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Image from L-R: Penny Hundt, Danielle Yates, Fiona Kinloch and Huynh-Le Nguyen

Sacred Heart College educates girls to make a difference, and as a pandemic has gripped the world for the best part of two years, thousands of SHC alumni members have been making a difference on the frontline in the fight against COVID-19.

Friends and 1995 Sacred Heart College graduates Fiona Kinloch, Danielle Yates, nee Moore, Huynh Le Nguyen and Penny Hundt's frontline jobs have transformed since the start of the pandemic.



Image: Fiona Kinloch, Jessica Lonergan, Kaiya Perry, Emma Dear, Penny Hundt, Danielle Yates, Huynh Le Nguyen at Feast of the Sacred Heart, 1993

Fiona Kinloch is a Leading Senior Constable with Victoria Police and Divisional Intelligence Unit analyst. The 20-year policewoman's role is to analyse crime trends and offender behaviour in the Wyndham, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong areas, providing proactive ways to disrupt and prevent offending. "During COVID, as well as my usual role, I also assisted with public order management at demonstrations in and around Melbourne and assisted in the resourcing of police members for border patrols and hotel quarantine duties," Fiona said.

Danielle Yates has worked as a radiographer for almost two decades at Barwon Health and currently leads the health service's Radiology Systems team. "During the pandemic we've been performing chest x-rays and chest CT scans on COVID-19 patients to monitor their progress," she said. "The additional workload in full PPE has been a challenge for us but it's been great to see how Barwon Health staff have adapted to ensure safe and timely healthcare to the region."

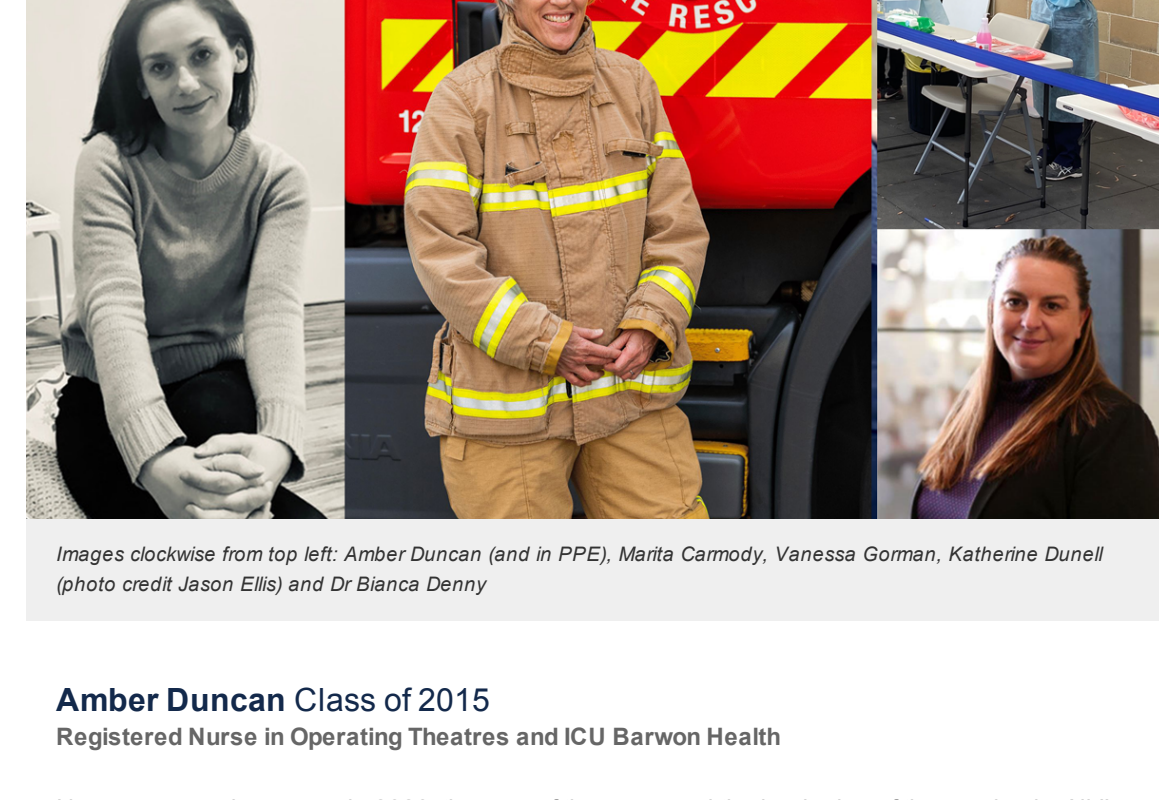


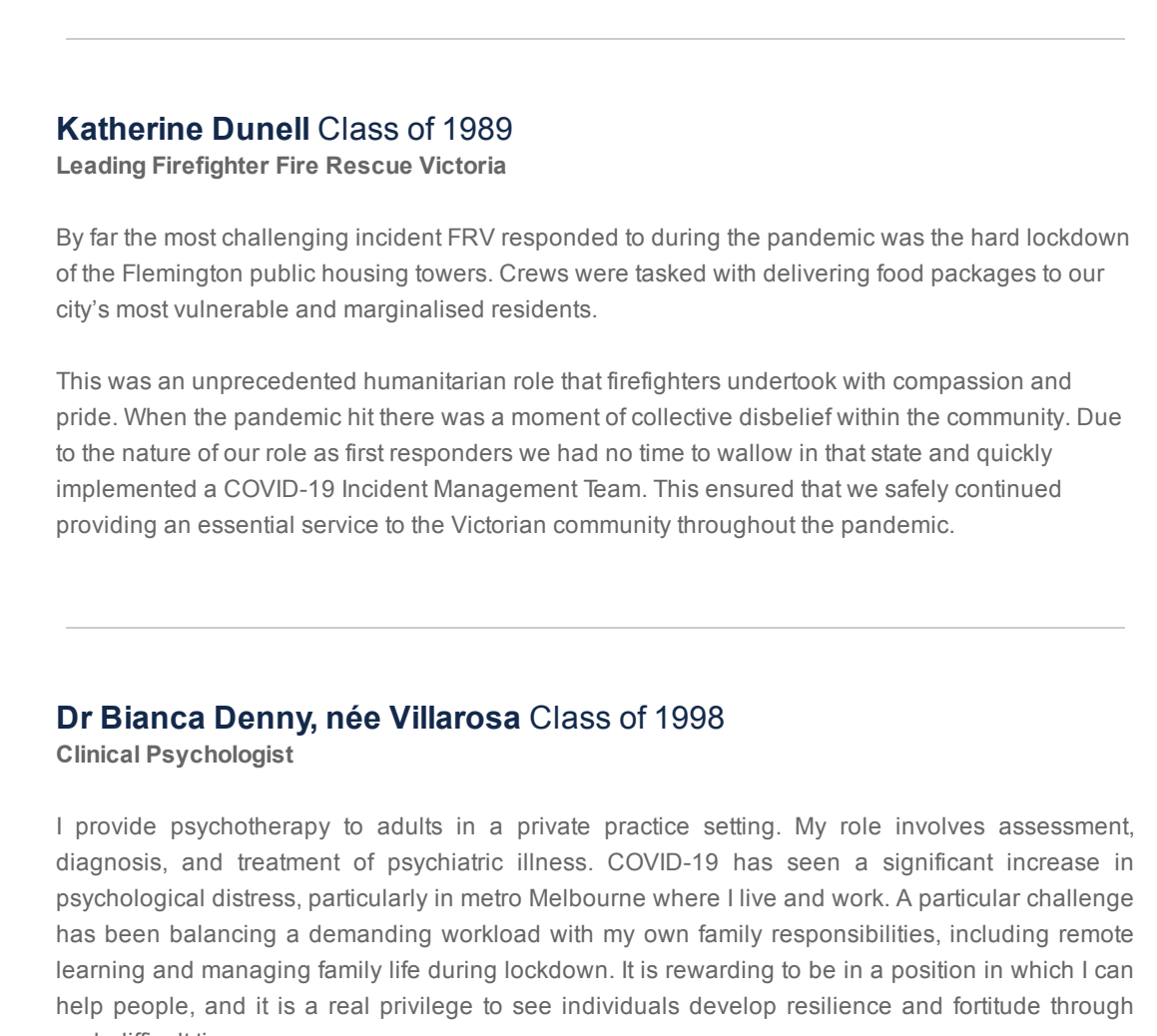
Image: 20-year Sacred Heart College Reunion - Penny Hundt, Kaiya Perry, Danielle Yates, Fiona Kinloch and Emma Dear

Huynh Le Nguyen is a medical scientist at University Hospital's Australian Rickettsial Reference Laboratory. The lab's main focus is tick-borne-related diseases, but it has added COVID-19 real-time reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction to the laboratory repertoire. "With the addition of COVID-19 testing, this has helped ease the stress of bed allocation for the hospital," Huynh Le said. "Although it has been mentally and physically exhausting since the pandemic, it is reassuring to see the laboratory work fluidly to ensure results come out as soon as possible."

Penny Hundt has worked as a GP for the past 15 years, specialising in women's health in Hawthorn East. COVID-19 brought about rapid changes to the way she and her colleagues delivered healthcare - telehealth, treating respiratory patients in PPE and the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. She also worked at the Royal Exhibition Building and Campbellfield Ford Factory vaccine hubs this year. "It has been very rewarding to be a part of the solution to this challenging time," Penny said. "I'm cautiously optimistic that 2022 will put lockdowns behind us. Thanks to everyone who has rolled up their sleeves."

With thanks to Maguire Online Issue 2 Guest Editor **Greta Lannen (2013)**

Greta Lannen is a journalist at the Colac Herald and has a Bachelor of Arts and Health Sciences, Journalism and Health promotion from Deakin University. Greta is also a valued member of Sacred Heart College's Marketing and Communications sub-committee.



Images clockwise from top left: Amber Duncan (and in PPE), Marita Carmody, Vanessa Gorman, Katherine Dunell (photos credit Jason Ellis and Dr Bianca Denny)

Amber Duncan Class of 2015 Registered Nurse in Operating Theatres and ICU Barwon Health

I began my nursing career in 2020; the year of the nurse and the beginning of the pandemic. All I've known is COVID nursing, and I had to jump from a student to a registered nurse relatively quickly, in rather challenging circumstances, both for me and my colleagues. I have nursed on a COVID ward, and currently I have been redeployed from theatre to ICU. As a theatre nurse I assisted the surgeons in performing surgeries on various patients, including COVID patients, where I also aided to maintain a safe and sterile surgical environment.

As a nurse in ICU now, I care for all patients in the ICU including working in the COVID pod. Despite the long hours in PPE, and watching your patients every breath diligently as well as caring for their every needs, I finish each shift and it reminds me even in the stressful and challenging times now and ahead, I became a nurse to care and to help my patients. I am and will always be proud to be a nurse, and I'm extremely proud of what my colleagues and the healthcare sector have achieved for our patients and our community.

Marita Carmody Class of 1993

Allied Health Team Leader/NDIS Co-ordinator/Physiotherapist
Redeployed to COVID-19 test sites clinical lead and vaccinator Banyule Community Health

I was redeployed to assist the COVID response in north-east Melbourne to help set up four walk-through COVID test clinics and provide clinical oversight during their operations. As clinical lead, I was responsible for ensuring all staff understood and followed infection control protocols, including the correct use of PPE. Recently I have been authorised to give COVID-19 vaccinations and am now working in our onsite and mobile vaccine clinics. Despite the challenges of these roles, I am proud to have been part of an incredible team that has worked closely with our community to provide these crucial services.

Vanessa Gorman, née Byrne Class of 1991 Senior Operations Manager, Victorian Department of Health COVID-19 Case, Contact and Outbreak Management

I joined the Department of Health for the COVID-19 response in August 2020 after working on the frontline of an emergency department during the first wave. My current role is to lead a team of up to 700 staff across the division and provide expert advice and guidance to teams around contact tracing and public health actions. I provide management and operationalisation of key Chief Health Officer directives around reducing public health risks related to COVID-19.

The past two years have been very challenging; firstly setting up our response in the ED frontline and then transitioning into DH and taking a bigger picture view of how we can positively impact and reduce harm to our community. I love the team, they are so dedicated and have a never give up attitude. I love knowing I have made a small contribution to the wellbeing of Victorians at large.

Katherine Dunell Class of 1989 Leading Firefighter Fire Rescue Victoria

By far the most challenging incident FRV responded to during the pandemic was the hard lockdown of the Flemington public housing towers. Crews were tasked with delivering food packages to our city's most vulnerable and marginalised residents.

This was an unprecedented humanitarian role that firefighters undertook with compassion and pride. When the pandemic hit there was a moment of collective disbelief within the community. Due to the nature of our role as first responders we had no time to wallow in that state and quickly implemented a COVID-19 Incident Management Team. This ensured that we safely continued providing an essential service to the Victorian community throughout the pandemic.

Dr Bianca Denny, née Villarosa Class of 1998 Clinical Psychologist

I provide psychotherapy to adults in a private practice setting. My role involves assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of psychiatric illness. COVID-19 has seen a significant increase in psychological distress, particularly in metro Melbourne where I live and work. A particular challenge has been balancing a demanding workload with my own family responsibilities, including remote learning and managing family life during lockdown. It is rewarding to be in a position in which I can help people, and it is a real privilege to see individuals develop resilience and fortitude through such difficult times.

Rose Ridgway Class of 2010 Operations Team Leader, Victorian Department of Health COVID-19 Case, Contact and Outbreak Management

COVID has shown me how adaptable nurses and midwives are. From clinical nursing to fronting public health response, I am proud to watch my profession respond and adapt. Despite the challenges, leading a large team of contact tracers in a fast paced, high stakes environment has been a rewarding challenge.



Images L-R: Kenneth Jack print that Maisie received on her retirement from the Royal Melbourne, Pharmaceutical College Maisie attended

Maisie Daffy's Story

Born in 1905 and christened Mary Therese but always known as Maisie, she was the only daughter of Richard and Katherine (née Ford) Daffy. She grew up on the family farm at South Cundare near Beac with her brothers Francis, Thomas and Richard. Maisie's father Richard was a Councillor and President of the Colac Shire Council.

While not much is known about her primary education days, we do know that Maisie was very active in the Catholic community from an early age. At age 10 she was crowned Queen of the Carnival for her good works for Catholic education in Drysdale. At the social that was held in honour of her crowning Rev. Father Conlon presented her with a brooch in the shape of a crown, set with pearls as a sign of her victory. He commented that she was the youngest crowned queen ever in Australia and she had won the title by 7850 public votes.

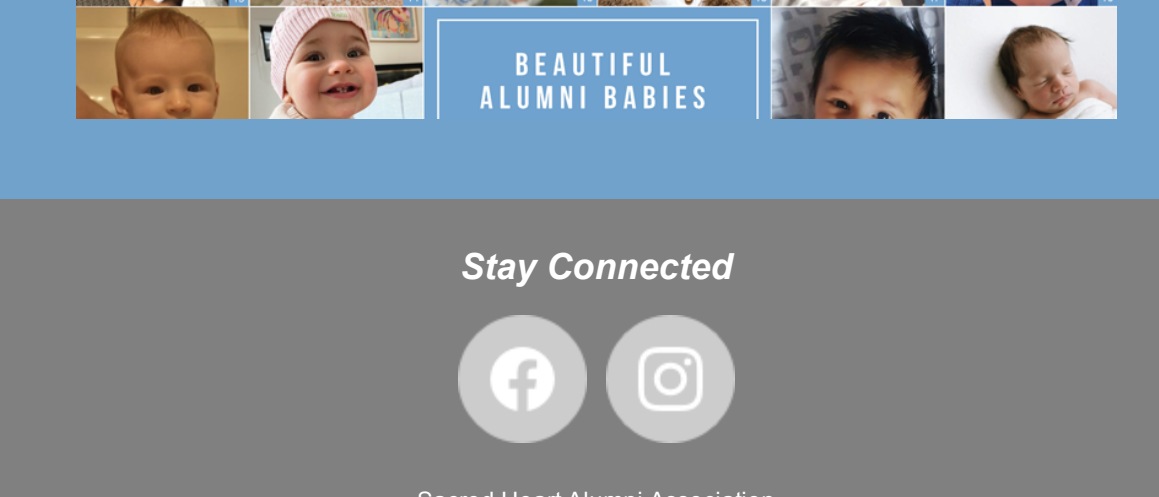
Maisie attended Sacred Heart College as a boarder and her love of acting saw her participate in many school productions - she was particularly remembered for her role as Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream. There are numerous reports in the Advocate and Geelong Advertiser of Maisie attending events and performing recitals or songs around this time. This was to remain a lifelong passion for Maisie and throughout her life she went on to be a patron and member of numerous amateur societies. In 1924, Maisie published a small book of poetry titled *Localities of the Bush*, which saw her referred to as Beac's little Poetess in the colloquial papers.

Following her secondary education, Maisie went on to become a qualified pharmacist. After a short time working at various pharmacies around Victoria, Maisie joined the Royal Melbourne Hospital Pharmacy Department. When she first began the hospital was located in Lonsdale Street on what was to become the Queen Victoria Hospital after the Royal Melbourne relocated to its current site. During her time as a pharmacist it was still common for much of the medications that were dispensed to be compounded by the pharmacist. At the Royal Melbourne Hospital this involved supervising technicians whose daily task it was to produce bulk quantities of various chemicals used in the wards as well as individual medications required for inpatients and for those presenting at outpatients. In time, Maisie was promoted and became the deputy head of the pharmacy department, a position she held until her retirement.

In her retirement Maisie then ran the pharmacy in the government run aged care facility at Greenvale. This pharmacy operated two days a week to supply the needs of the residents. In the 1970s Greenvale in the northern suburbs of Melbourne was quite isolated and only serviced twice a day by bus. As Maisie never learned to drive it was quite a challenge getting to Greenvale from her home in Hawthorn.

In 1976, while attending the theatre with a friend, Maisie died suddenly. The family have always thought it more than incidental that not only did she pass away attending her true passion, but at Maisie's funeral when the funeral procession moved from the St Michael's Church in Beac to the South Cundare cemetery, where she was buried in the family plot, in true theatrical style a horse appeared from nowhere and for a short time trotted behind the hearse.

2021 Annual General Meeting



The Sacred Heart Alumni Association held its Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 7 November 2021**. We thank and acknowledge outgoing President, Stacey Harris, and general committee members Louise King and Jodie Norley.

We welcome new Co-Presidents, Peta Credlin and Anne Mathieson, and Deputy President, Stephanie Reynolds. Please see below for the 2022 Alumni Committee.

2022 Alumni Committee Executive

Co-Presidents: Peta Credlin (1989) and Anne Mathieson (1971)
Deputy President: Stephanie Reynolds (2003)
Treasurer: Samantha Morrissy (1995)
Alumni Officer: Vacant

General Committee

Ella Credlin (1994), Elizabeth Grayland (2010), Enza Hughes (1987), Emma Morgan (2012), Gael Perry (1962), Laura Shandley (2010), Kelly Suvoltos (1991) and Alicia te Wierik (1989)

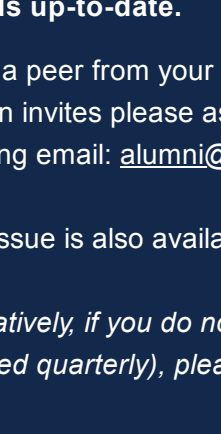
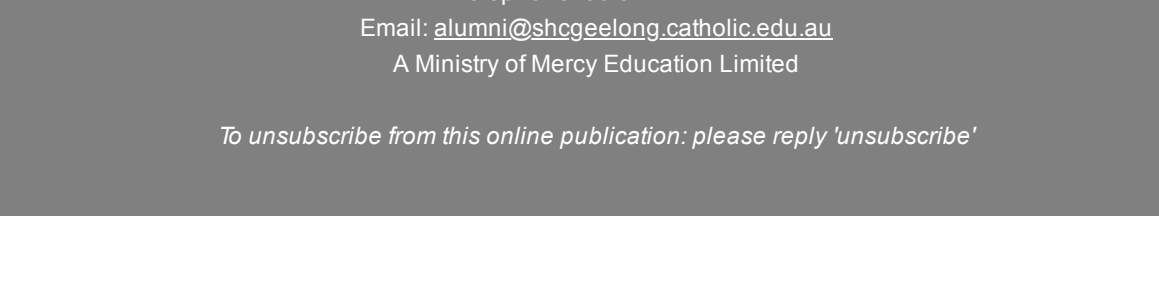
Principal Representative

Catherine Middlemiss (1982)



End of Year Wishes

Sacred Heart College Geelong 2021 Christmas Message



Vale

We remember our school friends who are no longer with us. We especially remember our alumni who have passed away this year. Let us take a moment to pray for them.

Catherine Arthur (1954)

Dianne Booker (Syms, 1960)

Marie Brown (Hogan, 1934)

Pat Burke (Junior boy, 1937)

Ellen Conway (1978)

Frank Costa (Junior boy, 1941)

Ronald Delaney (Junior boy, 1955)

Les Dickenson (Junior boy, 1952)

Raema Free (Gibson, 1960)

Tamara Gleave (2005)

Judith Lahey (1951)

Maree McInnes (1956)

Patricia McPherson (McFarlane, 1968)

Sr Rosalie Pascoe (1947)

Hala Pitt (Holak, 1964)

Margaret Poynton (McCarthy, 1959)

Eleanor Preece (McMahon, 1943)

Josephine Snowling (Costa, 1962)

Sr Immaculata Steedman (1946)

Maureen Steinfort (Allen, 1949)

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Also if a peer from your year level is not receiving our communications and reunion invites please ask them to forward their contact details to us via the following email: alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

Each issue is also available to view via the Alumni website.

Alternatively, if you do not wish to receive the online edition of Maguire magazine (emailed quarterly), please reply with 'unsubscribe'.

Do you have any news to share?

The next issue of Maguire Online in 2022 will be celebrating alumni babies born in the last year. If you would like your baby featured, simply reply to this email (alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) with:

- A photo of your baby
- Baby's name
- Baby's birth date
- Your name (and maiden name if applicable)
- Your Class Year

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