Message from Dr Marie Leech

It is with great pride that we have launched the Sr Mary Shanahan Scholarship appeal. Sr Shanahan had, and continues to have, a significant impact on the culture and direction of Sancta Sophia College. She is much loved by all those students who lived at Sancta during her days as Vice Principal and then Principal, and now still by today’s students who meet her at the College or know her through her association at Kincoppal Rose Bay.

It is important that we mark Sr Shanahan’s time here and honour her enormous contribution to Sancta. There can be no more fitting way to do this than through the establishment of a scholarship in her name that will last into perpetuity.

Our goal of $600,000 may seem ambitious, but I know we can all strive together and reach that target. With that level of funding, we can endow the scholarship so that it will be available to Sancta students for the long term.

Please join us in honouring Sr Shanahan by supporting this scholarship appeal.

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We are proud to have established the Sr Mary Shanahan Scholarship in order to recognise the lasting respect for and popularity of our former Principal (1983-92). The Scholarship pays tribute to Sr Shanahan’s enduring contribution to the College and the lives of many students who lived at Sancta during her time here.

It is a specific vehicle for major benefactors to support the students of the College for a scholarship that bears Sr Shanahan’s name.

Sr Shanahan has been instrumental in framing the terms of the Scholarship so that it captures and reflects her approach as Principal of the College.

The College is aiming to endow the Scholarship, and our goal is $600,000.

To honour Sr Shanahan’s time at Sancta, the following criteria will be the basis of the scholarship. The emphasis is ‘balance’. The applicants for the scholarship will need to demonstrate a balanced approach to:

STUDIES
The applicants should be serious in their approach to their studies though they are not required to be achieving high academic honours. They should enjoy the pursuit of knowledge per se and experience a breadth of subject matter and have wide interests.

SOCIAL LIFE
This aspect includes contribution to and support for College life, with caring for their fellow students at Sancta a key aspect. Sr Shanahan recognises that College days are an important time for students to grow and mature.

SPIRITUALITY
This aspect considers spirituality in a broad sense and includes social justice. The applicants should show an interest in continuing to develop their understanding of their faith of whatever denomination, challenging themselves as well as reflecting on wider social and spiritual issues.

Please join us in honouring Sr Mary Shanahan’s significant contribution to Sancta Sophia College and the lives of so many Sancta students.

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