



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the College only enrol Catholic students?

Sacred Heart College is a Catholic, learning faith community in the Mercy tradition.

We welcome all enquiries regarding enrolment for your daughter, with offers based on the following guidelines:

- Siblings of students and daughters of staff members
- Catholic student in Catholic school
- Catholic student in non-Catholic school
- Catholic student, baptised only at non-Catholic school
- Non-Catholic student at Catholic school
- Non-Catholic student at non-Catholic school

For further details on the above enrolment guidelines please visit the College's website:

<http://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/index.html>

2. When is the best time to lodge an application Year 7 enrolment?

Applications are accepted each year for students in Year 6 prior to the advertised closing date (as per the College website)

3. When will applications for Year 7 2021 close?

The closing date for Year 7 2019 applications is **Friday 8 May 2020**.

4. How many students are enrolled at Sacred Heart College?

There are **1,510** students enrolled at SHC in 2020.

5. What are the class sizes?

- **26** in Years 7 and Year 8
- **27** is the maximum number in Years 9 to 12, depending on the subject

6. Does the College organise country bus travel?

Bus services are available from all areas as arranged by the Department of Education. Please refer to the College's website for full details.

7. Do students wear their blazer with the summer uniform?

The College blazer is to be worn to and from school except in summer when students are permitted to wear their summer dress without the blazer and jumper. However, jumpers cannot be worn without the blazer when travelling to and from school.

8. What are the College's start and finish times?

Start: 8.49am

Finish: 3.22pm

Student supervision commences at 8.30am and concludes at 3.47pm.

9. Where do I purchase the College uniform?

Bellarine Uniforms, 162 Moorabool Street, Geelong.

Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm.

10. Where do I buy secondhand uniforms and books?

Sustainable School Shop www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Secondhand School Supplies Pty Ltd www.secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au

Secondhand School Specialists www.secondhandschoolspecialists.com.au

11. What is the average cost of new textbooks, stationery etc?

Approximately \$400, but this figure continues to drop each year due to the use of e-Books and online resources.

12. How many canteens at the College?

The College has one canteen and lunches can be pre-ordered via an online ordering system.

13. What languages are available to study?

Japanese, Italian and French.

14. Can students enter by any gate?

Students may enter via Retreat Road, Talbot Street and Aphrasia Street gates.

However, for safety reasons students are not permitted to enter via the George Street entrance due to building works.

15. Does the College have a First Aid Officer?

A dedicated First Aid Officer (Level 3) is in attendance at the Student Support Centre to administer first aid during school hours. All staff members have a minimum of Level 2 first aid training.

16. Do Year 7 students receive home learning (formerly homework)?

Year 7 students receive a limited amount of home learning during Term 1.

A Home Learning Policy applies to students in Years 7 and Year 8 to ensure their workload is not overwhelming.

17. Does the College have a laptop computer program?

Yes. On enrolment, all students receive a personal laptop computer. Many textbooks are now available on the laptop as eBook versions saving additional costs.

18. Do students need their own computer at home?

No. All students receive a portable laptop in Year 7 that can connect to your internet at home, and the cost is included in school fees. Insurance for the laptop is an additional cost.

19. Can students study at school at the end of the day?

Yes, the Learning Centre is open until 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 4.00pm on Friday.

20. Does the College offer equity scholarships?

Yes. We are committed to supporting families in need and offer a range of equity scholarships to assist families with tuition fees.

Please contact the College Registrar for further information.

21. Can I receive detailed information regarding school fees on Discovery Day?

Yes. The Business Office staff will be available in the Learning Centre to provide detailed information.

22. Does the College offer extra-curricular activities?

Yes. Private music tuition, choir, debating, public speaking, sport, student exchange, language immersion programs and outreach opportunities are all available for student participation.

23. Will there be guided tours on Discovery Day?

Group guided tours will not be scheduled on Discovery Day as we encourage families to 'discover' life at Sacred Heart College at their own pace.

However, there will be plenty of staff and students available to provide you with directions around the College and to assist with any questions you may have as you move through the six key areas.

Maps will also be available for families, together with a central information booth.

24. Will there be information sessions at Discovery Day?

Short key messages from the Principal will be held in the Large Gathering Space in the Court Precinct. The presentations will be held every 30 minutes from 4.30pm until 6pm.

On the day, staff and students will be showcasing powerful learning at Sacred Heart College in six key areas (maps will be provided) and they will be happy to answer your questions.

25. Can I collect an enrolment pack on Discovery Day?

Enrolment packs will not be available on Discovery Day. However, in line with our sustainability practices, we are pleased to offer online applications via the College website.