

ST SETON'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

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A Thought for Christmas 2022

This Christmas is a specially poignant time in our three schools, as each school celebrates their last Christmas as individual schools.

We talk a lot about not losing sight of the real meaning of Christmas. Having been present in the three schools during this Christmas period, I am proud to have witnessed a strong emphasis on community, charity and good cheer. There is a festive atmosphere in each of the schools and a strong emphasis on good will and giving to those less fortunate. There are great examples of student leadership through service and, in most cases, this work is supported by staff members, quietly and humbly in the background.

There is no guiding document or circular for schools about 'How to Celebrate Christmas' and yet, naturally, because of the Christian ethos of our schools and our Gospel values, we celebrate this time with the whole of our hearts, never losing sight on the real meaning of Christmas, the coming of Christ - the little baby that represents new life and renewed hope.

2023 is a year that will make history for St Seton's and we look forward with anticipation to our opening in September. As we come to the end of 2022, it's helpful to look back and think of how far we have come. Mostly, I am thankful for the relationships that have been nurtured and the trust that has evolved. As we end 2022, we are more united than when we began it.

While there is still a long way to go, we can take heart knowing that we are gathering momentum and moving in the right direction.

There is no manual for amalgamating schools, each amalgamation unique in its own way. Instead, we are guided by the Gospel Values of Love, Hope, Truth & Justice and reminded of the real reason why St Seton's is opening - renewed hope and new opportunities for our young people.

Sarah Green



To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

AUDREY HEPBURN



Many thanks to the HSCL teachers and all the staff and students who helped to plant over 1000 bulbs into our **Creative Cluster 'Spring Blooms' Planters**. Each school has a new bench made from three planters representing our three schools. Come Spring, from their dormancy, the bulbs will bloom and we'll enjoy their colour and scent!



Wishing a very Merry Christmas to all our Friends & Families in our Schools and Local D10 Community.



The interim Board of Management met on 30th November. **Click Here** to read the Agreed Report from this Meeting.

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