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SIENA
COLLEGE
CAMBERWELL

DO MORE *BE MORE*

We Acknowledge Country

Siena College acknowledges that our school community stands and meets on the sacred lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. While there has been great change to this land over the many generations, we know in our hearts and minds that their stories and spirits will always be written in this landscape. In the spirit of reconciliation, we honour and respect the custodians past, present and emerging and we are grateful for the opportunity to join with them in continuing to nurture this land, water and community.

I HOMINUM, DOMINO

Celebrating

85

years

~~SEE~~ *Make* A WORLD
OF DIFFERENCE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The 2025 College Theme for this, our 85th Year, is *Our Truth: Faith, Hope and Love*. As words on a page it serves as a statement of who we are and what we hold to be our Dominican truth.

Peguy on Hope

The faith that I love best,
says God, is hope.
Faith itself does not astonish me.
It is not astonishing.
I am so resplendent in my creation,
In the sun and the moon and the stars,
In all my creatures on the face of the
earth and on the face of the waters,
On the face of the mountain and
on the plain
In the bread and wine
In the one who ploughs and
the one who sows
In the harvest and in the vintage
In the light and in the darkness
And in the human heart.

Love, says God, that does not
astonish me. It is not astonishing.
One would need to have a heart of
stone not to respond to one
another's misfortunes,
Not to love one another.
How could one withhold bread,
daily bread, from the children
whom my son loved so much
My son their brother who loved
them with such great love?

But HOPE, says God,
that is what astonishes me.
I, myself, find it astonishing
That my children see what happens
and believe that things will improve.
That is the most astonishing, the most
marvellous gift.

And it astonishes me, myself, that my
gift has such incredible strength
Since it first flowed in creation as it
always will.

Faith sees.
Hope sees what will be.
Love loves what is.
Hope loves what has not yet been
And what will be in the future,
and in eternity.

Charles Peguy



Our College Theme surely invites us to more than easy statements of mission and vision.

- How might we personally understand these gifts, these qualities?
- Who first taught them to you? How do you live them now?
- Looking to our students, looking to the world, what does Faith, Hope and Love have to offer?
- How might our Siena community give even greater witness to these gifts?

The poem to the left (adapted) by French philosopher, Charles Peguy, offers a beautiful reflection on Faith, Hope and Love.

In noting our 85th celebrations this year, we can surely look to those who have gone before us over every decade to discover Faith, Hope and Love in action. Perhaps never more so than in the spirit of our founding Dominican Sisters. Eighty-five years ago, a small group of pioneering Dominican Sisters arrived in Camberwell from Ireland. With little understanding of their new home but with firm faith, a fierce love for learning, and a deep vocation, they responded generously to a mission that would foster generations of strong, intelligent and compassionate women. With good grace and much grit, these Sisters laid the foundation for what would become a cherished place of learning, life and laughter over ensuing generations.

To this day Siena students are encouraged to seek truth in all things, to act with integrity, to serve others with humility and love and, to make full and responsible use of their many gifts. These values have become the cornerstone of a Dominican student's education, shaping her character, intellect and worldview.



As we celebrate 85 years of Siena College, the mission remains clear: to continue nurturing young women who are grounded in our Catholic, Dominican faith and tradition, driven by purpose, and prepared to lead with strong hearts and beautiful minds. With each new generation, this legacy strengthens and deepens the impact for good in our world.

Events across this year have included:

- February: A birthday cake celebration with the school community
- April and August: A commemorative Mass and thanksgiving ceremony – St Catherine and St Dominic's Day respectively
- May: 'Siena Through the Ages' Whole School Assembly; storytelling and school uniform fashion parade
- August: A joyful gala dinner
- September: Alumnae reunions and storytelling sessions
- Student performances across a range of Music events

Join us as we treasure the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future.

Elizabeth Hanney
Principal



Honouring 85 Years of Dominican Tradition at Siena

BRONWYN ILOTT
DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

Siena College proudly professes to be a Catholic School in the Dominican Tradition. For eighty-five years, the Dominican Charism has formed, educated, guided and influenced the lives of young women, encouraging them to become the people committed to the search for Truth in all aspects of their daily lives. Though religious affiliation has certainly changed in Australia over the last eighty-five years, our commitment to this tradition and to these values remains ever strong.

Our students, throughout Years 7 to 12 undertake the study of Religious Education every year of their Siena education. Our curriculum continues to be refined to contemporise the Gospel messages and values, ensuring that a study of this ancient tradition remains ever valuable and relatable to the lives of our students. This academic study of Religious Education is complemented by the Pillars Student Leadership Program, which forms potential student leaders

in the Pillars of the Dominican Tradition, enabling them to appreciate how these Pillars of Prayer, Study, Service and Community, provide a structure to shape a purposeful life. This framework supports students as they search for meaning in their lives and seek to find their place within the world.

Annual celebrations of St Dominic's Day and St Catherine's Day, in addition to Opening School and Graduation Masses, continue to be important celebrations within the school year. These events allow our community the opportunity to reflect and pray together, and to celebrate the wisdom, the courage and the vision of St Dominic and St Catherine. These Feast Days continue to connect us to our Siena College heritage, as we bring to mind the celebrations held for these same occasions by generations of students who have gone before us. Our annual Masses are a celebration of the Dominican Tradition and the Siena Story, unifying us all.



History of Siena

Thirteen of the original fifteen students to enrol at Siena Convent, 1940



1940



1950



1951 Mother Mary Gonsalvo Byrne OP died, 1952 Crucifix in garden donated by alumnae

Sports Day Ribbon Dance, 1951

1960



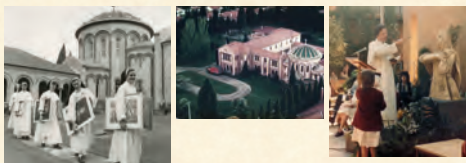
Completion of Centenary Wing, 1967

First classrooms built, comprising a laboratory, six classrooms, a small library, the hall and some offices, 1961

1970



1977 Extension Opening



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1980



Latingata Morrum Centre (gym) being built



1990



Golden Jubilee Building, 1990

Dominic de Guzman Science Centre





2000



2005



Cloister renovations, 2005



2010



Opening of St Catherine Centre and 75th Anniversary Celebrations, 2015



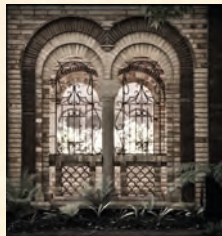
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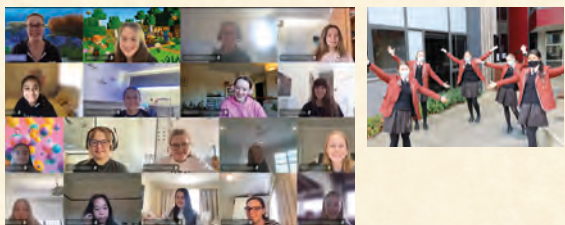


2020



Agora Gardens Opening, 2020

2021



Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-2021



2022



2023

Careers Showcase 10th Anniversary, 2024



2024

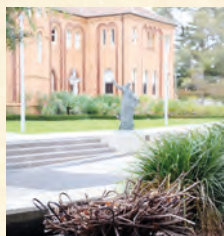


Siena in Siena Year 9 Program Launch

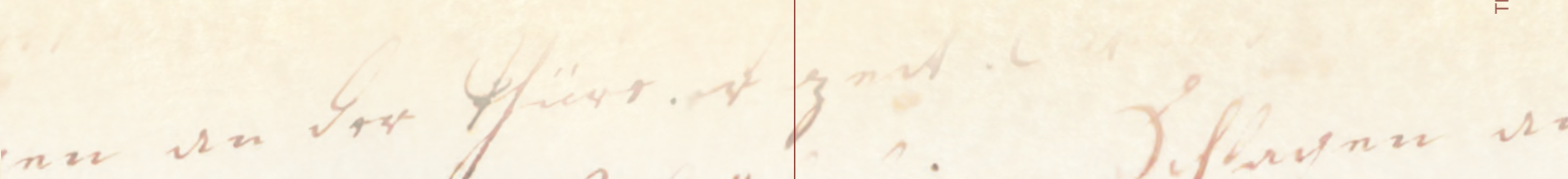


Congratulations to the Class of 2024 for achieving our finest VCE results to date!

2025



Bunjil's Nest Relocation, 2025



A Legacy of Academic Excellence

DONNA LAUGHLIN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING



Siena College continues to expose our students to opportunities that stretch their capacity. In a world where students are constantly ‘on’ technology, it is another approach to engage and build with technology.

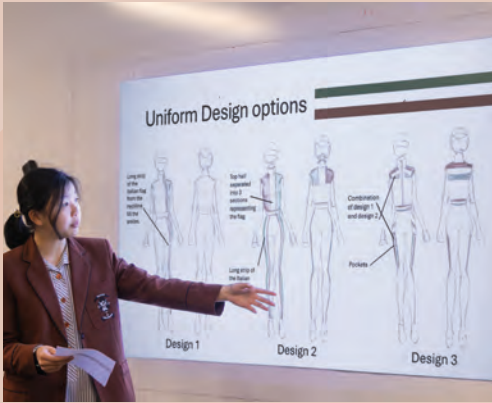
Year 10 STEAM continues to provide a platform for engagement. Students build skills of teamwork, collaboration and communication as they construct a miniature racing car, and design their Construction Team logo and uniform. Next is developing their understanding of Physics, and getting hands on with building numerous prototypes until the most effective in the criteria of aerodynamics is determined. All whilst being aware of what the competition is doing – it is Drive to Survive at its best! All culminating in the ultimate race of precision, to determine who wins the Constructors Championship for the semester!

Moving into the general classroom, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a necessary topic. Staff have participated in professional learning to incorporate Microsoft CoPilot as a learning tool for all students. This is essential. It is too easy for students to fall into the trap of accessing AI to dress up their work, falling into the murky area of what constitutes original work. Through tailored lessons on using CoPilot as a learning tool, students have been encouraged to use AI as a tutor, a coach, a mentor, a quiz master, all to refine

their understanding instead of being their understanding. The use of AI is prolific in the professional world; it is imperative that we embrace the inclusion of AI in the classroom instead of shying away from it.

In its seventh year, Year 9 Global Responsibilities continues to provide an avenue for students to deep dive into global perspectives. This year with a focus on Global Inequality and on being a citizen of the world, moving to a more considered investigation of Indigenous rights, women’s rights and the role of a Siena student in following in St Catherine’s steps and speaking out against injustice.

Study has been and continues to be a foundational pillar for Siena College and there has been much to celebrate in student achievement. 120 Year 12 students and forty-nine Year 11 students completed a VCE Unit 3/4 course last year. The Class of 2024 went on to achieve our finest VCE results to date, with a Median Study Score of 35 and a Median ATAR of 87.85. Congratulations to our 2024 College Dux, Hannah Morpeth, and to the entire Class of 2024 for your amazing results.



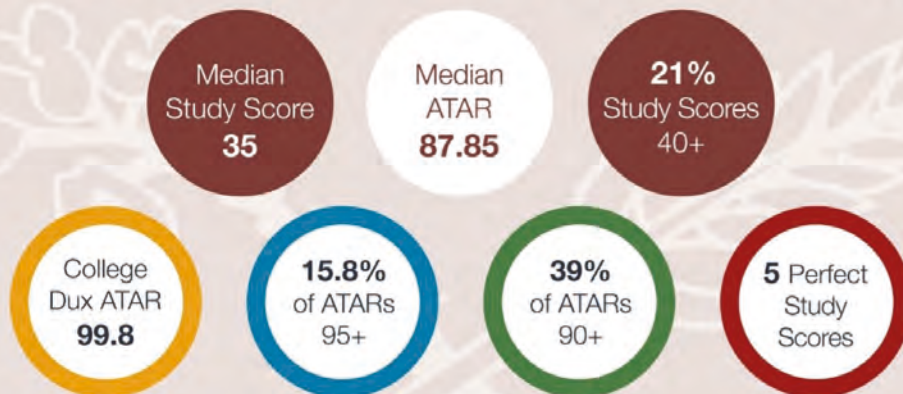
VCE SEASON OF EXCELLENCE:

Top Acts

Year 12 student, Lily Graham was invited by VCAA to audition for Top Class Drama 2025, as part of the VCE Season of Excellence. Only selected students who achieved an A or A+ in their examination were invited to audition. It was thrilling to hear that Lily had been selected to perform her solo titled, *Mulga Bill's Bicycle*.

Lily's performance followed the larger-than-life character Mulga Bill from the 1896 poem *Mulga Bill's Bicycle* by Australian bush poet and author A.B. (Banjo) Paterson. Throughout the solo, Mulga and his grandchild explored the seductive allure of trends and crazes over the years, including a futuristic time-traveling recliner chair, the yo-yo, Pokémon Go and the Spice Girls. The performance also highlighted the increasingly consumeristic nature of our society.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our High Academic Achievers

HELEN GRUTZNER

General Member,
Administrative Review Tribunal
1978 College Dux

I started as a 'new girl' in 1975 after spending three years at another Catholic girls' school. Siena, in contrast with my previous school, was a paradise of learning, friendship and fun. The school motto, Veritas, has guided me throughout my life: How can I realise my full potential? What is the right course of action?

Sr Rosemary was only a few years older than us but her quietly powerful presence created an environment where every girl felt known, supported and encouraged to be herself. She once advised me to pursue Law, but at the time my head was filled with poetry and I was determined to follow my heart and study Arts at The University of Melbourne. That said, I returned to study Law when I was older and perhaps a little more sensible, and it has led to a rich and varied career.



CAECILIA POTTER

Chief Executive Officer,
VensoGrow
1980 College Dux

Siena College gave me a compass. The motto at the time, Veritas, captured the school's commitment to truth through education.

That belief has guided me throughout an eclectic and rewarding career – first in IT and business strategy, then stockbroking, later founding an award-winning interior design firm, and now working in deep tech entrepreneurship. I founded VensoGrow to tackle one of the world's biggest challenges: feeding a growing population while reducing agriculture's environmental footprint. Our BreezeCoat™ technology increases crop yields, replaces synthetic inputs with beneficial microbes, and reduces pollution and emissions, all while using less energy and fewer harmful chemicals. Developed with Artificial Intelligence from the beginning, it harnesses seed performance data and field insights to deliver smarter, more sustainable outcomes.

Bringing my late father's invention into agriculture has been an intense and purpose-driven journey. I am now a named inventor on our patents and a co-author of a chemical engineering paper presented in Florence. At a time when not all girls' schools offered advanced science, Siena did. That foundation undoubtedly gave me the confidence to pursue challenging disciplines later in life. Being part of a small school also gave me a lasting sense of belonging – something I aim to instil in every business I build. High standards, a values-led culture, and a sense of family and purpose are at the heart of it all.





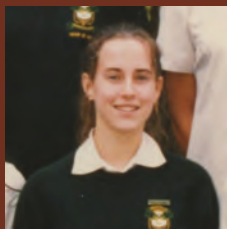
**CLARE CAMPITELLI,
NÉE LYNCH**

Optometry Practice Owner
1989 College Dux

The Siena I attended was the 1980s version. The buildings were simple, the uniform still had a seventies vibe (wide lapels, anyone?), but we had plenty of open space and a simplicity of life. I could switch off from school when I needed a break from the inevitable dramas and emotions of growing up. And when I was ready, I could lean into the wonderful friendships and opportunities around me.

My daughters were schooled at Star of the Sea College since Siena College was a bit far from home. But I saw, years later that the essence of what brought me joy in my school years was still there for them to experience. Screaming in support at House Athletics, chanting with spirit at Music Fest, singing with joy as a united group – I saw those same feelings alive in today's adolescents. Girls are fabulous when they work and laugh together.

So, Siena, thank you. Thank you for the fun, the ups and downs, the learning and unforgettable experiences. But most of all, thank you for the wonderful girls and women I have had the privilege of journeying through life with.



**DR NATHALIE CARTER,
NÉE ESAULT**

Family General Practitioner
1994 College Dux

It was within the supportive environment of Siena College that I first discovered my passion for Mathematics and Science, subjects that later helped me meet the high demands of a Medical Degree at Monash University. Siena provided a safe space to explore, make mistakes and try again, which fostered resilience and a strong growth mindset.

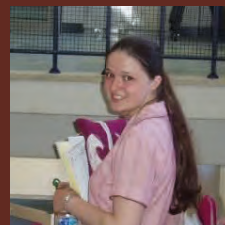


DR CHANTAL ESAULT

Perinatal and Reproductive Psychiatrist
1997 College Dux

I went on to study Medicine at Monash University and began my career at The Alfred Hospital. I later specialised in Psychiatry, completing my training at The Royal Women's Hospital. I am now a Perinatal and Reproductive Psychiatrist, supporting women and their families with emotional and mental health challenges during the preconception, pregnancy and postnatal periods.

Siena College inspired in me a strong desire to help and advocate for others, especially those who are often marginalised, such as individuals facing mental health challenges or early life adversity. It instilled in me a deep sense of gratitude for the privileges I have had, recognising that not everyone is afforded the same opportunities.



JULIA MARCHINGO

Senior Postdoctoral Scientist,
Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
2006 College Dux

Ask any of my friends or former teachers and they will tell you I have always been a passionate Science, Maths and English nerd (the English part, surprisingly, has proven very useful for a scientist!). I now specialise in Immunology, exploring how our immune system protects us from viral infections and cancer, what goes wrong during serious illness and how we might prevent it.

Ms Merriweather and Mr Bunn supported me when I was the only student in my year wanting to study Year 12 Physics. Siena College ran the class just for me. They also nominated me for the International Science School, a two-week program at the University of Sydney. That experience gave me my first real taste of the international nature of a scientific career and opened my eyes to the many unanswered questions about how the world works.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our High Academic Achievers

BRIDGET KING

Anaesthetic Fellow,
The Royal Women's Hospital
2010 College Dux

I am currently in my final year of specialist training in Anaesthesia, undertaking a sub-specialty fellowship in Obstetric Anaesthesia at The Royal Women's Hospital. Later this year, I will complete an additional fellowship at Austin Health. I am on track to complete my training by the end of 2025 and begin work as a Consultant Anaesthetist in both public and private practice in 2026.

The strong focus on ethics and social justice at Siena College continues to guide the way I practise Medicine, ensuring I care for patients with empathy, act ethically under pressure and remain culturally sensitive in all clinical settings. Balancing sport with academic commitments at Siena also taught me valuable time management skills, which have helped me maintain a strong work-life balance in my professional life.



JACQUELINE MCPHERSON

Senior Physiotherapist,
Eastern Health
2011 College Dux

I studied at La Trobe University where I developed a passion for working with neurological patients. I feel fortunate to share in both the highs and lows of their journeys – helping them regain movement, independence and their lives after experiencing stroke or other neurological conditions. I also have the privilege of leading innovation, education and workforce development within the Physiotherapy Department at Eastern Health. I am currently developing an online learning resource for junior clinicians treating patients with dizziness at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

My time at Siena College sparked a lifelong love of learning which continues to motivate me in the challenging yet rewarding public health sector. I was fortunate to have many formative opportunities at Siena – developing leadership as Cassia House Captain, teamwork through aerobics, netball and athletics, and the empathy essential for a career in healthcare.





The Siena Spirit in Action

MINNA JEWELL
INTERIM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WELLBEING AND STRATEGY

Since its founding in 1940, Siena College has woven a rich tapestry of tradition rooted in the four pillars of the Dominican Charism: Prayer, Study, Community and Service.

Central to the College spirit is Fiesta, introduced in 1999 to honour St Catherine of Siena’s legacy in a vibrant celebration of truth, unity and joy. Each year students from all year levels gather to perform acts that reflect the Dominican value of community and most recently are interpretations of the annual College Theme.

The infamous House of the Year (HOTY) competition embodies pastoral care and camaraderie; each House competes in academic, sporting and creative challenges, bringing together students and staff across year levels. The Swimming and Athletics Carnivals build on this unity, creating an exciting mix of fundraising and athletic competition.

The move from primary to secondary school can be daunting, and Siena’s Year 7 Transition Program has been purposefully build to ensure a warm and confident start. Incoming students are visited at their primary schools, attend an Orientation Day (alongside a Transition Information Evening for families), and

then spend a dedicated Transition Day on campus before the school year begins. This allows them to familiarise themselves with the campus, timetable and lockers, meet their Year 12 buddies and connect with peers within their House Group. In recent years, the Grade 6 Music Prelude and Sports Workshop programs were introduced, providing opportunities for our incoming students to explore some of the cocurricular options open to them and to help them feel at home in their new school. These traditions reinforce our Dominican Charism and cultivate a joyful, inclusive community.

The Siena College Strategic Plan, *Strategy in Action: Towards 2030* builds on this foundation by placing community and collaboration at the heart of the College’s future vision. It affirms Siena’s commitment to fostering connection, wellbeing, and purpose – ensuring that the strength of its traditions continues to shape empowered young women for generations to come.



Community Engagement and Justice Education

BRONWYN ILOTT
DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

Throughout our history, Siena College has prided itself on our commitment to the Dominican Pillars of Service and Community. Students commencing at Siena learn about our Pillars and how they are enacted in our daily lives.

Connections to Community and Service are the Pillars which speak most tangibly to our student body as they seek opportunities to engage with the broader community and, in the service of others, share the gifts of their Siena education.

Long standing connections have been formed over the years with the Kopanang Community in Tsakane, South Africa. For a number of years, under the guidance of Sr Sheila Flynn, senior students were given the opportunity to participate in immersions to South Africa, and were privileged to be hosted by the women of the Kopanang Community. The opportunity to live in a South African home, and to be cared for by a South African Mumma, remains a significant highlight in the lives of many alumnae when reflecting on their Siena education. Our students developed empathy and compassion for this community and experienced love and hospitality in abundance.

Unfortunately, immersions to South Africa ceased with the pandemic, but thankfully our connection to the community remains strong. Each year, our current staff and students learn the story of Kopanang and get involved in raising funds for the community, providing the children of Kopanang with school uniforms to wear and school supplies to use. Additionally, in solidarity with women around the world, over the past few years we have invested in purchasing period underwear and sustainable period products for the women of Kopanang, addressing the injustice of period poverty faced most acutely by women in African countries.

In more recent years, Siena College has partnered with Friday Night School, a volunteer student tutoring organisation operating out of St Ignatius Church Hall in Richmond. Each Friday night, students from Siena join with students from other Melbourne Catholic Schools, volunteering

to tutor students from refugee and non English speaking backgrounds. The Friday Night School community is vibrant and diverse, consisting of students from a range of cultural backgrounds. Each year, Friday Night School tutoring has extended to Friday Night School camps and their annual end of year celebration. Being part of this program and attending these events has provided our students with an expansive concept of community and empowered them to use their Siena education to directly and positively impact the lives of other young people.





WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Past College Captains and Head Prefects

**MARIE JOYCE,
NÉE MCKENNA
OAM PHD FAPS FCCP**

1956 Head Prefect

It is a very long gaze into the past to recall my year as Head Prefect of Siena in 1956, and the six years preceding it as I progressed through the Form levels. Girls who wished to attend university often completed two years in Form 6 known as Matric – a shortened version of Matriculation, which literally referred to the formal signature required to enrol at The University of Melbourne. Some of us were very young when we started at Siena: two of us were just ten and there was even a nine-year-old English girl who had newly arrived in Australia.

I loved my years at Siena Convent where our lives were closely intertwined with the Sisters, in whose Convent we quite literally spent our days. The Form 5 classroom also served as the Sisters' evening recreation room; we had our lessons around a large dining room style table, surrounded by their library bookcases and piano. The Sisters were true scholars – one was even undertaking a PhD in Education during our senior years, which was quietly inspiring for those who knew. Among them were also keen tennis players and we would often play serious afternoon matches with them.

We were a very small school with fewer than a hundred students, yet we experienced a wide range of educational, sporting and cultural opportunities. Choral music, drama performances and poetry recitals were all part of school life. For a time, I had the joy of conducting the school choir.

Religious education and spiritual formation were central to our school life. We studied a simplified version of Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* titled *Living the Truth* – theologically exciting times, especially in the lead-up to the Second Vatican Council.



**JUDITH GALLAGHER,
NÉE KELLEHER**

1960 Head Prefect

In 1956, I started Year 8 at Siena – the same year as the Olympic Games in Melbourne. There were only 92 students across six year levels, then known as Forms 1-6. The final three years were called Intermediate, Leaving and Matriculation – terms now long consigned to memory. To pursue nursing or teaching, you needed to pass the Leaving Certificate (now Year 11); for university, Matriculation (Year 12) was required.

It was a great privilege to be chosen as Head Prefect (now School Captain) in 1960. Two prefects were also selected from Form 4 and Form 5. Our House colours were green and gold, and each House had an elected Sports Captain. We fielded tennis and netball teams in the inter-Catholic schools competition – netball was known as basketball back then. A competition to name the new school magazine resulted in *Rustling Leaves* – the forerunner to *The Spirit*. Produced on a typewriter, it was copied using a Gestetner – an early photocopier.

Two cottages next to the convent became classrooms for four year levels. One, called Benincasa, was presumably named after St Catherine's father. Its kitchen served as the tuck shop on Mondays – a pie cost one shilling and three pence. At noon, the St Dominic's church bell tolled for the Angelus prayer, and the convent dog, Marty would howl along! St Dominic's Day, celebrated on 4 August, saw all students travel to Delgany – a boarding school in Portsea for deaf children run by Dominican nuns.

The curriculum was basic compared to today. Latin was taught up to Year 9, and Physics classes were held at St Kevin's. The Science lab near the quadrangle had limited equipment. After completing Matriculation, I enrolled at Pharmacy College and in 1964, became the first Siena graduate to qualify as a pharmacist. I look back fondly on my five years at the school and still cherish the strong friendships I made there.





**DR ROSE MARIE PROSSER,
NÉE MOORING**

1961 Head Prefect

In 1961, Siena Convent had around one hundred and fifty students. There was an intake of about thirty in Year 7, with class numbers gradually decreasing over the years, leading to much smaller groups in 'Leaving' and 'Matric'. Forms 7 and 8 were held in the far cottage, while Year 9 and Matric were in the cottage next to the Convent. Intermediate and Leaving classes were held in the Convent building itself.

There was no library and the only laboratory was a very small room next to Mother Prioress's office. There were eleven of us in our final year. I studied Physics at Swinburne Tech one night a week. Two of us took Chemistry, the same two also studied Pure Maths and I was the only one who took Applied Maths. Subsequently, the first of the new 'College' buildings was constructed. Later in the year, all students moved into the new school. The addition of the school hall was a great improvement, although it unfortunately suffered severe damage in a fire a few years later.

Most of the staff were Dominican Sisters. The Sisters were a joyful group who truly lived out their Dominican Charism, centred on the search for truth and sharing the fruits of their contemplation with others. The only full-time lay teacher was Miss Patricia Ryan whose classroom was in the far cottage.

Even though my science education was limited, I had a very positive experience at Siena. The Sisters took great interest in each student and parents were always made to feel welcome. We had concerts, drama and musical performances around the quadrangle. Shorthand and typing were taught, and while Sports Day was not extensive, we did enjoy physical education, ball games and marching.



JULIE HARDIMAN

1964 College Captain

In 1964, the Convent School up on the hill was a close-knit and friendly community. The culture of the school fostered friendships that would last well beyond our school days.

We celebrated special occasions in what became the spirit of Siena. On St Dominic's Day, teams of students and nuns challenged each other on the basketball court with speed and gay abandon – although some caution was evident when trying to contain Sister Stephanie's skills!

The annual picnic to Portsea gently introduced many of us to the wonderful world of special education – or perhaps just gave us a chance to claim a spot on the sand to share stories and dreams. It was a day when we were set free to entertain the Delgany students and to explore. We were unsupervised but always looked out for one another. It was a favourite day for many.

Senior students dressed up for the School Social and danced with boys from Marcellin and De La Salle as Dennis Farrington's quartet played *Moon River*. Some waited their turn with the photographer for a prized memento of an exciting night.

Hamlet was the set text for Leaving and Matriculation English, and it became a highlight of the school year. We embraced it with enthusiasm and were considered responsible enough to travel by tram to the Arts Centre for a breathtaking theatrical performance. We felt very grown up.



**ANNE AFRICA,
NÉE CHALMERS**

1982 College Captain

1982 was a formative year – a time of personal growth, emerging leadership, and unforgettable experiences. Siena was a school that encouraged academic excellence but, more importantly, fostered a strong sense of belonging. There was a genuine feeling that each of us mattered, and that who we were becoming was just as important as what we were learning.

Being Captain remains one of the defining privileges and memories of my youth. I remember feeling the responsibility – not as a burden, but as an opportunity to give back to a community that had shaped me. I tried to represent my peers, to listen, and to lead with kindness and care – values Siena gently instilled in us from the beginning. Being school captain in 1982 was truly an honour.

One memory that still makes me smile is the Year 7 camp. Vice Captain, Felicity Provan – Flick, as we knew her – and I went along to connect with the newest members of our school. I remember being allowed to smoke after they went to bed – something unimaginable today! It was a small but symbolic moment – a gesture of trust and of being treated like an adult.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Past College Captains and Head Prefects



**JACQUI DUFFEE,
NÉE MCINERNEY**

1984 College Captain

I was elected College Captain in 1984, alongside two Vice Captains, Angela Savage and Roseanne Docherty. We are three very different people and complemented each other very well.

My mother has often said of my sister and I, and our school friends: "Siena produced strong women." I personally thrived in the female-dominated and female-led educational environment. I went on to become an educational psychologist, and I believe that the diverse range and needs of students in our society demands a variety of educational settings. However, my experience as a young person at an all-girls secondary school, where education was valued and encouraged, allowed my peers and I to explore our world, and our thoughts about it, with freedom and little fear of having our feminist views derided or shut down.

Social justice values were also impressed on us at Siena. I still clearly remember Sr Maura covering a class for our Geography teacher. We were arguing that China should have a one-baby policy based on availability of their country's resources. Sr Maura very succinctly responded that the world had more than enough resources for everyone if we could only learn to share and cooperate with each other. It was a profound lesson for me as an adolescent and has continued to guide my personal and professional decision-making since then.

I would like to thank my teachers for their care for, commitment to and interest in the wellbeing and education of their students. Our time at Siena proved to be a supportive and encouraging learning environment from which I can say I benefitted enormously.

**JILL FITZSIMONS,
NÉE EARLE**

1989 Vice Captain

I am glad I was at school when Brutus, the nuns' black Labrador wandered freely around the grounds and the nuns' washing fluttered on the line as we made our way to the music cottage to sing heartbreak songs like *The Rose*. It was a time when Sr Janet Meade's version of the *Our Father* was regularly sung at Mass and our communal singing of the school song at assembly was a joy. The line, "*We have worked and played there, and we have prayed there,*" still makes me laugh. These moments created a deep sense of place – simple, joyful and spirited.

In Year 7, watching *Choices of the Heart* left a lasting impression about social justice. I also remember joining a rally to Save Greens Bush, inspired by an older student, and listening to a classmate's brother talk about nuclear disarmament in his overcoat and Robert Smith haircut. These moments encouraged us to care about the wider world.

I loved athletics and trained at Highfield Oval in my bottle green tracksuit. Though swimming was not my strength, I entered every race. It taught me the value of showing up – even if I still remember hitting the lane rope at Balwyn Pool!

Being in the school choir was a highlight, especially winning the Dandenong Eisteddfod with our *Cats* medley. The Whitefriars and Siena musicals were joyful, even if I fumbled the dance steps. Looking back, I am proud I gave it a go.

Starting in 1984 at age twelve, I often felt a step behind. So being voted a student leader came as a surprise – and a proud moment that changed how I saw myself.

I made lifelong, funny, encouraging friends and had inspiring teachers who taught me to think, be resilient and love learning. I am deeply grateful to Siena for shaping who I am.





ZARA LAWLESS

1993 College Captain

As the old school song goes, we worked, played and prayed – and in hindsight, it was this very mix that helped shape the women we became. Looking back on my time at Siena as part of the Class of 1993, I feel immense gratitude for the foundation it gave us.

We left as young women ready to contribute – confident, grounded and quietly ambitious. Whether it was through academic life, student leadership, school musicals, sport or social justice initiatives, Siena gave us room to grow, find our voice and support one another. There was a real sense of humility about the school – never flashy but always quietly achieving, always rising to the occasion. That spirit filtered through everything we did. We were not taught to chase recognition but to lead with integrity, show up for each other and give back to our communities.

Siena may have been small in size but it was big in spirit. That legacy lives on in the thousands of past students contributing in their own quiet, powerful ways. From the Class of 1993, we wish Siena a very Happy 85th Birthday! “*Long may our Siena stand!*”



MEGAN MENS, NÉE SMITH

1996 College Captain

Ask any Siena girl what *Veritas* means, and they will tell you it means ‘truth’ – and the truth is, I loved my time at Siena.

In 1996, we were the era of the gorgeous cream dresses and what many would call a brown blazer, but we always called it *rust*. We were also the era of the last nun as Principal and we all have such fond memories of Sr Margaret Mary. Representing Siena as the School Captain of 1996 remains one of the greatest honours of my life. Along with one of my best friends and Vice Captain, Natalia, we organised a leadership day at Siena where we invited Whitefriars, Marcellin, De La Salle and Catholic Ladies to discuss leadership strategies in our schools. We also planned Student Representative Council days, Year 12 boxer shorts (still my most comfortable pair of shorts!), yearbooks and our Hawaiian-themed ‘muck-up’ day.

Siena was like a second home to me, and my years there were filled with so many great memories and opportunities to excel. I joined as many committees and groups as I could, and was lucky enough to attend enrichment courses, sing with the *Canticum Angelorum* choir, and compete in Tournament of the Minds, where our team were the Metropolitan winners for *The Trial of Mother Goose* under the guidance of our brilliant leader, Ms Griggs.

My favourite days at Siena were St Catherine’s Day, when we ran market stalls and performed concerts – always entertaining! I also loved sports days, where we chanted things like, “*C’mon Kurrajong, we’re the greatest!*” at the top of our lungs. School camps and excursions were also great fun. My favourite was the Year 11 Politics Camp to Canberra, where we attended the Press Club and met Cheryl Kernot, Bronwyn Bishop and Gareth Evans. And of course, no one could ever forget (nor forget the smell of!) the excursion to Werribee Sewerage Farm.

Looking back, it feels like we grew up in an easier time – before social media and mobile phones – where our biggest decision was whether to catch the Turning, Express or Straight bus home. Inevitably, on Fridays it was the Express bus so we could stop for chicken salted chips at Nick’s in Greythorn.

The friends I made at Siena are still some of my closest. They were the people who were there during those formative years – who ate scroggin with me on school camp, who learned the running man in the hall on rainy days, who spent hours discussing outfits for the Year 11 Formal, and who stood by my side singing *Like an Eagle* as we farewelled Siena and went out into the world.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Past College Captains and Head Prefects



AMY SAMSON

1999 College Captain

I recall the celebrations and the honour of participating in the opening of the College gymnasium in 1999, and the significance of this space to the school community – particularly to girls’ sport at Siena. I also have fond memories of the fun and excitement of hosting the first Siena Fiesta with the Performing Arts Captain, Jacqui Hunt. Introduced in 1999, the Fiesta was a joyful celebration of St Catherine’s Day.

Other significant highlights included participating in the Student Representative Council, interschool debating at Camberwell Grammar and opportunities to attend the United Nations Youth Conference. These events taught me to listen to others – especially those with views different from my own – and gave me the freedom to construct and assert my own ideas and beliefs. This was particularly empowering when engaging with issues of social justice, such as those affecting women.

Siena encouraged me to think outside the box, providing platforms to present my opinions through healthy debate and problem solving. These opportunities laid a strong foundation for my education, inspiring a lifelong love of learning and curiosity about the world – and enabling me to take my place with confidence at any table.

ADRIENNE DURAY

2019 College Captain

Looking back, being a College Captain during the COVID-19 outbreak was nothing like I ever imagined it would be. When I applied for the role in 2019, I pictured assemblies, lively events, face-to-face meetings and the chance to connect with students in real, tangible ways. Instead, I found myself running Student Representative Council meetings over Zoom and trying to lead our College community from behind a screen during one of the most uncertain times in our lives.

At first, it was incredibly daunting. I remember feeling nervous about hosting SRC Week online – an event that had always been full of energy and fun on campus. I worried no one would show up, that the spark would be lost. But what happened instead was something far more meaningful. Students and staff showed up with so much warmth, support and enthusiasm, and we created something really special together – even from our homes. Being a College Captain during that time made me deeply proud of myself, of my peers and of the amazing resilience we all discovered.

It certainly was not the year I expected – but it was one I would never forget.





Siena Uniform Through the Ages

A highlight of our Term 2 assembly this year was the 'Siena Uniform Through the Ages' fashion parade. The fashion parade was emceed by staff member and past Siena Archivist, Catherine Judd, and showcased the evolution of Siena College uniforms over the decades, modelled by students in Years 7 to 12. As we celebrate 85 years of Siena College, students and staff alike enjoyed seeing how our uniform has changed. The one constant: our Siena Rust!



Happy Birthday, Bob Stewart!

Bob Stewart is celebrating 100 years of service this year, what a remarkable milestone! As a long-standing uniform supplier and a generational connection for many in our community, we extend our warmest congratulations on their centenary.

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Community Events in 2025



85TH ANNIVERSARY BALL



85TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE





FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



GENERATIONS GATHERING



YEAR 12 BREAKFAST



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Notable Alumnae



JUDITH POTTER

(Class of 1973)
College Board Chair

My Siena College education shaped me both consciously and unconsciously. A strong partnership between my parents and Siena deepened the foundations for my professional, personal and faith life. I am grateful for my Siena education, the values of which continue to be integral to who I am today. Looking back, I graduated with a deep sense of self. Over the years, I have come to understand and appreciate that a strong sense of identity supports you in confidently pursuing any role you choose.

My choice of a career in Secondary education was nurtured by my education – an experience grounded in Christian values and imbued with the Dominican Charism. Reflection and prayer have been, and continue to be, central to my daily life. The opportunity to study the full Mathematics and Science course was a gift, not one that was available at the time in all girls' schools. The breadth of studies in earlier years fostered my interest in English and Philosophy, alongside Mathematics.

Being open to new opportunities led me to take up positions in Government, Independent and Catholic schools. I am grateful for all that I learned in each sector but whenever I stepped back into a Catholic school, I immediately felt 'at home'. From my first appointment as a teacher through to serving as a Principal, I have been guided by the value of a rigorous education, the importance of deeply searching for the truth before making decisions, an understanding of the uniqueness of everyone and the respect due to all. I also found strength in fostering a sense of belonging within the school community.

From my Siena education, I gained a deep understanding of my responsibility to make a positive contribution to society. I conclude with a challenge to those who claim that education in a girls' school is not 'real life'. My experience, and the lives of countless alumnae, stand as testament to its enduring value and impact.



**ANNE-MAREE KELLY
MBBS MD MCLINED
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(Class of 1977)

Emergency Medicine Professor,
Western Health

For more than thirty-five years, I have been privileged to work with amazing teams of health professionals providing care to Emergency department patients in public hospitals across Australia and New Zealand. In Emergency departments, people are often vulnerable and scared. Some face challenges such as poverty, addiction, mental illness or trauma. The attributes of compassion, justice and community service nurtured in me at Siena have greatly influenced my approach to these individuals and my personal goal of doing my best for every patient, no matter their circumstances.

Siena instilled in me a thirst for truth and critical thinking. When I began as an Emergency Physician, the evidence base for Emergency care was sparse. Determined to make a difference, I combined a Research career with my clinical work, becoming the first female Professor of Emergency Medicine in Australasia. With more than three hundred published papers and book chapters, I hope I have contributed to the growing body of knowledge improving Emergency care worldwide.

I was fortunate to have fantastic teachers at Siena who showed me how powerful good teaching can be. Realising that I could only treat one patient at a time, but by teaching I could multiply that impact enormously, I trained in Clinical Education and regularly teach both Junior and Senior clinicians and students.

As I wind down my Clinical career, my passions for teaching, learning and justice remain undiminished. I continue to teach and research in both Emergency Medicine and, more recently, Health Law. I have a particular interest in Health Equity for vulnerable populations such as those with mental illness, asylum seekers and prisoners.

As a young woman leaving Siena, I could not have known where my path would lead. It has not always been smooth but looking back, it is easy to see how the values and attitudes nurtured by my family and Siena provided grounding, guidance and signposts on what has been and continues to be a wonderful journey.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Notable Alumnae



CATH JAMISON
(Class of 1982)
Magician and Mentalist

I currently work full time as a professional Magician and Mentalist, and I have become one of the leading performers in this field in Australia. One of the highlights of recent years was the *Sass and Secrets Tour*. In 2023, we were fortunate to be selected for Regional Arts Victoria's Connecting Places Touring Program. Performing in small country towns was a dream. The audiences were wonderful, their responses were heartwarming, and we were often gifted homemade jam, fresh scones or even a hand-woven wreath. This is a true story.

There is a strong sense of belonging and support in the Magic community, perhaps because it is such an old and secretive profession. However, there are still very few female magicians, both in Australia and internationally. I have worked hard to challenge the stereotype that women in Magic should only appear as the magician's assistant. I have remained authentic to who I am on stage, choosing not to conform to traditional expectations about how I should look or the types of tricks I should perform. This authenticity helped me build what is now recognised as my unique and sometimes quirky *Cath Jamison* brand.

At Siena, I was deeply involved in the Arts and Drama, including school plays and the orchestra where I played the violin. I also served as the College bagpiper. Siena encouraged creativity, exploration, and helped me to develop the confidence to take the stage. When I recently searched for Siena College online, I came across this description: "*Siena College is a place where students feel a strong sense of community, belonging and support.*" That perfectly reflects my experience. Siena helped shape my journey by providing a lasting foundation of connection and confidence.



KATH MCCARTHY

(1989 College Captain)
 People and Performance Partner,
 Atlas Counsel, Consultant, Facilitator
 and Executive Coach

Reflecting on my time at Siena, what stands out most is the way I was encouraged to immerse myself in every opportunity that came my way. Drama productions, debating competitions, choir rehearsals, musicals, and public speaking events – if it involved words or performance, I was there. These were not just extracurricular activities; they were spaces where I felt fully alive, creatively challenged and deeply connected to others.

Siena allowed me to explore where I could thrive, and for me that was always in the Arts and through voice. In my senior years, this spirit of involvement deepened. The academic demands increased and so did the invitation to reflect more critically on who we were

becoming. There was a shift subtle but significant, from doing to becoming. I was no longer just performing roles on stage or in speeches but beginning to understand myself more fully.

It was a privilege to step into leadership during those final years. At the time, I was focused on fulfilling the role well, presenting with confidence and meeting my responsibilities. But what I see now is that the true gift was in how those experiences shaped me. They were formative. I was given the space to grow into myself, to try, to fail gently, and to learn in the presence of others doing the same.

Siena was not just a school. It was a place where I could be expansive, expressive and evolving. I am grateful for a community that encouraged breadth over perfection, process over polish and growth over performance. Those years helped shape not only what I could do, but who I wanted to become.



Long-Serving Siena Staff



Image: Anne Rice (left) with Christine Miller, who retired last year after twenty-four years of teaching at Siena College.

ANNE RICE

Thirty-seven years at Siena College

I first entered the gates of Siena last century and my journey continues! After all these years, teaching Health and Physical Education and occasionally Legal Studies, has been incredibly rewarding. Through my teaching, I hope that students leave Siena with the knowledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle and a continued love for sport.

It has been a privilege to contribute to the education of thousands of Siena students over the years. Watching students enter Siena in Year 7 and being part of their journey until they are farewelled in Year 12 has brought countless memorable experiences. Reconnecting with past students at school events and on the sports field has been a highlight, and it has been a special honour to teach the daughters of former students.

Siena has been a part of my life for so many years. I have treasured every moment and am deeply grateful to be part of this very special Siena community.

CATHERINE JUDD

Twenty-four years at Siena College

Being part of the Siena community has been a true blessing. Now considered an ‘old timer’ after more than twenty years of teaching, I have witnessed many changes. The staffroom was once in the West Wing and information technology was just emerging. Back then, the Waratah rooms known as B5, were the gateway to computers. Teachers could view all student screens from the front of the room, which made it easy (and amusing!) to catch students shopping or scrolling through Facebook.

I have enjoyed teaching at Siena immensely. For some years, I helped develop the College Archives, which gave me a wonderful connection to past students and their fascinating stories of life at Siena and beyond. I was also Head of the Humanities Faculty for nearly fifteen years and taught History and Global Politics throughout my time here, with occasional ventures into English, Religious Education and Geography. History and Global Politics have always been my favourite subjects – every culture and era has its story. I firmly believe that if we do not understand the past with all its greatness and flaws, we risk diminishing our present and future through ignorance – so STUDY HISTORY!

One of my greatest joys has been seeing students grow in confidence, knowledge and skills to embark on their own journeys. It is always a pleasure to meet past students who speak fondly of their time at Siena. Wherever life takes them – further study, work or adventure – I know they leave Siena well-prepared, with dreams and opportunities to last a lifetime. In 2025, Siena College celebrates eighty-five years of teaching and learning, and I am proud to have played a small part in that story.



Image: Pictured here with Vanessa Barcellona (Class of 2001) on Muck Up Day. She tried to hold me up with a water gun but I managed to steal it from her! Vanessa served as Deputy College Board Chair from 2022 to 2024 and was Alumnae Association President from 2014 to 2015.



EDDIE CORONADO

Twenty years at Siena College

I am proud to say, “I am just a teacher.” I love what I do and I take pride in being known as a teacher. It is surprising to me that some consider it limiting or demeaning. For me, it is a role filled with purpose and fulfilment. Although I understand why others may pursue leadership or administrative roles, that path has never appealed to me. I find meaning in the direct impact I have on students and their families. That is where my accountability lies. Education is a three-way partnership involving students, their families and the school, and that is where I focus my efforts.

I do not place importance on grades. While they may reflect certain achievements, they are not the primary goal. I do not teach in order for students to memorise mathematical concepts that they may never use in the

future. I can confidently say that much of what I teach in the classroom will not be directly applied in adult life. Therefore, I ask students not to question, “*When am I going to need this?*”

What I do value is encouraging students to appreciate the role of mathematics in the world around them. Whether it involves checking the weather, managing finances or interpreting everyday data, mathematics is embedded in all aspects of life. Students do not need to understand every concept completely, but I hope they can respect the relevance and quiet beauty of the subject.

For me, teaching has always been about meaningful interactions, small breakthroughs, shared moments and genuine growth. That is the heart of the profession and that is more than enough.



Image: Three long-time colleagues (L-R): Eddie Coronado, Catherine Judd and Rosanna Merriweather tabulating results at the annual Inter House Swim and Dive Carnival. Rosanna has taught at the College for twenty-one years.



FR NICHOLAS PUNCH OP

Staff member 1970–71, 1976–1980

When I reflect on my time as chaplain at Siena College, I realise it was one of the happiest periods of my life as a priest. I loved working with the students: teaching them, counselling them and meeting their families. I was continually inspired by the creativity of students and staff in preparing whole-school and class liturgies.

I felt part of a vibrant community made up of students, staff and families. Over the years, I have had the privilege of keeping in touch with several former students.

Preparing some of them for marriage was a particularly meaningful experience. Today, these same students are professional women – many of them now parents and even grandparents. I always enjoy reconnecting with them whenever I return to Australia.

I believe my contribution to Siena has been far outweighed by what I have received in return. I have gained so much more. Congratulations, Siena College on eighty-five years of preparing young women to lead in our world. In my humble opinion, you are one of the finest schools in Australia.

2025 Reunions

We were delighted to welcome alumnae back to Siena for our 2025 Reunion Day in September. The Classes of 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, 2015, 2020 and alumnae from the 1960s reconnected with stories and laughter ringing through our Heritage Boardroom.

These gatherings are always special – watching our alumnae reconnect, swap stories, exchange lost contact details, share a glass or two of bubbly, and just have a good time is a wonderful testament to the Siena spirit.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for their reunion.

1960s



Class of 1975



Class of 1985



Class of 1995



Class of 2005



Class of 2015



Class of 2020



Strategy in Action

Siena College's 'Strategy in Action, Towards 2030', developed through collaborative consultation with students, staff, and families, represents a hope filled commitment to the future that builds upon the pioneering Dominican Sisters' 1940 vision of providing the finest education for young women. This strategic framework seeks to position the College to enter a new chapter with confidence and capacity, equipping students with the skills, knowledge, values and attributes necessary for life and service to the world.

Grounded in the Dominican Tradition of educational excellence, the strategy and vision towards 2030 is structured around four key focus areas:

Contemporary capability:
Strong, sustainable and secure

The Siena difference:
Women leaders for the future

Foundations for flourishing:
Learning to be and do

Leading edge learning experience:
Continuous innovation and transformation.





Golf Day

Each year, our Siena Golf Day raises funds for our Equity Scholarship Program. Teams of Siena suppliers, friends, parents and staff came together on Friday, 12 September to enjoy a day of Ambrose golf, a gourmet barbeque dinner and on-course competitions.

Thank you to all sponsors and attendees of this event. Their ongoing support of our Equity Scholarship Program continues to provide opportunities for girls from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend Siena College.

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Births



Geraldine O'Shannessy (Class of 2011) and husband Julian welcomed Oliver Peter Weekley to the world on 3 April 2025.



Anna Douglas (Class of 2003) and partner, Richard Mason welcomed son, Thomas Alfred Mason-Douglas on 6 May 2005.



Erica O'Donnell (Class of 2005) and partner, Kayne Brockwell welcomed daughter, Addison Mary Brockwell on 4 April 2025.



Jessica Sloup (Class of 2011) and partner, Sam Hibbins welcomed son, Charlie Sloup Hibbins on 3 June 2025. Nana Sue Lee (staff member) was delighted to meet her grandson.



Staff member, Dhanya Gunawardena and husband, Sylvester welcomed Noah Sebastian Perera on 11 April 2025.



Staff member, Punita Mistry and her husband welcomed Kealan Nadal Targosz on 22 February 2025.



We Remember

ELIZABETH (BETH) O'CALLAGHAN, NÉE DOUGLAS

(Class of 1950)

Elizabeth passed away on 8 February 2025, aged ninety-one. The only daughter among five children, Beth's early years were shaped by frequent relocations due to her father's role as a primary school principal. Beth went on to teach at regional secondary schools across Victoria, retiring as Principal of Derrinallum High School. She lived an adventurous and fulfilling life — working as a tour guide in Algeria in the 1950s, performing with the Samaritan Light Opera Company and writing award-winning local history in Warrnambool, where she later settled.

Beth was a beloved aunt to sixteen nieces and nephews, including Siena alumnae, Caroline Douglas (Class of 1981), Mary-Anne Walshe (Class of 1984) and Kate Slorach (Class of 1986). She will be remembered for her generosity, warmth and life of service and creativity.



GAYLE PEGGIE, NÉE DAVIS

(Class of 1974)

It is with great sadness that we share the news that beloved Siena community member Gayle Peggie née Davis (Class of 1974) passed away on 25 September 2025.

Gayle attended Siena College along with one of her sisters, Liz Merrett, née Davis (Class of 1978). After graduating in 1974, Gayle studied at Burwood Teacher's College, then returned to Siena to commence a passionate and dedicated journey as an educator from 1978 to 2011. Her daughters, Hannah and Georgia, and niece, Molly, also attended Siena (Classes of 2006, 2009 and 2012, respectively).

Renowned for her care, warmth and dedication to nurturing students, Gayle taught Health and Physical Education, was a House Coordinator and coached many sporting teams throughout her career. Earning her the title of 'Director of Fun', Gayle was instrumental in establishing some of the wonderful programs we still offer our students today: notably, the Siena in the City program, the House of the Year Award, and Fiesta. A highlight and fond memory for so many students, past and present, the history of Fiesta dates back to 1998, when Gayle and colleague, Sandra Siapantas created the very first Siena Fiesta. We were absolutely delighted to welcome Gayle back to Siena in Term 1 as one of our 2025 Fiesta judges.

After retiring, Gayle remained a friendly face about the College, returning regularly as a relief teacher. She was also a member of the 2014 Project Appeal Campaign Committee and, with fellow alumna, Kate Kelly (Class of 1996), was Co President of the Alumnae Association from 2016 to 2018. It was wonderful to welcome Gayle to her 50-year Reunion with the Class of 1974 last October.

Mother, wife, sister, aunt, friend to many, and a remarkable woman. Gayle will be missed.



Alumnae Wall

The Alumnae Wall located in the Convent and Cloisters is an historic tribute to our Dominican Sisters, Prioresses, Board Chairs and Principals, along with a panel for students from each decade commencing from 1940. Every student who attended Siena College from 1940 onwards, has the opportunity to have her name inscribed on the panels making up the wall.

Learn more at www.siena.vic.edu.au/college-community/alumnae/alumnae-wall



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