

EVERY GREAT JOURNEY BEGINS WITHA SINGLE STEP.





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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to Stuartholme School, where tradition meets innovation, and every student is encouraged to flourish and grow. As the Principal, I am delighted to introduce you to our vibrant community and the myriad of opportunities that await your daughter here.

Stuartholme is a Years 5 to 12 Catholic Girls' School in Brisbane. As an international school of the Sacred Heart, we are guided by the Sacred Heart Goals, which shape our educational philosophy and inform everything we do. These goals are not just words on a page but the very foundation upon which our school stands — a steadfast commitment to faith, intellectual growth, social awareness, building community and personal growth.

Through our transformative Sacred Heart education, our learning models are dynamic and engaging, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. With a focus on building curiosity in the context of real-world applications, we empower our students to become lifelong learners and compassionate leaders.

Beyond the classroom, Stuartholme offers a wealth of opportunities for students to explore their passions and interests. From competitive sports teams to vibrant arts programs and enrichment opportunities, there is something for every student. We are also deeply committed to social justice, providing numerous avenues for students to engage with issues that matter and make a positive impact both within and beyond our community.

For our boarding students, Stuartholme is more than just a place to study - it is a home away from home. With a supportive and nurturing environment, our boarding house provides a safe and welcoming space for over 130 students from rural, remote, and international backgrounds to live, learn and grow together.

Our community is not just defined by the present but also by the countless individuals who have walked these halls before us. With a vibrant network of past students and parents, the Stuartholme family extends far beyond our school, providing support, guidance, and inspiration to all who are part of it.

I invite you to step up and begin your Stuartholme journey. Join us as we embark on a path of discovery, growth and transformation, guided by the timeless values of a Sacred Heart education, to empower the next generation to be the change makers who shape the world.

Yours in Cor Unum,

Daniel Crump

Principal, Stuartholme School



# THE FIVE GOALS OF SACRED HEART EDUCATION

One of the most important values of St. Madeline Sophie Barat rscJ is the importance of lifelong education.

# It Stuartholme School, we are an integral part of the global Sacred Heart educational network. Together, we are united in our mission to shape the lives of students across the globe.

Stuartholme is shaped by the five goals of Sacred Heart education, which serve as the cornerstone of our educational philosophy. These goals, embedded in the values of the Society of the Sacred Heart, shape every aspect of our school community and inspire us to strive for excellence in all that we do.

### Goal 1: A personal and active faith in God

We are committed to nurturing a deep and personal faith in God, fostering spiritual growth and cultivating a sense of reverence for all life. Through prayer, reflection and participation in religious ceremonies and rituals, we encourage our students to develop a strong moral compass and to live lives of integrity, compassion and service.

### Goal 2: A deep respect for intellectual values

At Stuartholme, we believe in the transformative power of education to ignite curiosity, expand horizons and unlock the full potential of every student. Our academic programs enriched by innovative teaching methods and cutting-edge resources, challenge students to think critically, solve problems creatively and strive for academic excellence.

### Goal 3: Building community as a Christian value

At the heart of Stuartholme School is a vibrant and inclusive community, where every individual is valued, respected and supported. We strive to create an environment where diversity is celebrated, relationships are nurtured and collaboration flourishes. Through shared experiences, traditions and celebrations, we foster a sense of belonging and unity that extends beyond the walls of our campus.

### Goal 4: A social awareness that impels to action

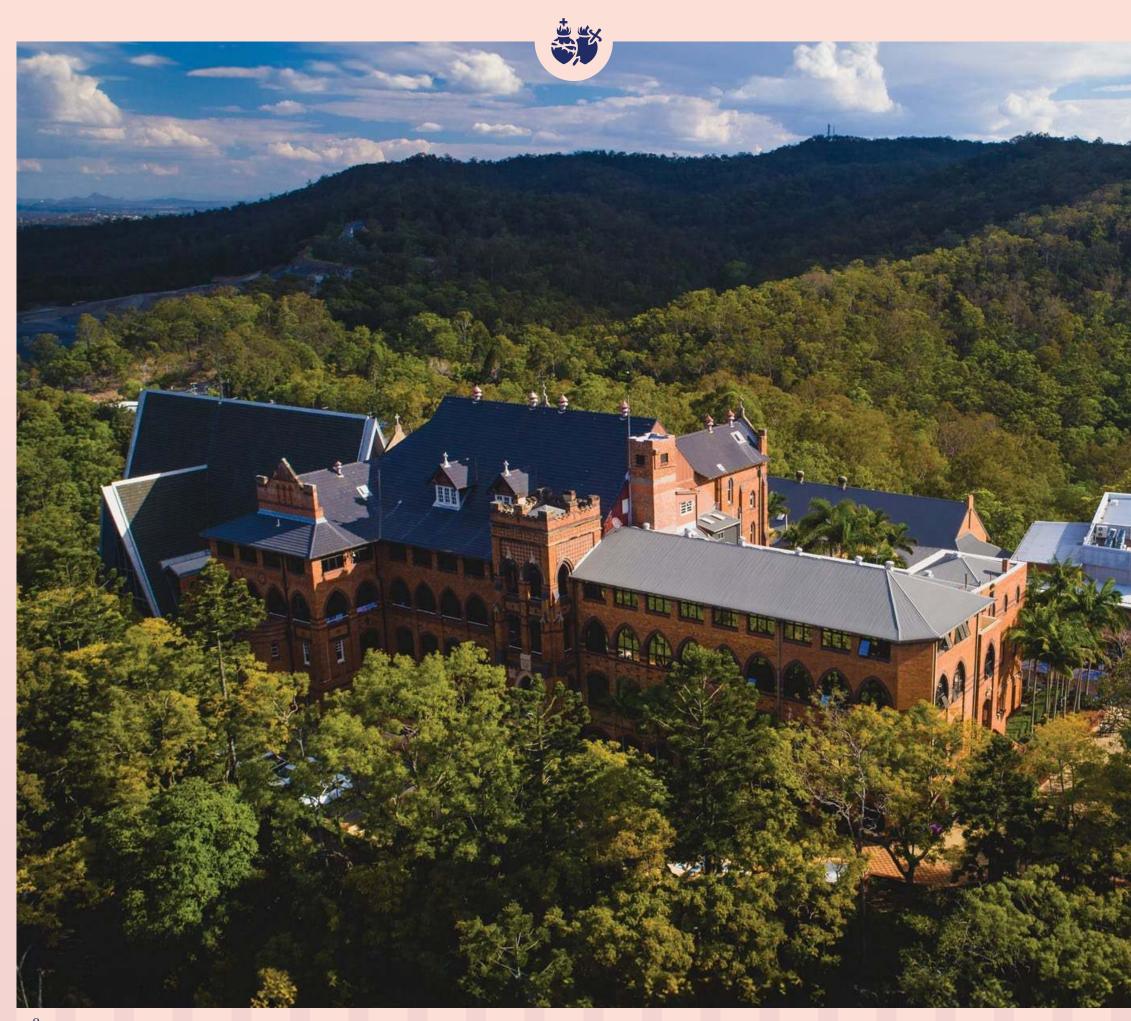
We are dedicated to fostering a deep understanding of social justice issues and empowering our students to become agents of positive change in their communities and beyond.

Through service-learning projects, advocacy initiatives and experiential learning opportunities, we encourage students to cultivate empathy, compassion and a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others.

### Goal 5: Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

We are committed to nurturing the holistic development of each student, helping them to discover their unique gifts, talents and passions and to grow into confident, compassionate and resilient individuals. Through an integrated Wise Wellness Program, mentoring and co-curricular activities, we support students in their journey of self-discovery and personal growth, empowering them to become leaders who make a positive difference in the world.

At Stuartholme School, we embrace the five goals of Sacred Heart education as guiding principles that shape our identity, inform our actions and inspire us to fulfil our mission of educating the hearts and minds of young women for life.





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# OUR SCHOOL

### **ONE COMMUNITY**

At Stuartholme School we offer a comprehensive educational experience across Years 5 to 12. We have a commitment to remain small for each student to be personally known, yet large enough to offer an extensive, ever-changing and dynamic range of opportunities.





### JUNIOR SCHOOL

Our Junior School provides a nurturing and supportive environment for girls in Years 5 and 6, where they can lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning and personal growth. With a focus on inquiry-based learning, creativity and exploration, our dedicated teachers inspire curiosity, foster independence and instil a love of learning in every student. Through a rich and diverse curriculum, complemented by a wide range of co-curricular activities, we empower our Junior School students to develop the skills, confidence and resilience they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.





"An education is not just about the mind, but also of the heart, as we know, it takes heart to change the world."

Daniel Crump Principal, Stuartholme School





### SECONDARY SCHOOL

In our Secondary School, students in Years 7 to 12 embark on a transformative journey of academic excellence, personal discovery and leadership development. With a thorough and engaging curriculum, enriched by innovative teaching methods and state-of-the-art facilities, we challenge our students to reach their full potential and pursue their passions with courage and conviction. Through a comprehensive range of academic subjects, co-curricular activities and leadership opportunities, we prepare our Secondary School students to excel in their studies, contribute meaningfully to their communities and embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future.







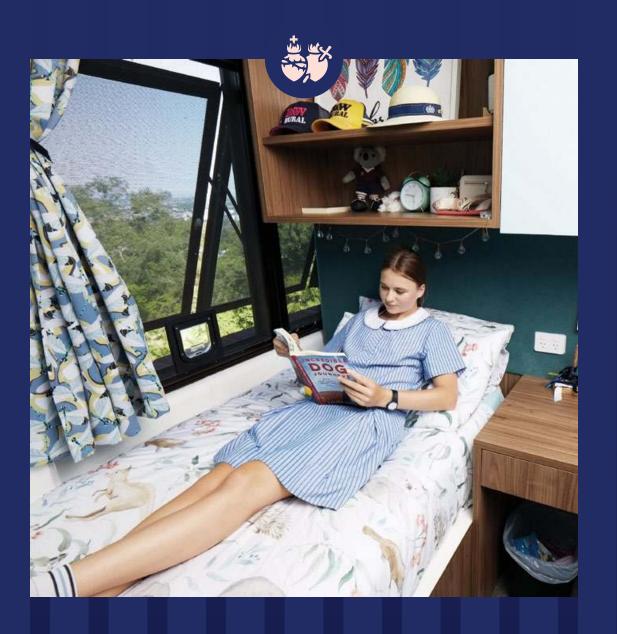


### BOARDING SCHOOL

At the heart of Stuartholme School, nestled among the treetops with Brisbane city views, lies the Stuartholme boarding house —a sanctuary of warmth, friendship, and belonging. For over 130 students who call it home, the boarding house is more than just a place to live and learn; it's a haven where memories are made, dreams are shared, and bonds are forged that last a lifetime.

With comfortable accommodation, nutritious meals and round-the-clock care from experienced staff, we ensure that our boarding students feel safe, valued and connected to our school community. Through a program of academic support, wellbeing and enriching activities, we foster a sense of belonging in our boarding students, helping them to forge lifelong friendships and memories.









# WE SHAPE THE GIRLS WHO SHAPE THE WORLD.



## HER LEARNING

In the words of Mother Janet Erskine Stuart rscJ,

"A Sacred Heart education is not meant to turn the children out small and finished but seriously begun on a wide basis."

At Stuartholme School, we are dedicated to providing a dynamic and engaging learning environment that empowers students to thrive academically, socially, emotionally and personally. Our comprehensive teaching, learning and wellbeing programs are shaped by our Pedagogical Framework and Positive Education initiatives.

Stuartholme's highly qualified teachers and specialist staff are experts in their fields and challenge their students to become independent critical thinkers, arming them with the confidence to actively engage in their learning.

Our teaching methods are aimed at empowering students to be the agents of change, instilling the self-knowledge that their thoughts and actions can make an impact. Each student is an individual with different strengths and areas of growth, which is why our teachers focus on cultivating curiosity, critical thinking and creativity while nurturing the holistic development of every student.

At Stuartholme School, we prioritise the wellbeing of our students, recognising that a healthy mind, body and spirit are essential for academic success and personal fulfillment. Through our comprehensive wellbeing program, we provide students with the tools, resources and support they need to thrive emotionally and socially.

At the heart of our teaching, learning and wellbeing program is a robust framework that guides our approach to education. Grounded in research-based best practices and informed by the latest advancements in educational theory, our framework is built upon the following key practices:

- 1. **INTRODUCING AND EXPLORING IDEAS** activating students' prior knowledge and challenging them to be intellectually curious thinkers who are critical, creative and strategic in their exploration of new learning.
- 2. **SYNTHESISING AND ORGANISING IDEAS** giving learners the tools to clarify their understandings and be discerning in their comprehension and analysis of learning.
- 3. **DIGGING DEEPER INTO IDEAS** empowering students to utilise their knowledge and expand their learning with increasing independence and autonomy that is developmentally appropriate.
- 4. **ENGAGING IN SELF-REFLECTION** developing students' metacognitive practices to grow as learners who are thoughtful, highly motivated and responsible for their own learning.
- 5. **GIVING AND RECEIVING FEEDBACK** encouraging students to become change agents who actively seek opportunities to engage in feedback in open-minded, optimistic and empathetic ways to grow and learn.
- 6. **ENGAGING WITH OTHERS** supporting students to engage in collaborative learning communities together, that are kind, compassionate and respectful.



"In the pursuit of our visionary objectives, we stand at the threshold of an exciting future for Stuartholme School, where each facet of our strategic intentions converges to shape a transformative future.

As we aspire to shape the thinkers and leaders of tomorrow, our commitment to educational innovation remains unwavering.

Through contemporary approaches, evidence-based practices, and a dedication to excellence, we are positioned to not only meet but to exceed the evolving needs of our students and the broader educational landscape.

We will continue to foster a culture of care and compassion that empowers students to navigate life's challenges with resilience and confidence.

As Stuartholme continues to evolve and grow, we remain dedicated to shaping future leaders who will make a positive and lasting impact on the world."

### **Principal, Daniel Crump**





### OUR GRADUATE VISION

A Stuartholme graduate is one who exhibits courage, compassion and confidence to be an agent of transformation in their lives and the lives of others. The values taught through a Sacred Heart education provide our graduates with the foundation to be collaborative, critical and creative thinkers and leaders who demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges. A Stuartholme graduate recognises that learning is a lifelong endeavour that can be sustained through a deep spiritual connection with the Sacred Heart charism.









# UPHERE. THERE ISN'T A GLASS CEILING IN SIGHT.







"Do not give up any
high aspirations,
aim at the very highest
and the best,
but understanding that
to get this, is a life's work,
not the work of a day,
so never let failure
cast down or disappoint you,
but always begin again
with great courage
and especially
great confidence."

Mother Janet Erskine Stuart rscJ

## HER OPPORTUNITIES

Central to the educational philosophy of a Sacred Heart School is to ensure each student is well-balanced in all aspects of school life. All girls are encouraged to develop independence in their study routines, to enjoy and contribute to their community and to participate in the many programs on offer beyond the classroom.

Our extensive co-curricular program offers a wide range of learning experiences, allowing our students to develop the confidence and capability to achieve their aspirations.

A choice of over 45 activities enables students to develop spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally.

#### **SPORT**

Sport adds an integral dimension to Stuartholme life, with over 15 sporting activities on offer. During the year we hold interschool sport for Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country.

Stuartholme participates in the Catholic Secondary School Girls Sports Association (CaSSSA) interschool sport competition for Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Basketball, Touch Football, Indoor Cricket, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball. The school also enters as a club for Equestrian, Netball, Rowing and Water Polo.

### **THE ARTS**

Stuartholme's dynamic Arts Program comprises Music, Art, Drama and Dance Club. There is a broad range of musical and drama performance opportunities on offer throughout the year. Participation in the Arts at Stuartholme fosters self-expression, creativity and individualism.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**

At Stuartholme School, we are deeply committed to social justice and empowering our students to become agents of positive change in their communities and beyond. Our comprehensive Social Justice Program provides students with opportunities to engage in meaningful learning experiences, advocacy initiatives and service projects that address pressing social issues and promote equity, inclusion and compassion.

Through a variety of curriculum and co-curricular activities, students explore topics such as human rights, environmental sustainability, poverty alleviation and cultural diversity, gaining a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of social justice issues and the importance of taking action to effect change. Our dedicated educators facilitate discussions, workshops and experiential learning opportunities that challenge students to think critically, empathise with others and develop the skills and confidence to become active global citizens.

In addition to classroom-based learning, our Social Justice Program encourages students to participate in hands-on service projects and community engagement initiatives, both locally and internationally. From volunteering, organising fundraisers, participating in advocacy campaigns and cultural exchanges, students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and values in real-world contexts, making a tangible difference in the lives of others.

Beyond the classroom, students can join a variety of committees and clubs to enrich their learning experiences such as Robotics, Future Problem Solvers, Readers Cup, Private Speech and Drama or Debating.





# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

### **EXCHANGE AND STUDY TOURS**

As an International School of the Sacred Heart, Stuartholme provides opportunities to study at one of the Sacred Heart Schools worldwide. The Sacred Heart Exchange Program is an ideal platform for fostering personal growth, building confidence and developing independence. There are two Student Exchange Program opportunities available at Stuartholme.

### **ANZNET EXCHANGES**

Stuartholme School is one of four Sacred Heart Schools that form the Australian and New Zealand Network of Sacred Heart Schools (ANZNet). The four schools share a close relationship and participate in regular exchanges throughout the year.

### **INTERNATIONAL SACRED HEART EXCHANGES**

Years 9 to 11 students may embark on a three week journey to their host Sacred Heart School where they enjoy academic programs and embrace school and community life in an international school. This is then reciprocated as they host their international exchange sisters for three weeks allowing them to participate in the life and community of Stuartholme.

### Stuartholme also offers:

- · History and Language Tours
- · Red Earth Immersion Experiences
- · Ski Trips
- · National and International Co-curricular Tours





## HER LIFE AT STUARTHOLME

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Our student leadership programs are carefully planned and developmentally designed for each year level. Every girl is expected to lead in her own style giving expression to the Goals of Sacred Heart Education. Leadership opportunities are offered across all areas of the school, including social justice initiatives and student representatives in numerous contexts. Our Sacred Heart Goals about community, social justice and personal growth calls all our girls to continually step up and to lean in, to have a voice and to make a difference.

As the girls develop, they are expected to show initiative, lead by example and be an inspiration to others.

#### **CAMPS AND RETREATS**

All students across the school participate in camps and/or retreats annually. Our outdoor education is a dedicated sequential program, where each opportunity builds on the earlier experiences. Our camps and retreats are significant milestones that contribute to our holistic approach to education, challenging the girls physically, socially and emotionally. The aim of our Camp Program is to build resilience, perseverance, courage and confidence. Our Retreat Program also follows a carefully planned scope and sequence developing our girls' spirituality and complementing our religious education programs. Camps and retreats are compulsory activities.

### **BUS NETWORK**

We are fortunate to be situated in a beautiful bush sanctuary in Toowong and provide an exclusive bus network service for our students to get to and from school. Each bus varies in size depending on the route and is equipped with the latest technology, GPS tracking, seat belts and air-conditioning. Bus routes are reviewed annually.

### THE BIG SISTER/LITTLE SISTER PROGRAM

Our Big Sister/ Little Sister Program reflects our highly relational approach to education; ensuring our new Year 5 and Year 7 girls are mentored by an older student, who can support her in our Stuartholme community.

The Big Sister provides support, a role model and mentoring at this important start of her Stuartholme School journey.

#### **BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY**

The library offers extended opening hours after the school bell. The program is designed to assist busy families by alleviating some of the demands of balancing school, family and work.





## HER COMMUNITY

"Our education is carried out in a genuine relationship of mutual interaction, where each person both receives and gives so that all may grow together."

Constitutions of the Society of the Sacred Heart

### The Stuartholme community is a vibrant and interconnected network of staff, parents and alumnae.

Stuartholme actively builds and maintains a strong and purposefully engaged community that shares a belief in the importance of educating students and values the Sacred Heart traditions and aspirations in education.

#### **STAFF**

At the heart of our community are our dedicated staff, whose passion for education and unwavering support for our students create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment.

Working in partnership with parents, our teachers foster strong relationships built on trust, communication and collaboration, ensuring that each student receives the support they need to thrive academically and emotionally.

### **PARENTS OF STUARTHOLME**

Parents are an essential part of Sacred Heart Education. We encourage partnership and participation in school life. Parents of Stuartholme is the parent body dedicated to supporting the school in educating our students.

Through our parent portal, fortnightly school newsletter articles and Parents of Stuartholme forums, we endeavour to support parents with advice and guidance on a range of topics to strengthen what we do at school. In this way we optimise the opportunity for every girl to step up and become the best version of herself possible.

### **ALUMNAE**

Stuartholme graduates are valued members of the school community. Once graduated they join as a life long member of the Stuartholme Sacré Coeur Association (SSCA), which is part of the global Sacred Heart network in over 40 countries.

The Stuartholme Alumnae aims to provide ongoing enrichment, friendship and support to past and future students. This includes the sponsorship of bursary programs, mentoring of young and past students, uniting past and present members of the Stuartholme community and maintaining contact with past students through regular events and reunions.

Spread across the globe, our Alumnae remain an integral part of the Stuartholme community. Through their continued involvement and contributions, they inspire future generations of Stuartholme students to embrace lifelong learning, leadership and service, strengthening the bonds that unite us as a proud and enduring community.







# TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP AT STUARTHOLME

### **ENROLMENT JOURNEY**

Thank you for your interest in getting to know more about Stuartholme School.

### **HOW TO ENROL**

Visit the website www.stuartholme.com to submit your daughter's Enrolment Application Form with supporting documents.

#### **VISIT US**

You are invited to visit Stuartholme School at our annual Open Day or for one of our student guided tours. Visit the website to 'Book a Tour' and for full details on the next Open Day.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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