



STUARTHOLME SCHOOL

Strategic Plan
2021-2023

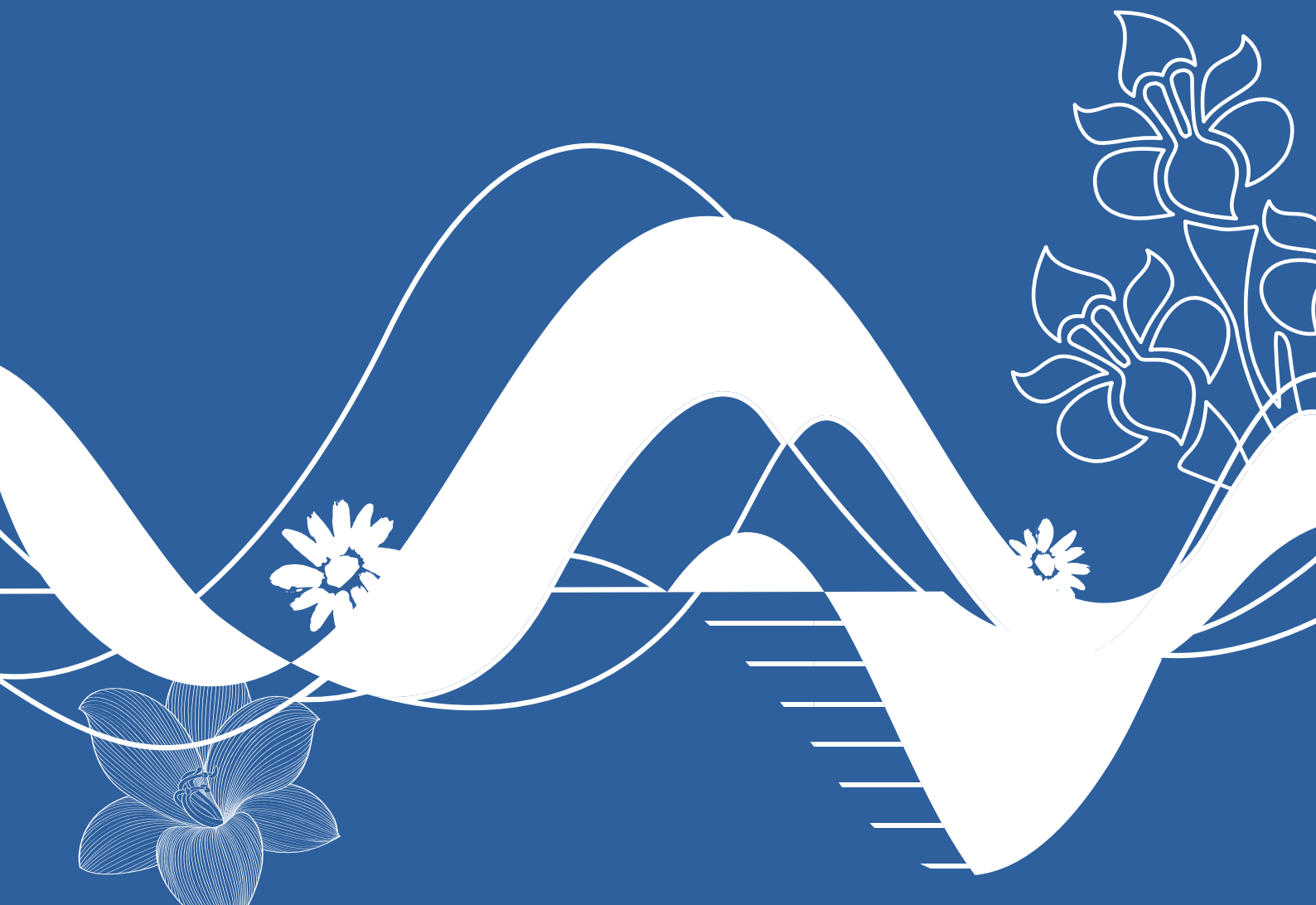


To be the best
we can be.





STUARTHOLME SCHOOL





*“...a formidable
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renowned excellence
in education.”*

Kristen Sharpe, Principal

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There's no place like 'holme.

For over 100 years, Stuartholme has been a spiritual, emotional, educational and physical home to all those who pass through its doors. In the ever-changing world that we are educating in today, the visionary statement by one of our Wisdom Women remains our anchor for this Strategic Plan -

"A Sacred Heart education is not meant to turn the children out small and finished but seriously begun on a wide basis. They must leave us with some self-knowledge, some energy and some purpose."

Janet Erskine Stuart





Board Chair's Message.



What does the future of education look like?

For the students and graduates of Stuartholme it is all about maximising the opportunities provided by our unique blend of tradition and technology, spirit and spirituality, excellence and selflessness, and community and individuality.

Our path is guided by our Sacred Heart values and a century of tradition and is wholly focused on being relevant and innovative to future-proof the next generation.

Educating for the future is a challenge we embrace with optimism and purpose and this Strategic Plan outlines our vision for the continued success and development of the school and its community by addressing the key areas and values that will enable us to make a genuine difference.

Our Faith

Our Students

Our People

Our Community

Our Momentum

As any Stuartholme student will tell you: whatever path we take, wherever life's journey leads us, there is nowhere quite like 'holme.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Spain'.

Helen Spain.

Principal's Message.



This Strategic Plan marks a crossroads, honouring 100 years of Sacred Heart Education and launching courageously and ambitiously into the next 100 years. We are excited about what we intend to achieve.

We are a unique school community: our sense of belonging, our worldly character and highly relational and renowned academic education has built a formidable foundation for the empowerment of young women and excellence in education.

Madeleine Sophie said, "Come as you are and you will be cared for with great love" and Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." The synergy of these two inspiring beliefs is powerfully innate here at Stuartholme:

- You are known and loved
- You have a meaningful sense of belonging
- You authentically believe in yourself as worthy
- You are capable of living life fully, freely and with a deep personal integrity and compassion with worldly knowledge and experience.

We, as a community, have collaborated to inspire this Strategic Plan. And we will work collectively and purposefully to strengthen our community spirit, our academic success and our formation of the full human potential of each individual. We believe this Strategic Plan provides momentum and focus for our future direction to being the best we can be.

Kristen Sharpe.



At the heart of 'holme. Our Faith.

As an international Sacred Heart School, we're guided by our faith and the 5 Sacred Heart Goals. We encourage all who are associated with the school to develop a deeper understanding of the goals and work towards living them in their everyday lives.

A personal and active faith in God

Inspired by the educational philosophy of our founder Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, we foster an open and supportive learning environment in which faith can be experienced and expressed, through the centrality of prayer, eucharist and religious ritual in Sacred Heart spirituality.

A deep respect for intellectual values

For Stuartholme students, learning involves a wide range of experiences both inside and outside the classroom. We identify and harness the potential in every individual and provide an environment that nurtures their academic, spiritual, emotional, creative and kinesthetic intelligence.

Building community as a Christian value

There is a genuine, deeply felt and long-lasting sense of 'family' at Stuartholme. Students, staff, parents and alumnae all speak of the inclusive, caring community that has been created here and the ongoing sense of connection that distinguishes Stuartholme from other schools.

A social awareness that impels to action

Every day we challenge our students to make a difference. To be critical thinkers who recognise and understand true social justice, so they can step out into the broader community as confident and compassionate leaders capable of effecting positive change in the world.

Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

We never demand that students fit a mould or stereotype; we respect their individuality. We empower their own distinctive strengths and honour their unique personalities.

We recognise the importance of teaching our students self-belief – a goal that is unique to the Sacred Heart ethos. The oxymoron of "wise freedom" inspires our girls to be self-reflective, well-educated and free to choose who they want to be.



Stuartholme is founded on the heart of Jesus and his teachings inform every aspect of daily life here. We will strengthen our Sacred Heart expression across all school life through engagement with the Catholic Dialogue Schools Methodology. We encourage every student and employee to recognise and appreciate the spiritual in themselves and others, while always enabling them to be free to choose who they want to be.

As we step boldly into the future, we will continue to be grounded and inspired by our history. The abiding wisdom of the founding women of the Sacred Heart – Saint Madeline Sophie Barat, Janet Erskine Stuart and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne – will continue to guide us and provide an example for every student to follow.

Our campus is located on the traditional lands of the First Nations people of Greater Brisbane and we will work closely with them to advocate for the needs of our First Nation Peoples. We will ensure an open and ongoing authentic dialogue between the school, local Churches, value-aligned community groups and First Nation Elders.

In an atmosphere of Wise Freedom, we will listen to our students and enable them to lead social change by engaging them in higher order critical thinking, community involvement and an entrepreneurial approach to impacting social change.



Flourishing at 'holme. Our Students.

"Cultivate the wish to learn, rather than the wish to be taught."

Janet Erskine Stuart



We will teach our students the importance of belonging and discovering new frontiers.

At the core of our relational teaching and learning at Stuartholme is the intrinsic link between academic achievement and wellbeing. This educative point of difference instils in every student the capacity for independent thinking that seeks divergent understanding and inclusive practise and is foundational to our students truly thriving now and in the future. Stuartholme's reputable Co-Curricular, Wellbeing and Academic programs will further evolve and promote positive personal growth, greater self-confidence and resilience and more enquiring minds.

Our students' success will be optimised through:

- The three-way partnership between staff, parents and students. All stakeholders are proactive and supported as we 'grow to great'
- Data and evidence-based decision-making to enhance student learning pathways and activate individual students as owners of their learning and wellbeing
- A global collaborative learning network designed to share knowledge through our wider community to ensure next and best practises
- The identification and implementation of best practise learning and wellbeing objectives, structures, processes and resources to ensure every student, including boarders, feel protected, valued, healthy and happy
- Ensuring that education and discernment is at the heart of social justice initiatives to align with our Sacred Heart charism.

Our Boarding House is at the heart of the school, putting our boarders literally and symbolically at the core of everything we do. Its location adds to the strong sense of community and belonging that the experience of sharing a 'home' together generates amongst the students and their families. We will continue to grow and enhance our boarding community together by providing every boarder a place to learn, thrive and have a nurturing place to call home.



Educating at 'holme. Our People.

*"Your example, even more than your words,
will be an eloquent lesson to the world."*

St Madeleine Sophie Barat



We will educate from the heart to set the minds free.

As we take Madeleine Sophie's legacy forward, the teachers, staff and stakeholders of Stuartholme will continue to ensure everything we do is student-centred and accomplished with the single-minded purpose of making sure our students are seriously begun on a wide basis.

Our students' success will be optimised through:

- Our people having a global mindset and seeking out new opportunities to collaborate, connect and extend themselves beyond the gates of Stuartholme to drive the Strategic Vision
- World class teaching, learning and boarding through early adoption of innovations in co-curricular, physical and digital learning environments.

To ensure Stuartholme remains an industry leader in education and boarding, we will attract, inspire, nurture and professionally develop a dynamic workforce as we embark on a future educating global citizens and positively impacting the world around us.



Together at *'holme*. Our Community.

A key focus for Stuartholme's growth is the involvement of the school's communities who play an essential role in supporting the school's operations, ensuring educational best practise and a sustainable future.

We will build on our partnerships with parents and stakeholders and we will celebrate and honour the achievements of our alumnae and purposefully integrate their successes and experiences into the lives of our students. By doing so, we share knowledge and wisdom to strengthen Stuartholme's reputation, reinforce our values, inspire loyalty and ensure our multi-generational bonds.



Through community engagement and philanthropy, we will ensure the gift of a Sacred Heart education for talented young women or those experiencing hardship. Through these partnerships, we will also continue to underpin the respectful enhancement of school facilities to provide educational and boarding excellence and future-proof learning environments.

We will build strong partnerships with both local and rural businesses and industry stakeholders with a view to impact decision making, influence change and provide futuristic pathway opportunities.

COVID-19 resulted in enhanced and expanded digital learnings and we will leverage these to deepen our engagement with our local and regional communities and the International and ANZNet Sacred Heart Community.






Sustaining 'holme. Our Momentum.

At Stuartholme, we believe the best learning environment is an inspiring balance of tradition and history seamlessly blended with cutting edge technology and innovation.

The Stuartholme Masterplan 2020+ builds on already strong foundations to further future-proof the facilities and resources of the school.

From the instantly recognisable roofline of our magnificent Chapel to the future development of state-of-the-art Sports and Innovative learning facilities, Stuartholme's unique blend of the old and the new will continue to acknowledge our storied past and confirm our commitment to an even brighter future.



At the heart of 'holme. Our Faith.

1. We will grow in faith through Sacred Heart formation.
2. We will ensure education and discernment is at the heart of our entrepreneurial approach to social justice.

Flourishing at 'holme. Our Students.

3. We will strengthen our educative point of difference in our integration of spiritual, learning and wellbeing.
4. Through our 3-way partnership, staff, students and parents, all have agency to ensure success.
5. We will heighten our data informed decision-making and innovation directing each student's learning pathway.

Educating at 'holme. Our People.

6. We will enliven our inspiring and engaging staff to strengthen their global mindset and establish a collaborating, connected culture.
7. We will continue as an industry leader in education, advancing pedagogical innovation and digital learning environments.

Together at 'holme. Our Community.

8. We will build on our partnerships in our local, regional, and international networks.
9. We will re-awaken our history of philanthropy to ensure the gift of a Sacred Heart education and to future-proof our learning environments.

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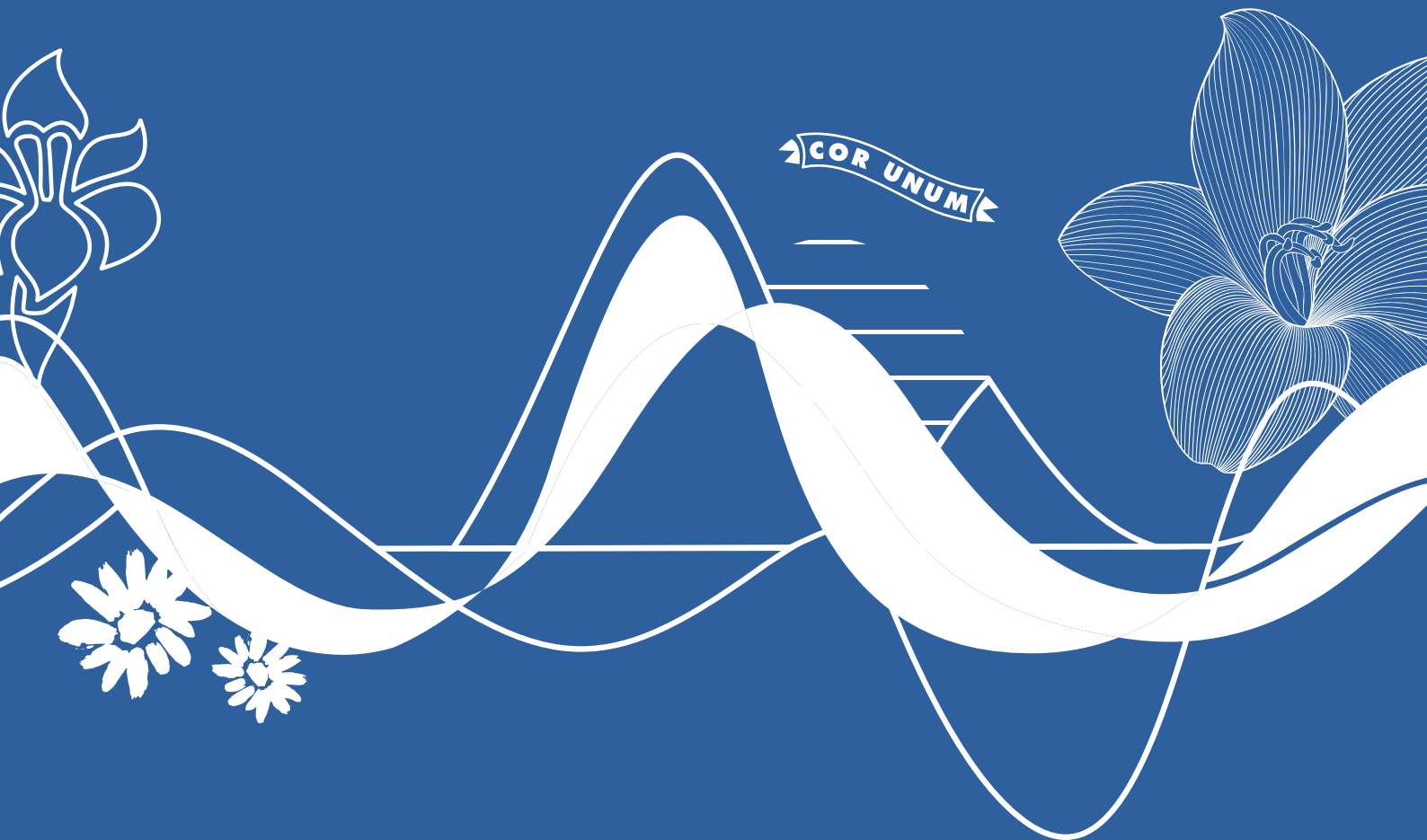
10. We will sustain the mission of Stuartholme School through resourcing of facilities and future developments that position our students to transform the world.





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Saint Madeline Sophie Barat, Founder.





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A School of the Sacred Heart

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In the spirit of Cor Unum, Stuartholme School
respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners
and Custodians of the Greater Brisbane Area.

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