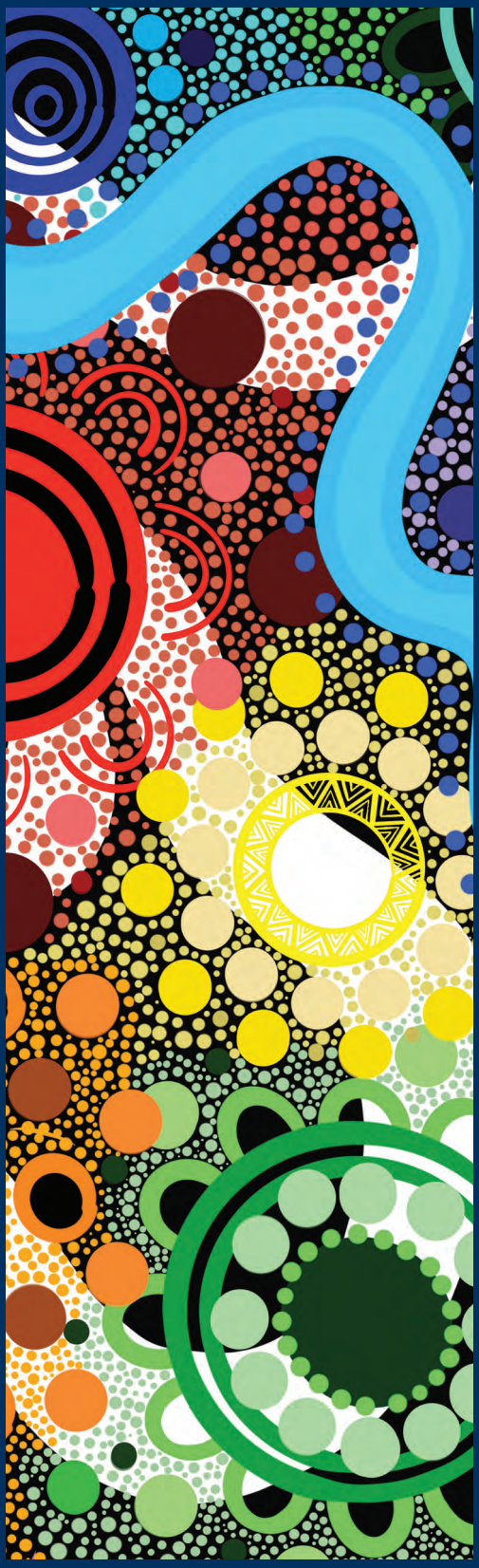
COR UNUM

Sacré Cœur
School of the Sacred Heart

Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather on this land, united in the spirit of Cor Unum, One Heart, we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present, and emerging, and recognise their continuing connection and contribution to this land.

United together with our Indigenous Peoples and Cultures, we are reminded that we are called to be people of justice, mirroring the attitudes of Christ's heart of compassion, hope and respect. We respect the inherent dignity of each person and the integrity of all creation.



Artwork: Diversity, Samantha Roberts Wurundjeri and Dja Dja Wurrung

As part of our RAP journey, we were fortunate to engage the services of local Wurundjeri and Dja Dja Wurrung artist, Samantha Roberts. Samantha has created a piece of digital art for Sacré Cœur named Diversity, which features on the back of our Reconciliation Action Plan. Diversity is about the different aspects of life that bring people together, to work together, share knowledge, build each other's strengths, their connection to the lands, to the people and the community. This concept incorporates many different Wurundjeri traditional symbols.

Our Sacré Cœur Story

Founded by the French Order of nuns, the Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) in 1888, Sacré Cœur is a catholic independant school for girls Prep to Year 12. Sacré Cœur is one school in the Sacred Heart network of over 150 sister schools in 41 countries. There are four Sacred Heart schools in the Australian and New Zealand network.

A Sacred Heart education is marked by a distinctive spirit. This spirit is expressed in the five Goals of Sacred Heart Education. Sacred Heart schools around the world hold the five Goals as fundamental to the way in which the School is run. In their every day school life, members of the school community endeavour to live out these Goals.

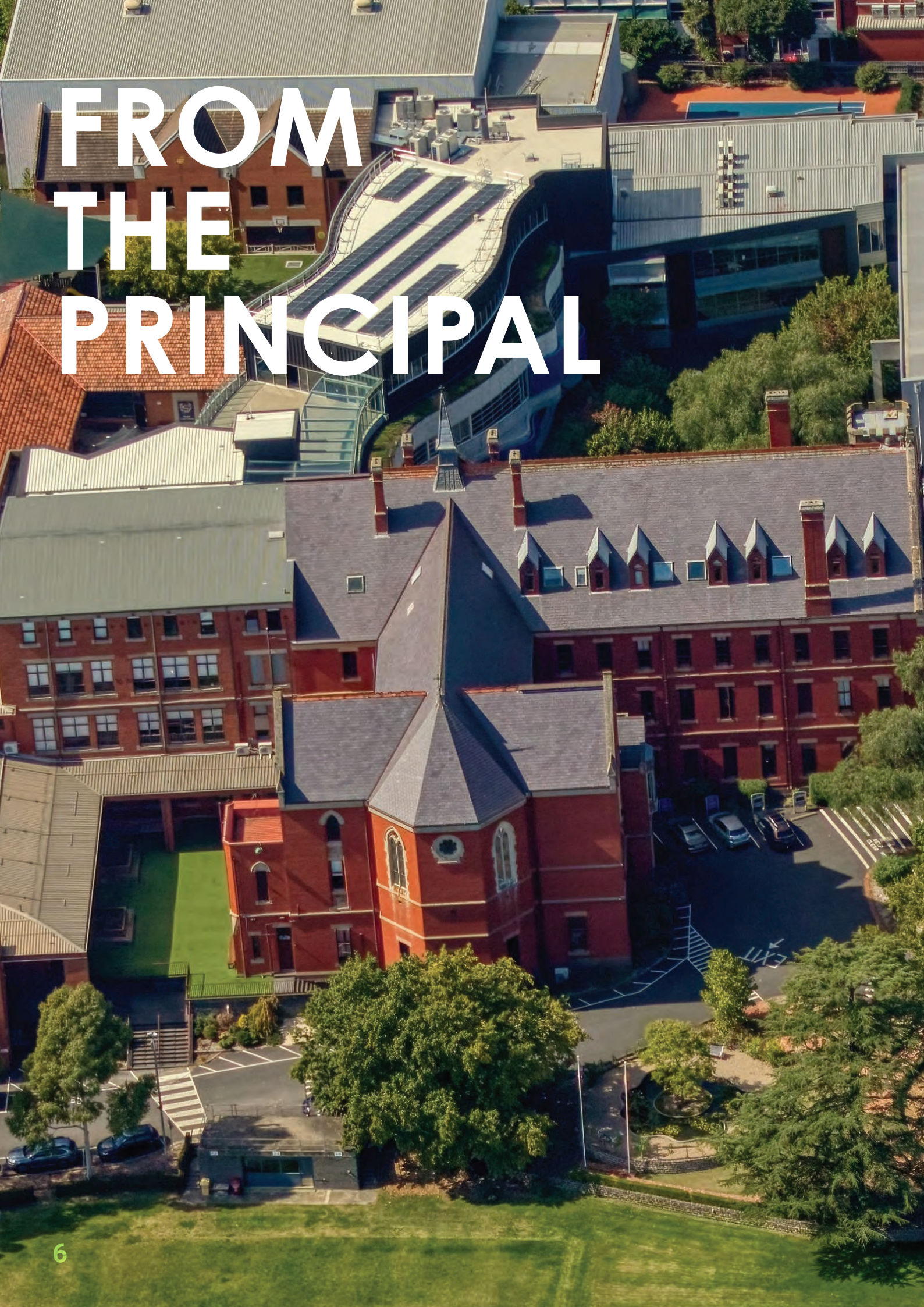
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL







I'm delighted to present ***Meet your Future at Sacré Cœur*** which sets out our school's Strategic Direction. Imbued throughout this document are our vision, mission and values.

At Sacré Cœur, each of our young women is educated to grow in a dynamic contemporary learning environment which fosters courage and confidence. We want all of our learners to develop the character and competencies necessary for academic attainment, for personal growth, and for ongoing wellbeing and prosperity throughout life.

I am excited and confident that we are preparing our students to be leaders of hope who deal in possibility beyond the acquisition of official leadership roles. All are invested with the knowledge, skills, dispositions and habits of thriving contributors who pursue equality, who cherish mutual respect, who raise awareness, and who debate and challenge unacceptable social constructs.

As a school, I want us to create a future-focused education which is inclusive and sustainable, all flowing from the wellspring of the profoundly relational and the excellent. ***Meet your Future at Sacré Cœur*** shows us how we will achieve this together.

I call upon each of our young women to look forward with clarity regarding both her purpose and the responsibilities that this entails in a world in which automation, digital technology and globalisation will bring about an ongoing variety of novel approaches to life and thought.

Come with us on a journey to meet your future at Sacré Cœur.

Cor Unum

– Adelina Melia-Douvos



WHO WE ARE

Our past and present illuminate our future



Sacré Cœur is a leading independent Catholic school from Prep to Year 12, educating girls in the Sacred Heart tradition. We were established in 1888 and are located in Glen Iris, Melbourne.

Our proud history, stemming from our Sacred Heart roots in France and spanning over 220 years, provides the foundation that richly informs our present.

Our past and present illuminate our future, giving our students a contemporary experience of learning with an emphasis on educating hearts and minds.



WHAT SETS US APART

Our students meet on common ground in their experience of a transformative, holistic education



Our ethos is guided by our iconic foundress, St Madeleine Sophie Barat, who said she would have established the Society of the Sacred Heart "for the sake of one child". Her unwavering commitment to the formation of children and passionate belief in their education underpinned her life's work.

Over 220 years later, we still seek to bring dynamic and compassionate learning to the hearts and minds of our students. We draw on a rich history at the same time as fostering a contemporary environment that welcomes families of all faiths and backgrounds. We are proudly inclusive, and we encourage diversity.

Our students meet on common ground in their experience of a transformative, holistic education that cultivates the spiritual, academic, social-emotional, physical, psychological, creative, and ethical dimensions of each of our young women.

As vital members of an international Sacred Heart family, our students are welcomed into a global community. Our extensive international family allows students to engage authentically in a Global Education Program which supports social justice initiatives, locally and globally and which enhances our students' global perspective and broadens their leadership skills.

Our Global Education Program seeks to develop, nurture and expand our relationships within our network through our current exchanges and collaboration programs.

Excitingly, plans for new programs will allow students further opportunities and growth.





LOOKING AHEAD

From 2023-2027, Sacré Cœur will continue to be the school of choice for families within our broader community who seek a visionary, responsive and dynamic education for their daughters in the spirit of Cor Unum.

Cor Unum et Anima Una in Corde Jesu, translated from the Latin to mean “One Heart and One Mind in the Heart of Jesus,” is our school motto.

Cor Unum, in speaking to one heart and one mind is bound by our Sacred Heart values and goals: identity, learning, service, belonging, and discernment. Cor Unum is a formidable combination that creates purpose and meaning to equip each of our students to meet her future.

COR UNUM

We give expression to our commitment and excellence in the spirit of COR UNUM through living out our Sacred Heart Goals.





IDENTITY
LEARNING
SERVICE
BELONGING
DISCERNMENT



IDENTITY

Find your hope

Sacré Cœur embodies the Sacred Heart tradition by nurturing both the heart and the mind of each individual. Our staff encourage all of our learners to encounter a contemporary expression of our spirituality guided by core tenets of compassion, love, respect, forgiveness, gratitude, faith and a sense of justice.

In educating our young women to locate and claim their identity, we aim to equip them with an ethos of hope and a language of belonging within our Catholic worldview.



FIND YOUR HOPE

A personal and active faith in God

Staff Formation

The building of relationships is at the core of this mission. We shall enhance a deeper appreciation of the Catholic identity of Sacré Cœur and its distinctive Sacred Heart charism and traditions.

Catholic Anthropology

We aim to further cultivate an understanding of the critical place of God in our lives and in our world. Intelligent faith, compassionate action, reflective discernment and courageous hope underpin our understanding of what it means to be human.



LEARNING

Educate your mind

At Sacré Cœur, as a leading school of academic excellence in Victoria, we want to cultivate the potential and celebrate the wholeness and diversity of each of our students. Our staff offer a tailored experience of growth enhancing the personal learning journeys of all of our learners.

In educating our young women to love learning, we encourage each of them to aspire to personal excellence within a curriculum that is relevant, contemporary and far-reaching.



EDUCATE YOUR MIND

A deep respect for intellectual values

Future-Fit Framework

The development of a Future-Fit Framework is pivitol to providing a holistic education, through which we will empower our students to further develop and use their knowledge, character and competencies to achieve their best. They will take their place in the world, creating a more just global community.

Our Future-Fit Framework will transform the hearts and minds of our students, whilst catering for their individual learning needs.

Professional Growth

Staff learning is recognised as fundamental to Sacré Cœur's pursuit of excellence, noting the contributions and talents of our staff in the development of character and contemporary competencies in our students.

We shall provide ongoing growth and learning opportunities for staff to further develop their passion and knowledge of education, which is rigorous and reflective of the needs of an ever-changing world.



SERVICE

Give your heart

At Sacré Cœur, we want each of our students to make a difference with a mature voice and civic agency informed by critical consciousness. Our staff encourage all of our learners to become capable and confident leaders who can transform our world.

In educating our young women to challenge and to reform social structures as effective stewards of the earth's resources, we aim to offer them opportunities throughout their whole experience of school to serve as transformational leaders on a local, national and global level.



GIVE YOUR HEART

A social awareness that impels to action

Sustainability

Our students are taught to think critically, innovate and provide solutions towards more sustainable patterns of living within the school and local community, and also on a global scale.

Integrated programs will be critical to extending the development of values in our students, which will motivate them to take action for sustainability, and accept accountability for effective stewardship of people and the earth's resources.

Service Learning

At Sacré Cœur, we cultivate relationships of equality. These are essential for students to embark on a path of discernment and to realise their full potential as socially aware, empathetic thinkers committed to justice and inclusion in the service of the common good in an interdependent world.

We shall create and embed Service Learning Curriculum and Co-curriculum throughout the school. Our students will be provided with an education which will enable them to understand service and which supports the development of critical consciousness and compassionate action to become agents of change.

First Nations Reconciliation Action Plan

Through the embedding of the school's First Nations Reconciliation Action Plan, we shall ensure that;

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are incorporated in curriculum planning, development and evaluation processes.
- policies are respectful and inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and aim to increase knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.
- staff are professionally developed and involved in the process of embedding Sacré Cœur's Reconciliation Action Plan into our curriculum, our culture and daily lives.



BELONGING

Create your connection

At Sacré Cœur, we want each of our students to feel included and to develop a sense of belonging. Our staff welcome and support all of our learners to contribute to their family, school and the broader community through the richness and strength of their competencies.

In educating our young women to engage with one another in love, we aim to help them build relationships that are characterised by a profound relationality and mutual respect of each other's socio-economic and cultural diversity.



CREATE YOUR CONNECTION

The building of community as a Christian value

Student Diversity

We promote the right of every young person to be provided with a safe, supportive and inclusive environment that fosters optimal learning and wellbeing outcomes for all. The dignity of each individual lies at the core of all interactions.

We shall embed a Student Diversity Policy and Programs to further improve an understanding of, and respect for, the identities of all our students.

Cultural Competency

Our Cultural Competency Curriculum will enhance a shared sense of belonging, which is celebrated through relational experiences within and beyond the community.

We provide a place of education that grows the cultural competency of all in our community. Respect for different cultures, races, backgrounds, traditions and/or belief systems must form the cornerstone of our curriculum.



DISCERNMENT

Fulfil your purpose

At Sacré Cœur, we recognise the importance of developing each of our students as a whole person who can identify, understand and cultivate her own distinctive strengths. Our staff enable all of our learners to grow in autonomy and initiative by taking responsibility for her own life and decisions with empathy, creativity, agility and resilience.

In educating our young women to grow towards wholeness through realising their individual potential, we aim to challenge them to reflect upon their integrity through a broad range of opportunities grounded in informed and ethical decision-making and accountability.



FULFIL YOUR PURPOSE

Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

Student Profiles and Pathways

We shall continue to drive the importance of each student having a deep sense of a Sacré Cœur education being personal and directed to her.

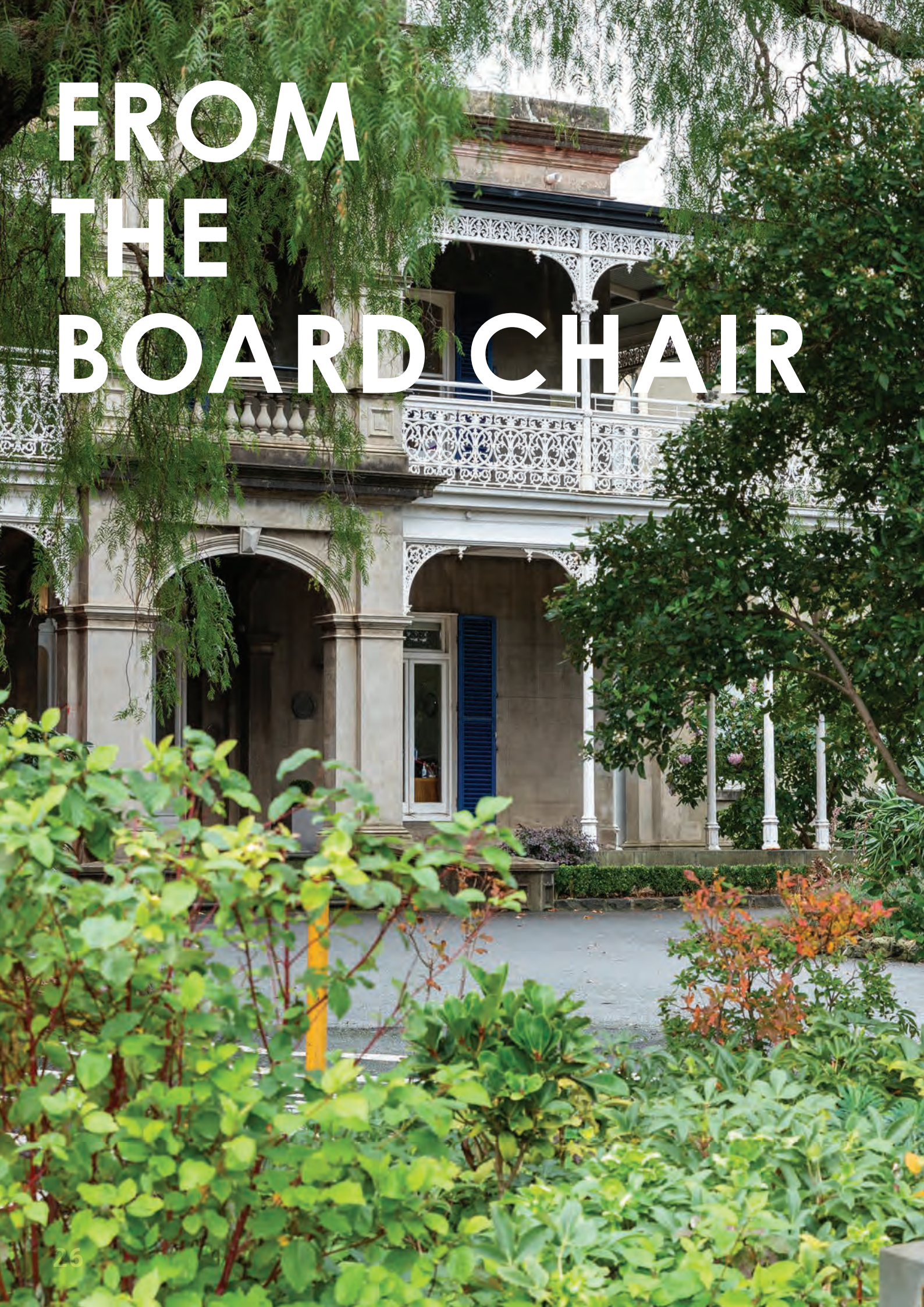
We shall work with each student to co-create a Student Learner Profile and Educational Pathways System, informed by the Victorian Curriculum and the VCE. This model enables us to track student growth and experience of excellence.

Student Leadership

Through the further development of explicit structures and programs, student voice is encouraged, fostered and valued. Along with the pursuit of formal leadership roles, each student is positioned to lead from wherever she stands and encouraged to develop a sense of constructive agency associated with leadership.

We shall re-imagine our Student Leadership Program so that the school supports each student to engage in and practise the skills of leadership, and to develop the qualities of leadership, required for active and responsible citizenship as a positive influence in the world inspired by Cor Unum.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR







We are confident that our ***Meet your Future at Sacré Cœur*** — Strategic Direction will lay the foundations for the coming together of faith and reason, of intellect and passion, of care and growth encapsulated in the spirit of Cor Unum.

In keeping with our vision for future-focused education, Sacré Cœur will continue to develop strong management and governance practices that support our growth and development, reflecting our five Sacred Heart Goals with confidence and pride. We will provide a secure and inspiring learning environment for our students and staff that is compliant with all external requirements. We will ensure the school strives for continuous improvement that achieves our strategic, operational and financial objectives and fulfils our purpose.

We would like to thank our community at Sacré Cœur for supporting the development of this document. Our students, staff, community members, Senior Leadership Team, and the Sacré Cœur Board have offered thoughtful consultation and considered contributions to envisioning a progressive and exciting future.

Each of us at Sacré Cœur has a role to play. We are called to work with one heart and one mind "for the sake of one child" who becomes transformed with a sense of hope to shape society with compassion, courage and justice to meet her future.

- Ms Dorothy Tselios



Child Safety Statement
Sacré Cœur promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

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