30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION & DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2021



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As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

Diocesan Protocol for Celebrating Outstanding Service and Leadership Awards

Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited understands the importance of recognising and celebrating outstanding service and leadership in our education community.

To this end, a range of annual awards are presented to enable the recognition of outstanding service and leadership both at the school level and across the diocesan education community.

Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to our 2021 Diocesan Leadership Gathering Dinner. After the uncertainty of 2020, we are delighted to be able to celebrate with so many of you in-person this evening as we recognise two special groups of people in our diocesan education community.

Firstly we recognise and celebrate those staff who have reached the remarkable milestone of 30 years of service to Catholic education. We honour and recognise your contribution and dedication, which has played an important part towards shaping the lives of our future generations and



will resonate positively for many years to come. As we work together in partnership to achieve our vision of pursuing fullness of life for all in God's presence, we acknowledge your contribution to the partnerships between families, schools, parishes, local communities and DOBCEL.

This evening we are also honoured to present the 2021 Diocesan Leadership Awards to three outstanding educators in our community. These awards recognise the exemplary service, leadership and innovation of each awardee, and are an acknowledgement their demonstration of one or more aspects of the Diocesan Education Vision.

We encourage each of our 2021 recipients to pause for a moment and reflect upon their outstanding achievements and careers. We thank them for the gifts they bring to our diocesan education community and we ask that they be blessed in the years to come.

Tom Sexton Executive Director, Catholic Education Ballarat

Program for the Evening

5.30pm Mass – Mercure Conservatory 6.30pm **Pre-Dinner Drinks** – Mercure Gallery Lounge 7.00pm **Gather** in the Mercure Eureka Ballroom Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome -Dr Helen Weadon, DOBCEL Director Welcome - Mr Tom Sexton, Executive Director, Catholic Education Ballarat Occasional Address on behalf of DOBCEL Board -Ms Tracey O'Neill, Chair Grace - Fr Andrew Hayes, Parish Priest of Ararat, **DOBCEL Director** 7.15pm Main Course 8.30pm Presentation, 30 Year Service Recognition Introduced by – Mr John Meneely, Deputy Director, Catholic Education Ballarat Presentation of Certificates – Mr Tom Sexton **Presentation of Service Badges** – Most Rev Monsignor Glynn Murphy, Parish Priest of the West Wimmera and South Western Mallee District Parishes, DOBCEL Director Response on behalf of Service Award Recipients –

Mr Matt Byrne, Principal, Damascus College

9.15pm Dessert

9.30pm Presentation of Diocesan Leadership Awards (DLA)

The Partnership Award The Catholic Leadership Award The Fullness of Life Award

Introduced by - Mr John Meneely

Presentation of Awards – Mr Tom Sexton

Toast to the 2021 Award Recipients – Mr Terry Harney, DOBCEL Director

10.00pm Formal proceedings conclude

Coffee

RECOGNITION OF 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Congratulations to the 28 staff members recognised for 30 years of service (with or without interruption) to Catholic Education in 2021.

2021 AWARDEES

Matthew Byrne	Damascus College, Mount Clear
Patricia Caldow	St Thomas More PS, Alfredton
Lisa Donovan	St Patrick's PS, Camperdown
Cleta Forrest	St Columba's PS, Ballarat North
Caroline Grist	Trinity College, Colac
Anthony Haley	St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill
Marie Harney	Our Lady Help of Christians PS, Warrnambool East
Clare Kavanagh	St Patrick's College, Ballarat
Mark Leary	St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill
Carmel McCormick	Catholic Education Ballarat
Kate Nunn	St Mary's PS, Sea Lake
Suzanne Prendergast	St Brendan's PS, Dunnstown
John Richards	St Patrick's College, Ballarat
Tom Sexton	Catholic Education Ballarat
Leesa Sharkey	Trinity College, Colac
Jennifer Stapleton	St Colman's PS, Mortlake
Graeme Stewart	Trinity College, Colac
Therese Winter	St Brigid's PS, Ballan
Sharen Wolfe	Damascus College, Mount Clear

2021 AWARDEES in absentia

Terry Brennan	St Augustine's PS, Creswick
Olga Fox	St Francis Xavier PS, Ballarat East
Maria Grace	Lumen Christi PS, Delacombe
Anne Kerr	St Pius X PS, Warrnambool West
Margaret Lyttle	St Francis Xavier PS, Ballarat East
Sonia Opie	St Joseph's College, Mildura
Sandra Rosenow	Loreto College, Ballarat
Matthew Summers	Marian College, Ararat
Cait Wilson	St Mary's PS, Colac

TERRY BRENNAN



Service

- St Andrew's PS, Werribee 01/02/1990 – 27/01/1997
- St Thomas More PS, Alfredton 28/01/1997 24/01/1999
- St Mary MacKillop PS, Keilor Downs 25/01/1999 – 28/01/2002

Current Position: Principal

- St Ambrose's PS, Woodend 29/01/2002 31/01/2011
- St Mary's PS, Castlemaine 17/05/2010 – 03/10/2010
- St Augustine's PS, Creswick 01/02/2011

MATTHEW BYRNE



Service

- St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill
 28/01/1992 24/01/1997
- Mercy Regional College, Camperdown 28/01/1997 – 24/01/2000

Current Position: Principal

- St Joseph's College, Echuca
 25/01/2000 27/01/2009
- Damascus College, Mount Clear 28/01/2009





TRISH CALDOW



Service

- St Joseph's PS, Ouyen 01/02/1982 – 31/01/1984
- St Alipius PS, Ballarat East 01/02/1984 31/01/1990

Current Position: Deputy Principal

• St Thomas More PS, Alfredton 28/01/1997

LISA DONOVAN



Service

- St Patrick's PS, Pakenham 29/01/1991 24/01/2000
- St Jude's PS, Langwarrin 25/01/2000 28/01/2019

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

• St Patrick's PS, Camperdown 29/01/2019





CLETA FORREST



Service

- St Thomas the Apostle PS, Blackburn Sacred Heart PS, St Kilda West ٠ 01/03/1978 - 30/03/1978
- St Elizabeth's PS, Dandenong North 01/04/1978 - 31/01/1982
- St Peter's PS, Bentleigh East 01/02/1982 - 31/01/1983
- Our Lady of the Assumption PS, ٠ Cheltenham 01/02/1983 - 31/01/1985

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

- 01/05/1987 31/01/1988
- St Peter's PS, Bentleigh East 28/02/1994 - 28/06/1996
- St Columba's PS, Ballarat North 15/07/2002

OLGA FOX



Service

- Sacred Heart PS, St Albans 01/02/1969 - 31/01/1984
- St Catherine of Siena PS, Melton West 01/02/1984 - 31/01/1985
- St Patrick's PS, Ballarat 25/01/1999 - 24/01/2000

- Our Lady Help of Christians PS, ٠ Wendouree 04/02/2008 - 27/01/2014
- St Francis Xavier PS, Ballarat East ٠ 28/01/2009





MARIA GRACE



Service

• Lumen Christi PS, Delacombe 28/01/1992

Current Position: Learning Support Officer

CAROLINE GRIST



Service

- Marian College, Ararat 04/02/1987 – 31/01/1989
- St Brendan's PS, Coragulac 01/02/1989 – 14/04/2002, 25/05/2002 – 27/01/2014

- St Patrick's PS, Camperdown 15/04/2002 24/05/2002
- Trinity College, Colac 01/02/2012





ANTHONY HALEY



Service

 St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill 28/01/1992

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

MARIE HARNEY



Service

- Our Lady Help of Christians PS, Warrnambool East 04/02/1985 – 31/01/1995
- St Joseph's PS, Pirron Yallock 25/01/1999 28/01/2002
- St Marcellus' PS, Purnim 28/05/2002 27/01/2003
- St Thomas PS, Terang 28/01/2003 17/01/2010

- Catholic Education Ballarat 18/01/2010 31/01/2012
- St Thomas' PS, Terang 01/02/2012 – 27/01/2014
- Our Lady Help of Christians PS, Warrnambool East 28/01/2014





CLARE KAVANAGH



Service

 St Patrick's College, Ballarat 01/02/1987 – 31/03/1990, 09/10/1995 – 08/12/1995, 29/01/1996

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

ANNE KERR



Service

- St Patrick's PS, Koroit 22/06/1992 – 13/08/1992
- St Joseph's PS, Warrnambool 25/01/1993 04/10/1998

Current Position: Administration Assistant

• St Pius X PS, Warrnambool West 05/10/1998





MARK LEARY



Service

- Nagle College, Bairnsdale 18/04/1988 27/01/2003
- Loyola College, Watsonia 28/01/2003 27/01/2020

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill 28/01/2020

MARGARET LYTTLE



Service

- St Mary's PS, Donald 01/02/1979 – 31/01/1980
- St Thomas More PS, Alfredton 01/02/1981 – 31/01/1990, 05/03/2002 – 19/12/2002

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

 St Francis Xavier PS, Ballarat East 01/06/1980 – 31/01/1981, 28/01/2003





CARMEL McCORMICK



Service

- St Mary's PS, Rushworth 01/02/1979 31/01/1981
- St Joseph's PS, Quarry Hill 01/02/1981 31/01/1982
- St Paul's PS, Nightcliff 01/02/1982 – 31/01/1985
- St John's Senior College, Darwin 01/02/1986 31/01/1987
- Mother of God PS, Ardeer 01/02/1987 – 31/01/1989
- Holy Spirit Community PS, Ringwood North 01/02/1989 – 30/01/1995

- Our Lady of Good Counsel PS, Deepdene 31/01/1995 – 27/01/1997
- St Michael's PS, Ashburton 28/01/1997 24/01/2000
- St Pauls PS, Mildura 01/02/2012 – 20/01/2013
- Catholic Education Ballarat 21/01/2013

KATE NUNN



Service

 St Mary's PS, Swan Hill 01/02/1990 – 08/08/1995

Current Position: Principal

• St Mary's PS, Sea Lake 09/08/1995





Current Position: Education Officer – Religious Education

SONIA OPIE



Service

- St Joseph's PS, Trafalgar 01/02/1983 – 31/01/1984
- Notre Dame College, Shepparton 21/05/1984 – 21/08/1987, 11/07/1988 – 16/09/1988, 24/06/1991 – 30/08/1991
- Current Position: Classroom Teacher

- St Mel's PS, Shepparton South 08/07/1996 04/03/2003
- St Joseph's College, Mildura 14/07/2003

SUZANNE PRENDERGAST



Service

- St Mary's PS, Mansfield 01/02/1987 – 31/01/1989
- St Dominic's PS, Melton 01/02/1989 – 28/01/1991
- Murrupurtiyanuwu PS, Bathurst Islands 29/01/1991 – 27/01/1992
- St Brigid's PS, Gisborne 28/01/1992 – 28/01/1996

- Holy Cross PS, New Gisborne 29/01/1996 – 29/01/2001
- St Michael's PS, Daylesford 30/01/2001 – 27/01/2003, 22/03/2005 – 29/01/2006
- St Mary's PS, Clarkes Hill 03/09/2001 – 28/01/2002
- St Brendan's PS, Dunnstown 30/01/2006





JOHN RICHARDS



Service

- Sacred Heart PS, Mildura 28/01/1992 28/01/1996
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart PS, Merbein 29/01/1996 – 24/01/1999
- St Joseph's PS, Ouyen
 25/01/1999 27/01/2003

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

- Lumen Christi PS, Delacombe 28/01/2003 29/01/2006
- St Patrick's College, Ballarat 30/01/2006

SANDRA ROSENOW



Service

• Loreto College, Ballarat 29/01/1991





TOM SEXTON



Service

- St Augustine's College, Kyabram 01/02/1985 31/01/1989
- St Therese's PS, Kennington 01/02/1989 26/01/1992
- St Patrick's PS, Tongala 27/01/1992 28/01/1996
- St Mel's PS, Shepparton 29/01/1996 – 29/01/2007

- Catholic Education Sandhurst 30/01/2007 23/05/2018
- Independent Education Consultant 24/05/2018 16/08/2020
- Catholic Education Ballarat
 17/08/2020

LEESA SHARKEY



Service

• Trinity College, Colac 28/01/1992

Current Position: Classroom Teacher



Current Position: Executive Director, Catholic Education Ballarat



JENNIFER STAPLETON



Service

• St Coleman's PS, Mortlake 28/01/1992

Current Position: Learning Support Officer

GRAEME STEWART



Service

- Mount Lilydale Mercy College, Lilydale 01/02/1990 – 27/01/1992, 18/04/1994 – 01/07/1994
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Bentleigh 21/02/1994 – 31/03/1994
- St John's Regional College, Dandenong 18/07/1994 – 02/10/1994

- Catholic Regional College, North Keilor 27/02/1995 – 27/01/1997
- Chanel College, Geelong 28/01/1997 – 24/01/1999
- Trinity College, Colac 25/01/1999





MATTHEW SUMMERS



Service

- St Mary's PS, Robinvale 28/01/1992 27/01/1996
- Marian College, Ararat 29/01/1996

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

CAIT WILSON



Service

- St Mary's PS, Hamilton 01/02/1978 – 31/01/1981
- Monivae College, Hamilton 01/02/1981 – 23/05/1981
- St Mary's PS, Hamilton
 24/05/1981 31/01/1982,
 06/04/1984 21/09/1984
 01/02/1985 27/01/2003

- St Joseph's PS, Ouyen 28/01/2003 27/01/2004
- St Mary's PS, Colac 28/01/2015





THERESE WINTER



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Service

- All Saints' School, Portland 01/02/1988 – 31/01/1990
- St Bernard's PS, Bacchus Marsh 01/02/1990 31/03/1990
- St Francis Xavier PS, Ballarat East 13/04/1990 31/01/1991
- St Aloysius PS, Redan
 01/09/1991 01/11/1991
- St Patrick's PS, Gordon 21/02/1992 – 08/11/1996, 25/01/2000 – 16/07/2001
- St Michael's PS, Springbank
 07/03/1994 16/09/1994,
 28/01/1997 27/01/1998
 28/01/2003 14/07/2003

Current Position: Classroom Teacher



- St Mary's PS, Clarkes Hill 07/03/1994 – 31/05/1995, 31/01/2000 – 31/05/2000, 12/02/2001 – 06/04/2001, 29/01/2002 – 26/06/2003, 04/02/2004 – 23/07/2004
- St Brendan's PS, Dunnstown, 05/02/2004 12/07/2004
- St Brigid's PS, Ballan
 02/03/1998 26/06/2003,
 28/01/2004

SHAREN WOLFE



Service

 St Martin's in the Pines College, Ballarat 22/07/1991 – 30/01/1995

Current Position: Classroom Teacher

Damascus College, Mount Clear 31/01/1995



2021 DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Diocesan Leadership Awards seek to recognise leadership that reflects one or more aspects of the Diocesan Education Vision:

> As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

The Partnership Award

- For commitment to and facilitation of partnerships within the education, parish, diocese and/or the local community that enhance learning for students
- For ongoing witness to **partnership in Catholic education** and active presence in the education, parish, diocesan and/or local community
- For promotion of Catholic education as partnership in local and/or extended community

The Partnership Award is presented to

The Corinthian Project Team



accepted by Josh McElgunn

COVID-19 provided many educational challenges in 2020, not the least being the adaptations needed for remote learning. The Corinthian Project offered a focused, coordinated and collegial plan for schools working in a remote learning environment.

This project invited educators to question their practice, to work collaboratively in the shared mission of the Church, and to give of their wisdom and experience for the betterment of the wider diocesan education community. It began as an answer to the challenges presented by remote learning, but will continue to provide a sense of community engagement for teachers in Catholic primary schools in our diocese. The presentation of this award to the Corinthian Project Team recognises the many educators from across the diocese who were behind the inception, promotion and facilitation of this initiative.

The Catholic Leadership Award

- For *leadership* that provides active witness to *God's presence* in the education, parish and/or diocesan community and that enhances the education community's Catholic identity
- For excellence in **leadership** around Religious Education, spirituality, liturgy, religious art, social justice, the founding charism, evangelization and/or ecology

The Catholic Leadership Award is presented to

Eileen Rice Principal of St Alipius Primary School, Ballarat



As principal of St Alipius Parish School, Ballarat East, Eileen consistently provides active witness to her faith through her authentic leadership and promotion of inclusive practices. She will respectfully challenge concepts or ideas and will stretch people's thinking to enable a broader and deeply considered perspective on important matters, always grounded in and faithful to the Catholic ethos that underpins the school. For her, relationships within and across the school community underpin the true meaning of "Catholic", an openness to and invitation in to God's presence.

The Fullness of Life Award

- For leadership that leads to *fullness of life* for colleagues and/or students
- For excellence in education, staff formation or professional learning, student learning and/or educational innovation
- For demonstrated commitment to evidence-based practice in education

The Fullness of Life Award is presented to

Cheryl Pefanis Deputy Principal of Trinity College, Colac



Cheryl is an outstanding educator and leader in the Trinity College, Colac community. Cheryl's service and commitment to others achieving fullness of life was particularly noted during the period of remote learning last year. Trinity College and the town of Colac was impacted significantly as a result of COVID-19 and it was at this time that Cheryl's care shone. She kept the community updated and informed and provided pastoral care to staff, students and their families, while supporting a newly appointed principal to the school. This award recognises the abundance of life promised through the mission of Christ and it is for her willingness to ensure others are cared for, even if this is at a personal cost to her, that makes Cheryl a worthy recipient.

Past Recipients of BDSAC Outstanding School Service Awards (Inaugurated 2013)

2014

Mr Clarkston Ray - former staff member, All Saints PS, Portland

Mr David Bristow – founding Chair of the Catholic Education Office Ballarat Audit and Risk Committee

Ms Marija Fina - parent helper, St Michael's PS, Daylesford

Ms Inez Sullivan - former staff member at St Paul's PS, Mildura

Ms Kay Wagner – former staff member at St Paul's PS, Mildura

2015

Sr Marie Davey rsm – Damascus College: An outstanding contribution to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Ballarat on the completion of her 50th year of service

Mr Bernard Dunn – St Joseph's PS, Warrnambool: in recognition of many years of outstanding service to Catholic Education as a valued staff member of St Joseph's Parish Primary School Community

Ms Bernadette Bullock – St Joseph's PS, Warrnambool: in recognition of many years of outstanding service to Catholic Education as a valued staff member of St Mary's PS, Hamilton and St Joseph's PS, Warrnambool

Ms Rebeka Walker – 10 year parent volunteer helper, St Michael's PS, Daylesford

Fr Lawrence O'Toole PP – for his provision of Chaplaincy work for Emmanuel College for over 15 years, his support as College Governor and to staff and parents

Sr Mary Nuttall rsm – ACU: in recognition of 32 years of outstanding service to Catholic Education as a colleague, teacher, mentor and governor

2016

Mr Pat Brookes – for outstanding dedication and commitment to Catholic Education and to St Patrick's School, Camperdown

Ms Mary Day – for outstanding service to Trinity College Colac for more than 26 years

Mr Don Flynn – outstanding commitment to the Lumen Christi Primary School Community

Ms Joy Harvey – loyal and dedicated service to Sacred Heart School, Casterton

Ms Leonie Leonard – for generous and consistent support of the St. Michael's Daylesford school community

Ms Helen Paatsch OAM – for outstanding service to Trinity College Colac since 1969

Ms Jan Riches – for outstanding dedication and commitment to Catholic Education and to St Patrick's School, Camperdown

Sr Marg Carmody sgs – for service and leadership in Catholic education across the diocese

2017

Ms Barbara Collins – outstanding service to the St. Joseph's College Mildura community for the past 38 years

Mr Kerrin Glennen – in appreciation of outstanding service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Ballarat for the past 34 years

Sr Marion McDonald rsm – for service and leadership in Catholic education across the Ballarat diocese

Mr Peter McElgunn – for outstanding service and leadership in Catholic education for 38 years as a teacher and principal in schools in Western Victoria

Mr Paul Martin – outstanding service to the St. Michael's Daylesford School community

Ms Lisa Pope – Emmanuel College, Warrnambool for outstanding service and commitment by successfully implementing a range of technology Programs

Ms Melanie Ransome – outstanding service to the St. Joseph's College Mildura community for the past 50 years

Mr Kevin Wright – outstanding service and leadership supporting Catholic education in the Warrnambool Region through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

2018

Ms Annemarie Kierce – outstanding service and leadership to Catholic education and Sovereign Hill

Mr Bill Slatter – outstanding service and leadership within Catholic Education across Victoria for 39 years

Ms Denise Knight – in recognition of 33 Years' service at St Joseph's College, Mildura

Sr Rosemary Graham, rsm – in recognition of 53 Years' service to Catholic Education including 22 Years' service at St Joseph's College, Mildura

Mr Robert Wolfe – in recognition of 51 Years' service to Catholic Education including 44 Years' service at St Joseph's College, Mildura

Ms Patricia Riordan – in recognition of 45 Years' service at St Joseph's College, Mildura

2019

Ms Bernadette Brouwers – in recognition of her service to education leadership and to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Ballarat

Ms Rosie Porter – in recognition of outstanding dedication to the Lumen Christi school community, always passionate for equity and inclusion for all children

Past Recipients of Diocesan Leadership Awards (Inaugurated 2016)

Partnership Award

2016

Ms Marie Ewing, Music and Arts Specialist Teacher, St Colman's PS, Mortlake and St Thomas' PS, Terang

2017

The 'Western Trinity' -

- Mr Josh McElgunn, Principal, St Joseph's PS, Coleraine
- Mr Evan Wrobel, Principal, Sacred Heart PS, Casterton
- Ms Angela Keally, Principal, St Malachy's PS, Edenhope

2018

Ms Breeana Wade, Assistant Principal, St Joseph's PS, Red Cliffs

2019

South West Languages Cluster

- Ms Shannyn McElgunn
- Ms Anne-Maree Robinson
- Mr John Healy
- Ms Kendl Roberts
- Ms Maria Patience
- Ms Ally Brennan

2020

Ms Jill Wheatland, VCAL Leader, Loreto College, Ballarat

Catholic Leadership Award

2016

Mr John Crowley, Headmaster, St Patrick's College, Ballarat Ms Eileen Rice, Principal, St Alipius' PS, Ballarat East

2017

Fr Adrian McInerney, Diocesan Priest (Retired)

2018

Ms Jean Christie, Director of Marketing, Emmanuel College, Warrnambool

2020

Ms Mandy Carroll, Director of Faith and Mission, Loreto College, Ballarat

Fullness of Life Award

2016

Ms Karen Bambridge, Individual Learning Needs Coordinator, Loreto College, Ballarat

2017

Mr James Laidler, Head of English, Emmanuel College, Warrnambool

2018

Ms Tania Bruckner, Director of Professional Practice, Mercy Regional College, Camperdown

2019

Catholic Education Office Ballarat's Leading 4 Learning Team

- Ms Marg McDonald
- Mr Allan Hutchison
- Ms Gina Bernasconi

2020

Ms Melanie Saleta, Head of Learning and Diversity, St Joseph's College, Mildura



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