

Parent Handbook **Sacred Heart School**



Welcome to Sacred Heart School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly welcome you to Sacred Heart School, Corryong.

Starting school is an exciting time in the life of every child, with countless opportunities ahead of them. Our school is a safe, caring and supportive learning environment with a focus on academic achievement, catering for each individual child's needs.

For young children, starting school is a major change in their lives that we at Sacred Heart School strive to make a positive experience and transition for all. Our school has strong and positive relationships with the Corryong Pre-School, enabling children to visit our school for excursions, our senior students to visit them, multiple transition opportunities as well as visits by our teachers to learn about each individual child. These positive experiences and relationships, all help to ease the children's transition to our school.

We utilise play and inquiry based learning activities to stimulate students' wonder and creativity, that will assist them to develop a rich understanding in life's journey. All students at Sacred Heart School, Corryong are connected to the global community through access to individual iPads.

Wellbeing and spiritual development is central to all that we do with our students at Sacred Heart School. We understand the importance of developing the 'whole child' spiritually, emotionally, academically, socially and physically.

Our approach to education is to place the child at the centre of learning to ensure we are creating an environment which will allow all students to achieve their personal best and to reach their full potential. Our staff are committed to providing a nurturing environment that encourages creativity and the love of learning.

We encourage parents and carers to take a tour of our great school and for you to get in touch to discuss with us the fantastic opportunities we can provide for your child in beginning their Primary School education.

We look forward to having you and your child at Sacred Heart School, Corryong.

Justine Goonan

Principal

Sacred Heart School

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Identity Statement

Sacred Heart is an inclusive school united in Jesus and committed through action to live the Josephite story as we learn, love and grow.

Vision Statement

Sacred Heart School:

- Nurtures the dignity and value of each person;
- Develops a relationship with Jesus as central to how we live and love;
- Our choices and actions reflect awareness, compassion and commitment to others;
- Creates learning that is purposeful and innovative; and
- Parents, students and staff work collaboratively to create a safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment

Graduate Outcomes

Sacred Heart students live life in Jesus' name by being:

- People of integrity with a strong sense of justice;
- Responsible for their actions, knowing they make a difference;
- Flexible and resilient with respect for themselves, others and the environment;
- Creative problem solvers, critical and reflective thinkers who strive to achieve their best;
- Effective communicators who work collaboratively and safely in range of environments;
- Inquiring learners willing to take responsible risks, ask questions and support others.

Democratic Principles

Sacred Heart School programs and teaching are delivered in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to the following: elected government, rule of law, equal rights for all before the law, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and association and values of openness and tolerance.

Sacred Heart School History

Our school has a long and rich history. Fr. Leo Lacey had the drive and vision to establish a Catholic School in Corryong and the school was built in 1962.

In August 1963, a crowd of over 400 people watched the blessing and official opening of the new Catholic school and convent in Corryong by His Grace Bernard Stewart, Bishop of Sandhurst.

The school opened for students in February of 1964 with an intake of 80 pupils. The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart belong to an Australian order of religious women founded by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Dan Cronin donated the land for the farm and parents formed the Farm Committee managing the property which enabled the Sisters to be supported to teach at our school. The first principal of the school was Sister Eugene and her assistant was Sr. Ligouri.

At Sacred Heart, the school and parish continue to breathe in unison. Sacred Heart School caters for children from Foundation to Year 6.



Inclusive Education

Celebrating Diveristy



All children can learn. At Sacred Heart School we welcome all students and journey alongside them. We validate students for who they are and guide them towards responsible citizenship, aware of their many needs and interests. We aim to grow students in goodness, skilling them to stay in the local community, to move away and most importantly to have the choice.

All students learn within inclusive classroom environments with specialist, individualised support provided as needed. We are committed to supporting all of our students in their learning. At Sacred Heart School, everyone belongs. Students are appreciated for who they are as individuals and their presence enriches our school environment. The contributions to the school of all students, is valued.

All students are challenged with learning opportunities which are appropriate to their particular needs and talents. At Sacred Heart School, we are proud of our culture of inclusion.

Literacy Intervention & Small group support

As part of our commitment to helping students grow in their learning, we provide additional support for those who may need extra time and resources to build their foundational skills.

Currently in 2025 we have small groups that occur daily with teacher and learning support officers to boost students literacy achievements through the InitialLit intervention programs, MiniLit Sage and MacQlit. These programs are based on research and best practice to teach students who may be experiencing difficulties in their Literacy.





Curriculum Content

The Magnify Program

Sandhurst Diocese

Every child, every teacher, everyday

Magnify Sandhurst is a new initiative of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd in 2025 across the Diocese of Sandhurst, which includes Sacred Heart School, Corryong.

Magnify Sandhurst combines evidence-based (research driven) practices in teaching and learning to support each student's unique needs, strengths, and goals.

The Magnify program uses the latest research to strengthen the teaching of Literacy and Mathematics. It provides targeted support and resources to improve reading, writing and math skills at all levels. With a specialised focus on Structured Literacy through utilising the InitialLit Literacy program in Foundation to Year Two and a sequential program for Year Three to Six students.

Students also received improved learning opportunities through instructional coaching for their teachers. Each teacher receives a dedicated coach and program to learn and practice the best techniques to meet students' learning needs.

It is a priority in the Magnify program that students have the opportunity to learn in calm classrooms and positive learning environments. At Sacred Heart School, we promote and provide calm, supportive and positive learning environments through common practices, expectations and social norms. explicitly learn about

The Magnify program demonstrates a commitment by Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd and Sacred Heart School, Corryong to improve outcomes and learning opportunities to enable every student to flourish, inspired by the mantra, 'Every Student, Every Teacher, Every School, Every Day!'



Religious Education

Faith, Hope & Charity



Religious Education is founded on the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels and leads the children to a deeper understanding of God's presence with us.

We offer a contemporary Religious Education program that has an inclusive approach, respecting other cultures and religions. Students and staff are invited to put their faith into action in a number of ways:

- The personal self. We focus on guiding students as they develop knowledge of themselves and maintain responsible, healthy and positive attitudes towards life.
- Outreach - Our students are encouraged to become actively involved in Outreach programmes, through supporting projects such as 'Project Compassion', Catholic Charities, St Vincent de Paul, Josephite International Mission and Caritas.
- Prayer is a key element not just within the Religious Education program but throughout the whole life of the school community and is vital in developing a relationship between ourselves and God. Each class is involved in daily Prayer experiences. These may take the form of formal prayers, whole class shared prayer, individual petitions, song, dance, meditation or silent prayer.
- The Sandhurst Diocese "Source of Life" program enables all students to engage in experiences of the Gospel and the story of the people of God.
- Our sacramental program offers Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist, which is run in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Parish.

Our faith is celebrated through meaningful liturgical celebrations. Our stewardship of the earth is expressed in our work in the school gardens and awareness of sustainability.

Sacramental Program

Students at Sacred Heart School have the opportunity to participate in the Sacraments through the support of school staff and the Wodonga Catholic Parish.

Student Wellbeing

At Sacred Heart School we endeavour to assist each student to develop to their full potential. As a Foundation to Year 6 School community we nurture the social, spiritual and emotional development of our students to promote wellbeing and assist them in developing the skills to continue to care for and respect themselves and others.

Staff and parents are well aware of the need to equip students with capabilities that will enable them to develop lifelong resilience and understand how to use their strengths.

In partnership with families and the broader educational community we develop relationships and educational vision and learning experiences that are focussed on the wellbeing of every student to ensure the best possible outcomes, a love of learning and a deep engagement with faith and life now and into the future.

Our school strives to ensure that, in partnership with parents, the wellbeing of every student is foremost in the school's commitment to ongoing improvement.

Sacred Heart School is committed to a whole school approach to promoting mental health and wellbeing. We work together to enhance the development of school environments where young people feel safe, valued, engaged and useful. Sacred Heart is a child safe school.

Everyone's needs are respected as students are validated for who they are and encouraged to grow into all they can be.

Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports

At Sacred Heart School we use a positive behaviour support model. Our school expectations are to be Safe, Respectful, Responsible and a Learner. This model promotes students' behavioural, social, emotional and academic growth. It focuses on creating positive, predictable, and safe learning environments by teaching and reinforcing good behaviour.

Students positive behaviour choices are identified, and praised through verbal recognition by staff, notes, whole school and class rewards, as well as awards at school assemblies.

Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS)

The Mental Health in Primary Schools initiative is currently in 1000 primary schools across Victoria, with Sacred Heart School enthusiastically participating.

Schools are an ideal platform for promoting children's mental health, identifying early signs of mental health concerns and supporting referrals to community-based mental health services where necessary.

Through the MHIPS program, Sacred Heart School has a dedicated MHWL (Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader) who works to build the capability of the whole school with regard to mental health and wellbeing, providing support to staff to better identify and support students with mental health needs, establish clear pathways for referral for students and building relationships with students and their families.

Physical Education & Sport

Participation in sport is part of the daily rhythm at Sacred Heart School.

Daily Games

Each morning the whole school gathers for activities. These sessions build stamina, develop coordination and foster fun in students, with the principles of BlueEarth embedded within activities.

Weekly Lessons

Twice each week students participate in sports lessons where specific skills and games are explicitly taught. These include traditional sports such as football and netball, as well as creating opportunities for students to experience other sports: golf, baseball, soccer, table tennis, gymnastics, basketball, cricket, tennis, and cycling.

Annual School Sport events

Sacred Heart school joins with Corryong College and Walwa Primary School for our Athletics Carnival and Cross Country events. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to make and continue relationships across the different schools in the Corryong and wider community.

The students from Sacred Heart School participate in inter-school swimming, athletics and cross-country events. We encourage and provide opportunities for children to advance to zone, regional and state level and celebrate successes and participation.

Swimming

During the year, all the children have swimming lessons at Corryong Pool as part of their Physical Education Program. Children have an opportunity to prepare for the inter school swimming sports and have opportunities for water safety awareness. Each year, Sacred Heart School hold a whole school Swimming Carnival.





School Information

Daily Schedule

First Bell at 8.50 am – 10 minutes of whole school games, then to class at 9 am.

Fruit Break in classrooms at 10:00am

Lunch 11:00 am – 11:30 am

Eating time 11:30 am – 11:40 am

Recess 1:40 pm – 2:00 pm

Eating time 2:00 pm – 2:10 pm

End of day 3:10 pm

Supervision of students will be available from 8:30am until 3:40pm.

On the last day of each term, students are dismissed in line with Corryong College and buses.



Buses

A school bus service operates each day and is managed by the bus co-ordinator at Corryong College.

All queries should be directed to Sacred Heart School Administration who will then follow up with the Corryong College Bus Co-ordinator.

If children are travelling on a different bus or visiting a friend, written permission needs to be provided to the front office by parents, and this is sent to Corryong College by Sacred Heart School.



Packing a healthy lunch

Students are encouraged to:

- Bring water to school to drink
- Bring a piece of fruit for fruit break each day
- Minimise wrappings when bringing lunch to school

Further suggestions can be viewed at <https://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>

Student Leadership

Student Leadership

At Sacred Heart School we value developing leadership skills in our students as well as providing opportunities for student voice. We recognise that this is not only important for our senior students to have leadership opportunities, but for students across all year levels. Our Senior students have the opportunity to apply for School Ambassador roles as well as Sport Captains for our 4 houses.

We also have student representatives from each class, who meet with the Principal to discuss student ideas, provide feedback and assist in planning and future goals for Sacred Heart School.



Buddies

Each new student to our school is matched with another student to familiarise them with their new surroundings. Foundation students are paired with a senior student who nurtures them through the transition process and builds a caring relationship over the first 12 months of their school experience. We take great pride in our student buddy program which promotes a nurturing environment for students starting school.

Uniform

We belong

Our school uniform looks smart and is comfortable to wear. Black school shoes are to be worn all year round. As part of our sun safe policy, a navy-blue school hat with a logo is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Hats and pre-loved uniforms may be purchased from school (gold coin donation).

The uniform is listed below and orders are obtained from "EduThreads", online orders via link:

<https://eduthreads.com.au/collections/sacred-heart-school-corryong>



Boys and Girls

- Royal blue and Gold polo shirt with School Logo short or long sleeves
- Royal blue polar fleece jacket with School Logo
- Royal blue windcheater with School Logo
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue gabardine pant – double knee
- Navy blue track pant – double knee
- Navy blue socks (anklet or short length)
- Navy blue 'Slouch' hat with School Logo
- Navy blue school bag with school Logo
- Completely 'Black' school shoe or runner

Girls

- Navy blue 'Poly Yoke Skort'
- Navy blue 'Ankle Zip' track pant
- Navy blue cotton nylon tight

SunSmart Policy

At Sacred Heart School, our SunSmart policy is in line with SunSmart Victoria. It uses UV (Ultraviolet) levels to guide when sun protection is required. It advises when the UV reaches Level 3 or higher, sun protection should be worn. Students and teachers check the UV levels on a daily basis all year round to determine whether their broad brimmed hats are to be worn. Sunscreen is available in classrooms for students.

Communication between Home and School



School Newsletter

The newsletter is sent electronically to our Parents and Carers every three weeks. Our school newsletter includes current school news, information on upcoming events, classroom learning, a school photo gallery and community flyers. Newsletters are emailed to our families and accessible from our school Facebook page.

Class Weekly Emails

Each week all classroom teachers send an email to their student's families outlining learning for the week ahead as well as any upcoming events and important reminders.

Staff are available to communicate with families via email during business hours and welcome open communication with families to discuss students' learning and successes.

Facebook

Sacred Heart School has a Facebook page where we share relevant school community information and updates. This is a public page accessible to all.

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartSchoolCorryong>

We also have a private group where daily and weekly reminders and information are shared directly with our Parents & Carers only. This page can be accessed by request on Facebook.

Parent Access Module (PAM)

Here daily and weekly reminders and information are shared directly with our Parents & Carers only. This page can be accessed by request on Facebook.

Student Attendance

Sacred Heart School encourages and supports students to achieve to their full potential. In order for students to take full advantage of their educational opportunities, it is important students are regularly and consistently in attendance at school.

If your child is going to be absent from school, parents must notify the school via PAM or by phoning/emailing the school by 9.15am each morning.

Community Connectedness

At Sacred Heart School we pride ourselves on the sense of community we create amongst our students, parents, families, staff and the Sacred Heart Parish. We also have strong bonds with the wider community of Corryong and surrounds, including its many organisations, services and businesses.



School Fees & Levies

The Levies include **ALL** costs associated with stationery, books, technology including individual laptops, photocopying, camps and excursions, art and craft materials and other costs involved in teaching and learning programs. ** Levies = Books & Stationery + Laptop Hire & Maintenance

At Sacred Heart School we are aware that families have a range of financial needs. Many families find that regular direct debit is the simplest way to manage payments in small achievable amounts. Please ensure you include your name in the transfer details so that we can match your payment with your invoice.

Sacred Heart School Fees 2025

Fees

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| Family Fee – 1 Child | \$1045 |
| Family Fee – 2 or more children | \$1579 |
| Capital Fee – Charged per family | \$25 |

Levies

| <i>STUDENT YEAR</i> | <i>LEVIES</i> | <i>EXCURSION</i> | <i>CAMP</i> | <i>SWIMMING</i> |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <i>Foundation</i> | \$235.00 | \$50.00 | N/A | \$25 |
| <i>Year 1</i> | \$235.00 | \$50.00 | N/A | \$25 |
| <i>Year 2</i> | \$251.00 | \$50.00 | \$40.00 | \$25 |
| <i>Year 3</i> | \$251.00 | \$50.00 | \$312.00 | \$25 |
| <i>Year 4</i> | \$251.00 | \$50.00 | \$312.00 | \$25 |
| <i>Year 5</i> | \$262.00 | \$100.00 | \$687.00 | \$25 |
| <i>Year 6</i> | \$262.00 | \$100.00 | \$687.00 | \$25 |

The background of the logo is a solid blue color. In the top right corner, there is a yellow circle. A large, irregular yellow shape, resembling a stylized heart or a cloud, is positioned in the center and right side of the image, partially overlapping the blue background.

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