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Mission

Siena College, a Catholic secondary school in the Dominican tradition, offers young women an education which challenges them to make intelligent and responsible use of their personal gifts and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Vision

As a vibrant, faith filled, Catholic community we will provide exemplary and inspiring education with a commitment to justice, truth, reconciliation and compassion. In the spirit of St Catherine of Siena, by word and action, young women are nourished in faith and encouraged to spread the Good News and embrace the future with hope.

Values

We value and live the Dominican pillars of:

Prayer

By nurturing spirituality and celebrating as a community of Faith

Study

By striving for excellence, thinking critically and seeking truth

Service

By empowering young women to actively engage in local and global justice issues

Community

By recognising God's presence in others and fostering right relationships

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L-R: Jessica Higgins, Evie Goodale, Abigail Millar and Isabella Trevisin

Cover Image

Year 7 students, Isabella Trevisin, Abigail Millar, Jessica Higgins and Evie Goodale decorating our historic orange tree for Christmas. Photograph by Gabrielle Snell.



Message From the Principal

The rhythm of the school year was never more evident than in Term 4 as we farewelled our Year 12 students and welcomed the next cohort of Year 7 students. The departure of the Class of 2018 included the traditional celebrations and acknowledgements of a morning tea and welcome by new President, Rachael Clements (Class of 2007), to the Alumnae Association, a special breakfast where they were entertained by alumna and magician, Cath Jamison (Class of 1982), and a whole school assembly, House assemblies and a Graduation Mass at St Dominic's Church. The celebrations concluded with the Graduation Ball and a lovely evening shared by the students, their parents and staff. We wish the Class of 2018 many blessings in the future as they move on from the familiarity of Siena College to explore new opportunities.

The end of the school year includes farewells and acknowledgements of others who are moving on from Siena College. We wish all departing staff, students, families, Board and Committee members well and thank them for their contribution over past years. Warmest congratulations are extended to Michelle Robertson on her appointment as Deputy Principal at Ave Maria College next year. An exemplary educator, Michelle has made a much valued contribution across many aspects of College life over the past eighteen years.

2018 is something of a watershed in the history of Siena College as we farewell Deputy Principal, Sue Thompson. Sue commenced at Siena College in 1985. She has been the driving force behind many programs and traditions including the College's accreditation as a Restorative Practices school over the past four years, an exemplary Year 7 Transition program and the extensive opportunities for student leadership. Sue models unconditional positive regard for every student and an unrelenting commitment to student wellbeing and to social justice. Sue's work as an educator has influenced many generations of young people, especially the women of Siena College as reflected on in this publication by two of the young women who she taught. We thank Sue for all she has done for the Siena community.

Sue Fabian is the inaugural Chair of Dominican Education Australia which was launched in August 2015. Sue will retire from the role of Chair at the end of the year, having lead the many legal and governance changes that accompanied the formation of this new body. We thank Sue for her support of Siena College over the past three years and for her encouragement and affirmation of the work of the College Board and Committees. We wish her a well earned retirement from the enormous responsibilities that accompany this role.

Alumna, Susan Alberti AC (Class of 1964), was named the 2018 Victorian of the Year, a fitting tribute for someone whose generosity and contribution has enhanced the lives of many in the wider community. Susan's vision and drive has underpinned many gains for women in the fields of sport and medical research. Well known for her role in the launch of the AFLW, Susan's support for sport recently lead to her investment in 'The Susan Alberti Women in Sport Chair' with Victoria University's Professor Clare Hanlon taking up the inaugural position. No doubt the research and work of this department will continue to advance the profile and opportunities for women in the future.



Gaynor Robson-Garth Principal



Graduation Mass



Principal's Morning Tea



Cath Jamison (Class of 1982)



Year 12 Gift to the College



Year 12 Final Assembly

From the Principal

I am grateful to the College Board for supporting periods of enrichment leave during my time at Siena. In September this year, I was privileged to participate in an immersion program to South America. The program was called *Cross and Resurrection* and throughout my travels in El Salvador, Bolivia, Peru and Chile, there were confronting, moving and inspirational encounters with both the cross and the resurrection. It was a most privileged experience. I felt I walked on 'Holy Ground' in many places, including the Church where Archbishop Óscar Romero was assassinated in 1980 and his simple home in San Salvador. Archbishop Romero was canonised on 14 October this year but it was obvious that the people of El Salvador had proclaimed him a saint a long time ago.

I came across Dominicans in the places I visited and heard again the stories of Antonio de Montesinos who preached against slavery and servitude in the 16th century and Bartolomé de las Casas who in 1515, gave up his Indian slaves and advocated on behalf of the indigenous people. Las Casas later entered the Dominican Order and became a friar.

I lit candles and prayed for the Siena community at the shrine of Rose of Lima, a third order Dominican who is the Patron Saint of South America, and I visited remote missions in Bolivia with beautiful indigenous artwork gracing the walls of adobe churches, combining elements of 18th century European and indigenous Indian architecture and decorative styles. The earthy ochres, oranges and yellow colours of the painting on the walls and façades glowed in the gentle light of these churches. I encountered the Holy Spirit in the faith of the people and in a small string ensemble of local children aged twelve to fifteen in a Mission called Santa Ana. These children came from simple adobe homes in a village of no more than a few hundred people. They played Vivaldi and Mozart and Bolivian sonatas on cellos and violins in a church built by the indigenous people after the Jesuits were expelled in 1767. I have been left with more questions than answers, abiding memories of an unforgettable experience and new conviction that it is in our deepest humanity and in 'walking with' the poor and the marginalised that we encounter the Divine.

We were much saddened at the recent passing of Susan Law, former Director of Marketing and Communications and member of the College Leadership Team from 2012 to 2017. Sue left a significant legacy in the branding and marketing of Siena College, from cinema ads to the alumnae profiles in the local newspapers, the new student uniform that was launched in 2014, the design of the Strategic Plan, many editions of the Yearbook and most recently, the new wayfinding signage to name just a few. Sue lived every moment to the full and reminded us all to make every moment count.

As the school year draws to a close, we look back with pride and satisfaction on the past year for the learning, the friendships shared and strengthened, accomplishments and service. May Christmas be a time of joy and peace and the New Year full of blessings and promise.

Gaynor Robson-Garth
Principal



Canto Grande in Lima, Peru



A market in Peru



Square in Cuzco, Peru



Machu Picchu, Peru



Santiago, Chile



St Martin de Porres in a church outside Lima



Sacred Valley of the Incas, Peru



School children in a refugee area



Santiago, Chile



Mission in Bolivia

Dominican News

In November each year the Church gives a special focus to remembering our loved ones who have died. For many years, members of the Dominican family have taken time to visit the graves of our deceased sisters and brothers buried in local cemeteries around the country. In Melbourne, our small community of Dominican sisters join with the local community of Dominican Friars to pray at the graves of the deceased sisters and brothers buried at Box Hill Cemetery.

Siena College holds an annual Memorial Mass each November, where Siena staff, parents, Dominican sisters and alumnae who have lost a loved one in the past year gather to remember and give thanks.

Fr Kevin Toomey OP, College Chaplain celebrated this special Eucharist on Thursday, 8 November in the College Chapel. Guests lit a candle and named their loved one at the beginning of the liturgy. The opportunity to gather over supper and share memories is an important part of the remembering ritual.

We hold all those who have died in our hearts. We remember their stories and we call on the Holy Spirit who stirred their lives to stir ours as well.

Sr Julianna Drobik OP



Celebrating Staff Achievements

We congratulate the following teaching and administration staff who have recently completed studies and achieved further qualifications:

Michelle Robertson
Director of Learning and Innovation
 Masters in Educational Leadership,
 Australian Catholic University

Gabrielle Snell
Visual Arts and Technology Assistant
 Certificate IV in Business,
 AFL ArtsReady

Tony Grant
Business Manager
 Masters of Business Administration
 Executive MBAE,
 Australian Catholic University

Isabella Giannangelo
AFL Trainee
 Certificate IV in Business,
 AFL SportsReady

Mark Baldasso
Assistant Business Manager
 Masters of Business Administration
 Executive MBAE,
 Australian Catholic University



Tracey Kermond Human Resources Manager



Development at Siena College

Capital Works 2019

We have many exciting projects planned for completion in 2019, beginning with the much awaited refurbishment of the Convent. This project, due for completion by the end of January, will see a new Reception area, meeting room and offices on the ground floor and a new Board/Conference room and Heritage Centre on Level 1. There will be a pedestrian entry to the College from Riversdale Road, aligned with the front doors of the Convent and Reception area, landscaping of the front gardens and road widening works for vehicle entry to the College.

Our continuing signage upgrade will include a prominent monument sign on the corner of Riversdale and Wattle Valley Roads, new wayfinding signage at Main Reception and at the rear Hocknell Street gates.

Some sections of the Waratah lockers will be replaced and upgraded to newer styles and there will be new benches and stools in the Art area that provide more practical workspaces. We are also updating iMacs in the Art area.

We will be installing evaporative air conditioning in the Gymnasium, providing more comfortable amenities for school exams, assemblies, functions and sports classes. We will be also installing air conditioning units in two more of the classrooms in the F block, with only two remaining to be upgraded.

There will be a new STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths) elective unit incorporated at middle school, with approximately \$20,000 allowed for equipment and materials.

One of our most exciting upgrades is the provision of a new pipeline connection into the school that will improve speed and reliability for internet provision. This is through the AARNet (Australia's Academic and Research Network) group.

We are also installing new WiFi infrastructure throughout the College and upgrading other vital ICT infrastructure. We are adding two additional copier/printers to our fleet and upgrading another older device.

These enhancements will provide much faster and reliable network capabilities, with great benefits to teaching and learning.

These projects are funded through our Capital expenditure budget allocations and from the generous fundraising of the Siena Parents' Association (SPA).

Tony Grant and Tracey Grobbelaar



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Learning and Teaching

Enhancing Staff Professional Practices

Siena College is committed to optimising student learning in the context of a professional, learning centred school. We recognise that a learning environment must be open to growth and change and engage in reflection, collaboration and innovation. Much has been done and continues to be done to promote learning and the 2018 implementation of the Siena Learning Framework has led the way forward. This year, we have also introduced a new major initiative of committing an hour of staff Professional Practice Time (PPT) every Tuesday afternoon. Our major focus has been on enhancing teaching staff knowledge in regards to best learning and wellbeing practices. The PPT sessions have provided valuable opportunities for staff to work together and share their knowledge.

Leaders of Pedagogy

In 2018 we created two new positions in Leaders of Pedagogy to further support and promote our learning focus, particularly the 'how' of teaching. We were delighted that both positions were filled internally by Siena College teachers with great expertise and experience in their respective faculties. Donna Laughlin, previous Head of English, and Rosanna Merriweather, a former Head of Science have combined well to work with and support Siena College staff this year.

Leaders of Pedagogy foster a culture committed to continuous improvement within subject teams and individual staff to enhance the learning and teaching program. To that end, the Leaders of Pedagogy work focuses on five areas:

1. Promoting and supporting pedagogical practice
2. Supporting Action Research teams
3. Promoting professional dialogue
4. Promoting and enabling the use of data to inform practice
5. Promoting and supporting the use of ICT

Throughout the year, the Leaders of Pedagogy have worked with a number of teaching teams at a variety of levels: whole faculty, cross faculty Action Research teams, subject based and individual staff. They have worked to promote the sharing of best practice and a greater focus on student centred activities and skill development. During the course of the year, student and staff surveys were utilised to provide a snapshot of current pedagogical practices. The Leaders of Pedagogy, together with members of staff teams, will analyse this data to assist with forward planning.

Action Research

The third initiative to support teaching staff professional learning has been the introduction of Action Research teams to investigate the ten instructional practices that reliably increase student learning, commonly referred to as the 'High Impact Teaching Strategies' (HITS). The purpose of this approach is to provide opportunity for staff to work collaboratively across faculties to trial, analyse, evaluate and finally to make recommendations regarding our pedagogical direction and subsequent future teaching practice.

During Term 4, the nineteen staff HITS teams presented their collaborative research and findings to the entire teaching cohort in five Professional Practice sessions. Each group prepared a report, a learning display and a PowerPoint presentation focusing on their key recommendations for further embedding and promoting these teaching strategies into our classroom practice in 2019 and beyond.

These sessions have been a wonderful opportunity for staff to reflect on the learning that has taken place in Action Research in 2018. The team presentations have been lively, thought provoking and stimulated rich discussion around the important tasks of learning and teaching in the classroom to maximise each student's academic success at Siena College.



Mission and Identity

Night of Change

Siena's friendship with the women of Kopanang was strengthened when twelve of our students and three members of staff travelled to South Africa earlier in the year. As always, this immersion proved to be a life affirming and life changing experience for all involved. Living with the women of Kopanang enables us to deepen our understanding of the 'other', while at the same time enabling us to recognise the threads in all of our lives which connect us. Siena's ongoing commitment to supporting the Kopanang community was evident in September when the Student Representative Council (SRC) hosted the annual Night of Change, in the College Gymnasium.

Students, their parents and members of staff joined together for a night of live music performances from some of our Siena musicians, disco bingo, trivia and silent auctions with all money raised on the night going directly to the Kopanang Community Trust. The Siena Spirit was indeed evident with many of our families generously donating items for auction. It was also affirming to receive support from local businesses in the form of donations. Students from the 2018 immersion honoured their South African families through written tributes which formed table centre pieces. In total, the night raised just over \$5,500.



St Mary's House of Welcome

As Term 4 comes to an end, the students are preparing to once again support St Mary's House of Welcome. Each year, House Groups are assigned families and students work together to prepare a Christmas hamper for their family. It is a beautiful College tradition which brings us together as a community, helping us to focus on the needs of others within our city and reinvigorates our Christmas spirit.

Gifts donated by the students are distributed to families in need by St Mary's House of Welcome when they gather together at the Fitzroy Town Hall for their annual Christmas celebration.

Bronwyn Ilott

Visual Arts and Technology Exhibition



Claire Al-Noah

Head of The Arts and Technology

In October, the Visual Arts and Technology exhibition displayed diverse work from Years 7 to 12 in Art and Design and it was wonderful to see the culmination of diligence and effort, particularly from the Year 12 students. I would like to thank our guest speaker Amanda Meiklejohn from Williams Ross Architects who kindly opened the exhibition and shared her career journey with us. Students studying Art, Visual Communication Design, VET Fashion and Product Design and Technology displayed their work. There was a wonderful array ranging from colourful sculptures inspired by the Alebrijes of Mexico, self portraits, street art based on the College theme of 'One Body, Many Parts', beautiful silk and felted products, historical leather accessories to surrealist inspired digital images. It is wonderful to see the students' creativity and skills flourishing having chosen to pursue the electives on offer in The Arts and Technology faculty.

The work of our senior Art and Design students reflected not only the determination, effort and commitment of the students but also themes of social justice, very much influenced by their learning and a testament to the ethos of the College. Each year there is a Principal's Award and a People's Choice Award announced at the exhibition. Year 12 student, Mietta Borg was the recipient of both awards with her mixed media conceptual artwork titled *38 Months* which explored her personal journey with a medical condition. She was a very deserving winner who bravely explored an issue that many others would identify with.

I would like to congratulate all the staff and students involved on a very successful Visual Arts and Technology Exhibition.

Claire Al-Noah



Lauren Ambry, Year 12



Margaret Hayes, Year 12



L-R: Peta Mackintosh, Claire Al-Noah, Mietta Borg, Amanda Meiklejohn and Gaynor Robson-Garth



Mietta Borg, Year 12



Charlotte

Jade

Our College Captains 2019

Jade Devlin

'I really would like to be an astronaut!' beams Jade Devlin as she chats animatedly about her upcoming trip to the NASA Space Camp in Houston. The ten day camp will be followed by a much anticipated family holiday taking in the sights of New York and the iconic Californian coastline. Jade hopes to study Physics at The University of Melbourne or Astrophysics at Monash University so the NASA opportunity will provide much inspiration as she commences her final year of secondary school.

Jade is studying Specialist Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Literature, Chemistry and Physics and has already completed Biology as an Accelerated Subject. She is an accomplished debater and public speaker, having won the Antonio de Montesinos Award this year and is an integral member of the Senior Stage Band and Wind Orchestra. Jade feels that being involved in these ensembles has given her valuable skills beyond the rehearsal room, such as time management and knowing how to block out all distractions to focus on the most pressing task at hand.

Jade was born and raised in Singapore and attended a local school in Bukit Timah, completing exams from the age of seven and enjoying compulsory Science classes, perhaps igniting her passion for that field. Of that time in her life, she comments, *'... as someone who grew up in South East Asia and witnessed absolute poverty in India, I see that people at Siena understand what is going on in these places... we are taught to really value our position in society and use that to make an impact.'*

Jade was a Cassia House Captain from Years 9 to 11 and has been involved with the Student Representative Council (SRC) since Year 8. She notes with pride that the Class of 2019 are a very cohesive group. *'Everyone seems to understand each other... the girls have enough goodwill to move past any differences, it's absolutely amazing.'* She recalls the 2014 College Captains Isabella Overmars and Kristen Monteiro, who were the Captains when she was in Year 7, as being extremely approachable and hopes to be someone that the younger students can also chat to without hesitation. Jade feels that she and Charlotte make a formidable duo. *'Although we have different interests I feel we can understand each other and we can relate to each other really well... I feel like we are approachable and that anyone from any year level is happy to talk to us.'*

Charlotte Lack

Charlotte remembers vividly the energy and passion of the 2014 College Captains as they addressed the wide eyed group of Year 7 students gathered in the gym on their first day. *'They were standing on the stage welcoming everybody and I really wanted to be like them, they were so proud of their school'*, she recalls with a smile. Her advice to the Class of 2019? *'Give everything a go because the more areas you dip into, the more chances there are to meet new people.'*

Charlotte attended Our Lady of Good Counsel primary school in Deepdene and is the first in her family to attend Siena College. Her favourite subjects are Science and Sport and she hope to combine these two passions by enrolling in a Sports Science degree, preferably at Monash University. Her VCE subjects are Mathematical Methods, Chemistry, Italian, Physical Education and English. Charlotte has also already completed Biology as an Accelerated Subject.

Outside of school, Charlotte has until recently played representative Basketball for Camberwell Dragons, enjoys refereeing in the Eastern Districts Association and plays club Basketball with Balwyn Blazers.

Whilst at Siena, Charlotte has availed herself of the many co curricular opportunities, playing GSV Indoor Cricket, AFL, Athletics, Basketball and also played trumpet until Year 9. She was a House Captain of Kurrajong in Years 10 and 11 and has greatly enjoyed getting to know many girls from all year levels through participation in sport.

Charlotte's aim as College Captain is to make the SRC more inclusive to all, encouraging students from all year levels to get involved in the many social justice programs. She greatly admires the sense of community at Siena, particularly the support each girl in her year level has for each other. Charlotte is looking forward to 2019 with a great sense of purpose and excitement and observes that *'Jade and I are very different but I feel we complement each other, we will make a great team.'*

Carolyn Currie
Marketing Coordinator

Farewell to Sue Thompson

'I believe that schools can play a very important part in a person's life... schools can provide a safe, predictable, nurturing environment... they can be a haven for people.'



From her first teaching appointment at Doveton North Technical School, notably the only female member of the teaching staff, to her current role as Deputy Principal Wellbeing, Sue Thompson has always believed that student wellbeing underpins all teaching and that looking at the person, not just their behaviour, is vital. She reflects on the valuable lessons learnt from her first Principal at Doveton North, which still resonate today. *'He did all sorts of things in the 1970s which are now the model of how a school should run... he was light years ahead of his time.'*

Sue attended Our Lady of Sion College in Warragul (now Marist Sion) and, with her parents supporting her thirst for a tertiary education, she decided on teaching. She completed her Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History, Politics and English, followed by a Diploma of Education at Monash University. Sue's first role at Doveton North was followed by an extended period back in Gippsland, teaching at Warragul Technical School and switching to contract work at government and Catholic schools in the region as she and husband Geoff raised the first two of their four children, while simultaneously running a sixty cow dairy farm. They remained in Warragul until 1979, when they moved to a dairy farm in southern NSW, completing their family of four. With secondary education looming for their eldest and conscious of the limited options available in the country, they returned to Melbourne in 1984.

Sue commenced at Siena College in April 1985, teaching Politics, Legal Studies and History and was appointed Head of Humanities the following year. Former students recall her obvious love of history, and as Sue herself explains, *'In order to understand who you are and how you*

understand the world you've got to study history... it has everything.' History also permeates her recreational pursuits; one of the things she enjoys most is reading historical fiction.

Sue changed career direction moving from Faculty Head to the Wellbeing area in 2004, via several senior roles including Student Leadership and Senior Kurrajong House Coordinator. Around the same time, she completed her Graduate Diploma in Student Wellbeing and later her Masters at The University of Melbourne. In 2007, following a restructure of the pastoral care system, Sue was appointed Acting Deputy Principal Wellbeing. It was no surprise that she successfully reapplied for the role in 2008. In the ensuing years, Sue has steadfastly promoted restorative practices at the College, maintaining her unshakeable conviction that student wellbeing underpins every aspect of school life.

Sue is very much looking forward to enjoying more time with her extended family, particularly her seven (soon to be eight) grandchildren, and the flexibility to write, read or play music as the mood takes her. She and husband Geoff will work together in his business and enjoy extended weekends at their coastal retreat.

We thank Sue for her extraordinary contribution to Siena College and her legacy of exemplary care for our students.

Carolyn Currie
Marketing Coordinator

Alumnae Tribute

Sue Thompson leaves behind an extraordinary legacy that will resonate long into the future. Her passion for education, witty personality and caring nature has left a lasting impression on all Siena students, past and present.

We were lucky enough to be students in Sue's Politics and History classes in our senior years at Siena. The subject matter was always engaging and the class debates were as lively as you would expect from a group of teenage girls who felt ready to find their place in the world. Sue always encouraged a search for truth, a love of learning and a strong sense of social justice.

Sue has had a particularly significant impact on Siena students through her interaction with the Student Representative Council (SRC). She played a key role in encouraging hundreds of young women to recognise their leadership skills, which in turn developed their confidence and their sense of service to the community.

It would be remiss of us to pay tribute to Sue without also mentioning the Siena trips to Canberra. On those annual excursions, Sue fearlessly led thirty VCE students through the halls of Parliament House to meet our elected representatives. These trips were a highlight of our political studies and fostered an ongoing interest in the democratic process... as well as a healthy level of cynicism.

Congratulations on all you have achieved during your time at Siena, Mrs Thompson. We know you will be missed by the College community, but we wish you a happy and fulfilling retirement.

**Katherine Colebatch, née Wilson
and Vanessa Barcellona
(Class of 2001)**





Mother's
Day
Breakfast



Father's
Day
Breakfast



Dad's Night In



Cabaret Night



Golf Day



Siena College Alumnae

Our Alumnae Association continues to work to increase engagement with our alumnae community. The Association would not be where it is today without the commitment from our outgoing Co Presidents, Gayle Pegg (Class of 1974) and Kate Gotlib (Class of 1996). Gayle and Kate have a unique rapport with our alumnae community and we are so thankful for all they have contributed.

With Gayle and Kate's departure, Rachael Clements (Class of 2007) has taken on the role of President of the Alumnae Association. Rachael has been an active member in our community for many years and alongside new Vice President Lisa Higgins (Class of 1993), will make an enthusiastic team with many new ideas moving forward.

One of the first events of the 2019 school year will be our inaugural 'Back to Siena' evening on Friday, 15 March. Alumnae are invited to come along and see the recently refurbished internal works of the Convent and Cloisters. The building works will be completed by the start of Term 1, 2019 and the Convent will house our Main Reception, Principal's office, boardroom and a Heritage Centre with past school uniforms and memorabilia from years gone by on display.

The Alumnae Association hosts the Careers Showcase each year and we are always so grateful to our alumnae for their willingness to be involved. Having surveyed our current students to gauge their areas of interest, we approached fifty of our alumnae with expertise in these fields to present to parents and students in Years 9 to 12. They all spoke openly and engagingly about their career journeys and offered many helpful suggestions and observations. Alumnae are always willing to give back to the College and we invite anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Careers Showcase to contact Liz Merrett, Alumnae Coordinator at alumnae@siena.vic.edu.au. The 2019 Careers Showcase will be held on Thursday, 13 June.



Liz Merrett Alumnae Coordinator



SIENA GLOBAL CONNECT

Connecting Past, Present and Future

Siena Global Connect is an all new, exclusive online portal for Siena alumnae. Integrate your existing social media accounts to stay connected with classmates and other alumnae.

TO SET UP

- 1 Go to sienaglobalconnect.com.au
- 2 Under 'Join Now' click on Facebook, LinkedIn or Email
- 3 Choose how/if you would like to help fellow Siena College alumnae
- 4 Click on 'Get Started'
- 5 Have fun connecting!

Inscribe your name on the ALUMNAE WALL

Inscriptions for 2018/2019 can be processed online at www.trybooking.com/413981

New inscriptions will be available for viewing at our 2019 Open Day.



Alumnae Reunions

Our Reunions in 2018 were well attended. The Class of 2013 returned in July and students were amazed at how much had changed since they had left the College five years ago.

Decade Reunions were held for the Classes of 1978, 1988, 1998 and 2008 and a Reunion Brunch for students from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Friends were reacquainted, much laughter shared and fond memories revisited.



The Alumnae Association celebrated with the Class of 2018 at the Principal's Morning Tea on 22 October. Rachael Clements (Class of 2007) spoke to our students about her time at Siena, being an alumna, and her career as a physiotherapist.



Reunion Dates 2019

Class of 1940s, 1950s and 1960s Brunch
Saturday, 19 October | 10.30am – 12.30pm

Class of 1979 and Class of 1989
Decade Reunion
Saturday, 7 September | 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Class of 1999 and Class of 2009
Decade Reunion
Saturday, 14 September | 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Class of 2014 Five Year Reunion
Friday, 19 July | 6.30pm – 8.30pm



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Farewell to the Class of 2018





Winter Uniform 1950s



Winter Uniform 1970s



From the Archives



Maria Ang College Archivist



Maureen McAuley College Archivist

'Fake news' is a term that has come into use in recent years. Whether 'fake news' is really incorrect or just a different interpretation of the facts, the twenty four hour news cycle means that information is not always thoroughly checked and verified before it goes to air. In the less frantic world of Siena College Archives, we like to make sure that any of the stories we share with our audience are 'fact checked' to the best of our ability.

In a recent edition of the newsletter, we wrote about some iconic photographs of the College. One of these titled, 'Snow at Siena 1952' has been reproduced on many occasions without any comment about the accuracy of the date. Fortunately, when we decided to double check our sources, we discovered that it actually snowed in Camberwell in 1951.

Uniform is notoriously difficult to date accurately. Although the College may retain the same uniform for several decades there are subtle changes in response to fashion or perhaps pupil persuasion. Hemlines go up and down, hats, gloves and ties come and go as do socks, stockings, T-bars and lace ups. In the past, even when the uniform had undergone a fairly radical change, families would pass down items and the old style

would be worn with the new. The origin and date of some items such as the hat above have proved beyond our detective skills.

Our latest project is to produce a replica Dominican habit for display in the Prioress' Cell. With the help of our dressmaker, we have been searching through our photograph collection, checking books and magazines, scouring the internet and interviewing Sisters so that we can make our habit as accurate as possible. You will be able to see the result of all our research when the Convent reopens next year.



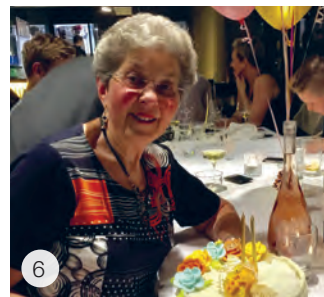
Winter Uniform 1960s



Congratulations

Marriages

1. **Lauren Gargano** (Class of 2009) married Mircea Moraru on 21 April. Emily Tardio and Sabrina Colavecchio, from the Class of 2009, were in their wedding party.
2. **Laura Cassai** (Class of 2012) married Max Sharrad in Adelaide in October. Two of Laura's Siena friends were in their wedding party: Chanel Rametta and Lauren Colaneri, both also from the Class of 2012.
3. Congratulations to **Megan Purvins** (Class of 2006) on her marriage to John Daggian in October.
4. **Stephanie Mitchell** (Class of 2008) and partner, Sam Enshaw celebrated their wedding in Rutherglen on 27 October.
5. **Laine Rice**, current staff member, married Tara Feben on 3 November. Their wedding was held at The Farm in the Yarra Valley.

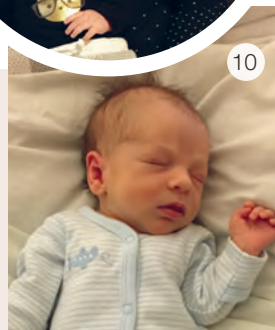
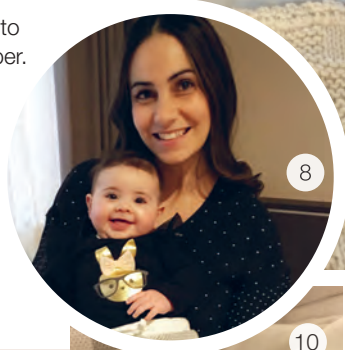
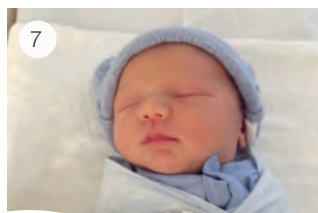


Congratulations

6. A special member of our Siena College community, **Leonie Douglass** (Class of 1956) celebrated her eightieth birthday in October with family and friends. Congratulations Leonie.

Births

7. **Virginia Burns, née Cullinan** (Class of 2000) and husband Christian welcomed Jonathan to their family on 19 March 2018. A little brother for Dominic, Madeleine and Rebecca.
8. **Clare Fedele** (Class of 1999) and husband Phillip are excited to announce the safe arrival in April of Frankie Mim Barcellona.
9. Welcome to Max Joseph Morello and congratulations to **Raffaella Armiento** (Class of 2004) and her husband Carlo Morello. Max was born on 22 June 2018.
10. Staff member **Emma Hales**, husband John and brother Jock welcomed baby Gus in August this year.
11. **Meg O'Brien** (Class of 2002) and husband Daniel are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Harriet Grace Baker on 8 September.
12. Zoe Patricia Lee was born in October. Congratulations to **Jess Mithen-Lee** (Class of 2006) and David Lee.
13. Congratulations to **Elise Byrne** (Class of 2005) and her partner Ben Deppeler on the safe arrival of their son Harry Deppeler on 19 October.
14. **Emily Caracella**, staff member, and husband Steve announce the safe arrival Alice Elizabeth Jean Caracella on 7 November.



We Remember

May they Rest in Peace

In January this year **Maree Kelly** (Class of 1979) passed away and her father, Maurice Kelly passed away in April. Maurice was a painter at Siena during the 1970s. The Kelly family remain in our prayers.

Jane Moylan, née Millen (Class of 1993) passed away in April 2018. She will be sorely missed by her husband, Dan and children Dominic, Felicity and Fred. Jane was always very close to her Siena friends.

Michael (Miguel) Saliba passed away in August. Husband of Franca, and father to Marianna (Class of 2002) and Rosemarie (Class of 2004).

Alberto Regalado passed away in September. Partner of Melissa Jones (Class of 1992) and stepfather of Estelle in Year 7.



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Open Mornings 2019



Friday, 8 February

Friday, 15 March

Friday, 17 May

Friday, 21 June

Friday, 9 August

Friday, 13 September

Friday, 29 November

9.30am – 11.00am



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