



OLSH

OUR LADY OF THE
SACRED HEART
COLLEGE

International Students

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College

Year 7 - 12 Girls Secondary College Adelaide, South Australia



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We welcome your interest in choosing a school for your daughter. It is a most important decision.

The quality of this home away from home experience will, to a great extent, predict a happy and successful future for your daughter.

The College was founded by the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Our outstanding academic achievements lead graduates onto University courses, in a wide variety of fields. The South Australian education system is excellent and qualifications are recognised throughout the world.

Our International Program is well established and we limit the places available to a small number of girls.

Parents need, above all, peace of mind when their daughters are studying overseas and we particularly assure you of our supportive supervision and care both academically and pastorally.

Girls enjoy their time here, grow in confidence and make valuable friendships which last a lifetime.

I trust that from this brochure you will gain an insight into the unique character of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College.

Yours Sincerely

Maria Urbano
PRINCIPAL

WELCOME

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College is an all girls secondary Catholic College, with 450 students from Years 7-12. Founded in 1951 in Adelaide, South Australia, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College is located in Enfield, only 7.5 kms from the Adelaide CBD and 20 minutes from Adelaide International Airport. OLSH College offers young women:

- a caring, welcoming environment
- expert individual academic advice
- language support in all subject areas
- teaching of English as an Additional Language (EAL) in small classes
- an inclusive fee structure including all camps and excursions



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

OLSH College provides a world-class school level education as a pathway to Australian Universities through support guidance and academic success.

A wide range of subject choices gives every student the opportunity to excel. Our outstanding academic achievements lead graduates to a diverse range of tertiary courses including Commerce, Law, Business, Engineering, Hotel Management, Dentistry, Journalism, Hospitality, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Aviation, Nursing, Teaching and Medicine.

Each year, approximately 90% of students are offered their first or second choice of tertiary courses.



The advantages of graduating with a South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) are:

- No additional International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for University entrance
- Valuable support from Homestay families to develop fluency
- Establishing yourself in Adelaide as a part of a supportive community
- Success in an Australian school setting is vital for success in an Australian University



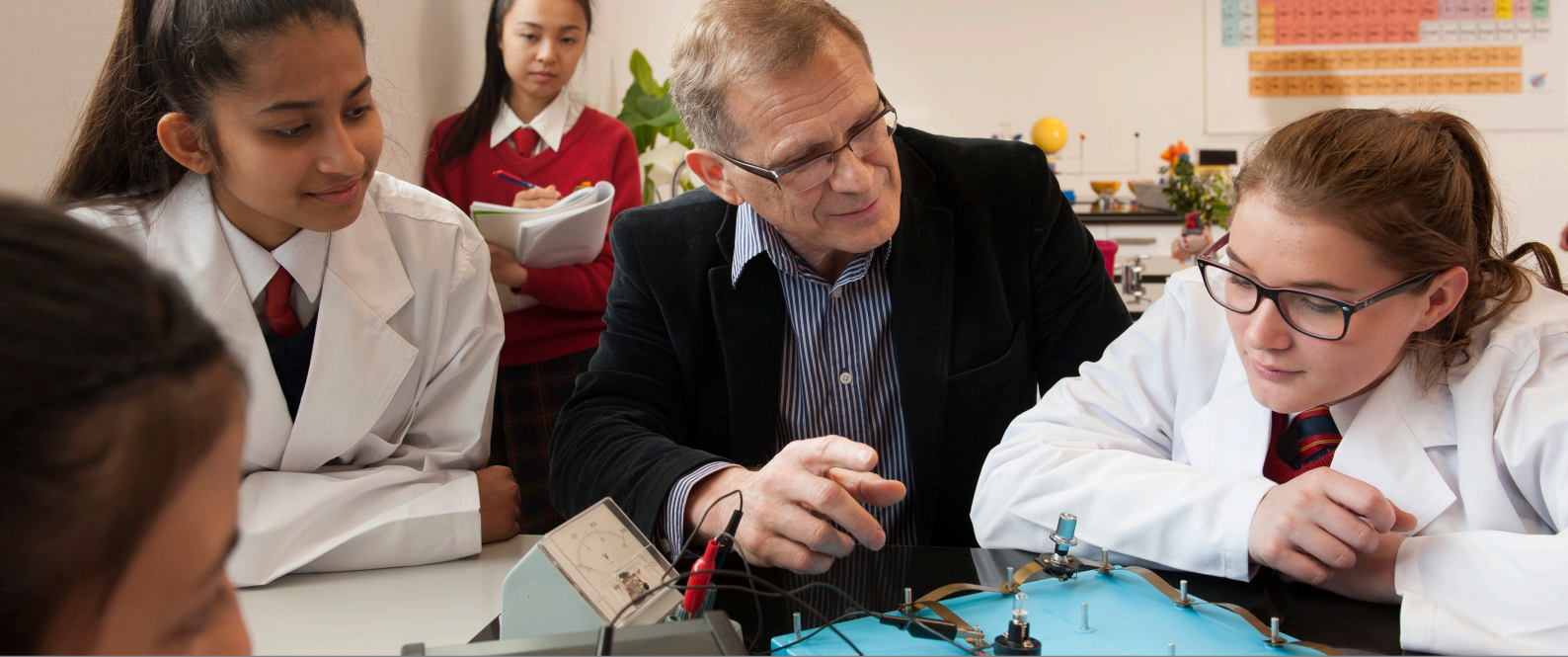
PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is central to all we do at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College. It encompasses our actions inside and outside of the classroom and can be seen through the active pursuit of programs and practices that develop students' confidence and create for them a clear sense of purpose.

The secure, encouraging and safe environment at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College is the basis upon which we build student's self-assurance and develop their personal and spiritual growth. Homeroom teachers and Year Level Coordinators have a special concern for the progress of all students in their care. Together with our International Program Officer and our International Student Support Officer our International team work with individual girls to maintain networks of care.

Pastoral Care is evident in the following ways:

- Genuine individual attention, support and guidance
- Small classes
- Extensive and comprehensive care for both academic and pastoral progress
- Each student has an email account so they can be in touch



CURRICULUM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College is an excellent place to learn English and to complete pre University courses.

A wide range of subject choices gives every student the opportunity to excel. Our teachers are highly qualified, chosen for their generosity with time, and are determined that each student in their care will succeed.

Our curriculum is designed to identify and accommodate the needs of all our students, providing choice and pathways for all.

Learning through technology plays an important role across all curriculum areas. A high speed wireless network provides all learning areas with access to shared resources through online learning platforms. Classrooms are equipped with current technologies.

Each student receives a laptop for use in all learning areas and at home. Access to the school Portal 24/7 provides an online educational environment that is both challenging and stimulating.

Our teaching methodology is innovative and engaging. We believe that each student is unique and her learning style is important. We aim to deliver a curriculum that recognises the learning styles of students and caters to their diverse needs.

Our special strengths are in the Sciences. Small classes in Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry ensure specialist options.

We have a proud tradition in written and spoken English with many of our girls having won major literacy competitions and public speaking awards.

EAL classes and individual support are offered to students who come from a non-English speaking background so that each student reaches her full potential. Our EAL team of teachers is recognised throughout Australia as leaders in their field and wonderful practitioners.

AWARDS



- National Mathematics and Science Competitions
- National Award for Quality Schooling
- National Numeracy and Literacy Awards
- Adelaide University Principal's Scholarship
- Plain English Speaking - State Finalist
- National Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award
- Australian Award for Teaching Excellence
- Oliphant Science Awards
- Young Achievers Award
- John Brewer Memorial Scholarship
- Tom Ffrench Award for Celebrating Diversity
- Wool4School Whitehouse Institute of Design scholarship
- Premier's ANZAC Spirit Prize
- SA Refugee Week Youth Poster Awards, Secondary Category

'Your daughter will find her place with us'

CAREER COUNSELLING

Each student receives individual guidance allowing her to select Senior subjects that support a personal pathway to success.

Through our Careers Program students receive personalised support and guidance to identify their chosen pathway, tailored to their needs, leading them to one of the Universities or TAFE Colleges.



This program includes:

- Vocational testing
- Work experience
- Vocational interviews
- Career nights
- Careers and Skills Expo
- Mentors Breakfast
- Individual help with choosing and applying for University courses



FACILITIES

Our facilities are modern and well-equipped. Buildings around courtyards create a family atmosphere and a strong sense of community.

Our exceptional Information Communication Technology Labs, specialised computer aided Science laboratories, Art/Design rooms, Music rooms and resource based learning areas along with computers and supporting technologies in every classroom enable dynamic learning possibilities for students within the curriculum. A Performing Arts Centre and extensively resourced Library, further support active and enthusiastic learning.

The Integrated Learning Area for our gifted and talented, adaptive education, EAL and VET students as well as a generously equipped commercial kitchen and state of the art Dance Studio ensure that learning is even more contemporary, enjoyable and exciting.

The Senior Campus reflects the vital importance the senior years play in your daughter's learning and within the school community. This purpose built area provides an environment suitable for the encouragement of academic success and the beginnings of life long learning.

The Language Centre allows our students to become globally connected. It is a space in which the study of Language is valued as an academic subject and a cultural activity reflects our living out our spirit of welcome.

'We are proud to know each of our students and we support and guide them when making important choices for the future.'





CO-CURRICULA

Each student is encouraged to find a co-curricula activity that is both challenging and rewarding. Such activities are valuable in building friendships and confidence. College facilities are open after school. Students are welcome to join in activities including the Science Club and Musical production. As well as traditional sports, such as volleyball, badminton, netball and soccer we also offer more general health and fitness programs for all students.

Sport and Recreational Activities

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Netball
- Soccer
- State Knockout Sport
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Running Club

Cultural Activities and Clubs

- Dance Club
- College Choir
- Musical Production
- Homework club
- Social Justice Initiatives
- Musical Ensembles
- Earth Care Club
- Science Clubs
- Oliphant Awards
- Book Club
- Student Leadership
- SISTERs Club (Supporting International Students through Education and Recreation)



A SAFE, AFFORDABLE CITY

Adelaide offers:

- excellent standard of living: 20% more affordable than Sydney
- a beautiful, safe, welcoming environment
- wonderful lifestyle and Mediterranean climate
- lovely parklands, beaches and hills
- excellent universities: The University of Adelaide, Flinders University, University of South Australia and Carnegie Mellon
- prestigious hotel management schools: the International College of Hotel Management and Le Cordon Bleu



Airport Arrival

Our International Airport is directly linked to South East Asian destinations. When your daughter arrives at Adelaide International Airport, she will be greeted by the International Programs Officer and taken to her Homestay family.



HOMESTAY

At the College we take our guardianship of international students very seriously. We believe that successful study is enhanced by living in a secure environment.

Our Homestay families are carefully selected and provide a real Australian home life. Australian Homestay Network organise accommodation with Australian families and great care is taken to ensure that the needs of overseas students are well catered for within a strong pastoral care structure.

At the home your daughter will:

- have nourishing meals
- her own fully furnished room with a desk
- communicate with her family back home
- be included in family activities.

A private home in a foreign country provides an opportunity to:

- learn about Australian culture
- form new and lasting friendships
- constantly practice the English language
- be supported in a safe and friendly family environment
- take part in leisure activities

Homestay families really enjoy welcoming students into their home and thank you for the privilege of entrusting your daughter into their care.





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