



**ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE**

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Dear Parents and Carers

## News from St Mary's College, St Kilda East

### Enrolment Interest 2024 and 2025

While many of you with children in year six have settled on your child's school for next year, we are receiving increased interest and enrolment applications from Catholic Primary School families for a place in year seven 2024 and 2025. We're also noticing a drift among such families to bring older siblings to join them in higher year groups. This interest is warmly welcomed and is encouraging.

There are a limited number of scholarship places still available for 2024. Please contact David Formosa, Director of Development [dformosa@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:dformosa@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au) for more information.

### Some news about St Mary's for your interest

The Herald Sun in late October carried a positive story about the College ending its lease arrangements with the Presentation Sisters to relocate the entire school to our home campus on 11 Westbury Street. This move will bring substantial savings that are being redirected into a \$3million refurbishment program of all learning spaces. New areas for design including food and textiles and a year 12 independent study facility are included. This work is currently underway and will be completed by the end of term three 2024.

### New College Principal

St Mary's has appointed Mr. Darren Atkinson as its next Principal from January 2024. St Mary's will be Darren's third principalship following St Joseph's Mildura and currently Aquinas College Ringwood. His successful experience of leadership, his commitment to co-education and passion for student achievement makes him the ideal choice to lead St Mary's into the future.

All this news means there are renewed vacancies in years 7 to 11 for the beginning of 2024. To explore your interest in St Mary's, I warmly invite you to participate in a 'Talk and Tour' which are advertised on our [website](#) and I am happy to meet with you at interview by contacting our Registrar, Elsie Daddow [registrar@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au). Edmund Rice Education Australia has always welcomed all families into our school. As part of that commitment, scholarships, bursaries and payment plans are available to families reassessing other choices for 2024 and beyond.

Catholic Co-education secondary schooling is rare in Melbourne. We believe that students learn best from expert teachers in classes where inclusion and diversity of lived experience is valued. The rest of your child's life starts tomorrow.

Please let me wish each of you and your community all the very best for the rest of 2023.

Yours sincerely

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