

## BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

On July 29, the very day that, 125 years ago in Kyneton, Victoria, the first group of Sisters of Mercy opened what was to become Sacred Heart College, the school community and many Sisters of Mercy gathered to mark the event.

Mother Gabriel Sherlock, Srs Ignatius O'Connor, Genevieve Buckley, Philomene Conway and Mechtilde Henry laid the foundation of a flourishing educational enterprise that continues today. Celebrant of the Centenary Mass, Archbishop Denis Hart, spoke about the line of Mercy ministry stretching over the 125 years which continues to the present under fine lay leadership.

This line of Mercy Ministry is beautifully depicted in the Mercy Heritage Trail which was opened by Sr. Annette Schneider, Institute Vicar General. Some of the main features of the Trail are:



**The Chapel** – built in 1926 and a Heritage Room.

**Memorial Fountain** – In honour of students and teachers that passed away whilst at the college

**Mosaic Wall** – created by local artist Kathryn Portelli using images from the college archives depicting 125 years of Mercy Education in Kyneton.





**Mercy Values Plinths** – made by local stone mason Huntly Barton

**Statue of Mercy Sister** made from lead which was extracted from the wall of the side chapel during restoration works

**Outdoor Information Boards** – We have had several boards erected – 1. Catherine McAuley, 2. Ursula Frayne, 3. Founding Sisters

There's a book too. **Faithful Always** – a beautifully-presented pictorial account of the 125 years.

The College has also been listed as “of historical significance and interest” by the Shire and placed on the **Discover Historical Kyneton Trail Walk**.

Congratulations to the school community of Sacred Heart Kyneton on this achievement and thank you to each member of that community for the warm welcome they gave to all the Sisters of Mercy who attended.

Read a full account of the celebrations [HERE](#)

Messages to [Sharon Lanteri – College Archivist](#)

