

10th Australasian Mercy Secondary Schools Association Conference

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY - SATURDAY 9 JULY 2011

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

2011



*The blessing of unity dwelling amongst us is the true
spirit of Mercy flowing on us*

Catherine McAuley

10TH AUSTRALASIAN MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The AMSSA Executive invites you to the Tenth Biennial AMSSA Conference *to honour the beginnings of our Mercy Story, to celebrate our growth and unity whilst being challenged to revitalise Mercy for the future.*

It is with great pleasure that the Western Australian Mercy Schools welcome you to Perth and invite both staff and students of Mercy Schools across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to share in a professionally and personally rewarding Mercy experience. This year's conference brings a range of national and international speakers delivering research, information and insight on highly relevant and contemporary issues and practices in Mercy education.

CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

It is hoped delegates will leave the conference having had the opportunity to reflect on their role in the Mercy educational endeavour, mindful of the evolving growth of our community and dedicated to a strong sense of unity with like minded educators in Mercy Schools across Australasia.

THE VENUE

All conference sessions will be held at Santa Maria College. The College is situated in Attadale, overlooking the Swan River, 8 kms from Fremantle. Well located and easily accessible, the College is 15 kms from both the domestic and international airports and 10 kms from the Perth CBD.

HERITAGE TOUR

Included in the conference program is a scenic trip on the Swan River from Fremantle to Perth, tracing the steps of Ursula Frayne and her Mercy companions. The sisters arrived in Fremantle in 1846 and very quickly established a small school in a rented cottage on St Georges Terrace. In July of the same year, they moved to Victoria Square and established the foundation of what was to become Mercedes College, the oldest continuing secondary school in Australia.

CONFERENCE DINNER

The conference dinner will be held in the Mercy Community Room at Santa Maria College overlooking the picturesque Swan River. Professor Celia Hammond, Vice Chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia will be the guest speaker for the evening.

CLIMATE AND DRESS CODE

July is mid winter in Western Australia, with average temperatures for Perth, ranging from 8 – 18 celsius. Layered clothing is advised and smart casual attire recommended. The dress code for the conference dinner is semi-formal. Student delegates are asked to wear school uniform to all conference sessions and free dress for social activities.

PARKING

Ample parking is available on the College grounds.

STUDENTS INVITED

We are delighted to invite two Year 11 students from each school. Students are to be registered by their school. Registration forms will require parental consent and Principal's endorsement.

Students will be accompanied by specialist staff and the conference program will offer students a number of alternate activities to engage their interests and passions. The student registration fee will be generously subsidised by AMSSA. Students will be accommodated in the Santa Maria College Boarding Community.

To ensure a safe and friendly conference for the students, we will comply with the obligations of The Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004. Compulsory national criminal record checking will be undertaken for all paid, unpaid and volunteer staff working with students at the conference.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SR MARY DUFFY rsm BA, Dip Ed, Grad Dip RE, M Th S (Regis College, Toronto)

Mary has been involved in the ministries of formation, congregation leadership and Catholic education. Following her years of teaching at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, Mary was appointed the inaugural Principal of both Catholic College Wodonga and Catholic College Bendigo. In the latter appointment she was responsible for the amalgamation of three colleges into one co-educational college.

Following many years of administration, Mary offered programs in staff formation and professional development, particularly in Mercy institutions throughout Australia. She has also served on several boards in education and welfare ministries. Currently Chair of Mercy Works Ltd, Mary is also the Vice-Postulator in the Oceania region for the process towards the Canonisation of Catherine McAuley.

Mary's keynote address will explore the spirit of Catherine's charism, particularly as it is revealed through her correspondence in the early years of the Institute. Mindful of the theme of the conference, delegates will explore Catherine's understanding of unity as we reflect on the principles she developed to ensure this blessing continues to flourish in Mercy ministries.

DR SOPHIE McGRATH rsm BA, Dip Ed, MEd (Sydney University, Sydney), PhD (Macquarie University, Sydney)

Sophie is an ex-student of Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta and a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta. She was involved in teaching and administration in Mercy secondary schools for many years. Sophie's Master of Education focused on the development of a philosophy of Christian education based on the Gospels and the historical tradition of the education of Catholic girls. Her doctoral thesis was a centenary history of the Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta which was subsequently published by the University of NSW Press as *These Women?*

Sophie is a co-founder of the Golding Centre for Women's History, Theology and Spirituality at the Australian Catholic University and is currently Director of the Centre, based on the Strathfield Campus. Her keynote address will explore Mercy Education Today in the light of founding Mercy history, the history of women generally and the challenges that face first world countries in relation to developing countries. She will draw upon her experience as a participant in the 2007 International Mercy Research Conference in San Francisco, "Fire Cast on the Earth – Kindling": Being Mercy in the Twenty-First Century.

Ms ANNE KELLEHER B Ed Hons, Dip Ed, M St (Trinity College, Dublin)

Anne was appointed CEO of CEIST (Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust) when the Trust was established in 2007. CEIST is the new organisational framework for 112 Catholic Voluntary Secondary Schools, which is the largest trustee body in Ireland. Anne was educated by the Sisters of Mercy, Macroom, County Cork. She attended Mary Immaculate College, Ireland's largest Catholic college, established by the Sisters of Mercy in 1898.

In 1997, Anne was appointed the first Director of The Kildare Education Support Centre, with responsibility for provision of continuing professional development to over 5,000 educators in the east coast of Ireland. Anne's Keynote Address will explore Mercy Leadership into the Future... what will be required of us? Anne will invite conference delegates to reflect on the sound advice offered by Merlin to King Arthur when faced with a dilemma, "Think, think Arthur, think back to where you came from, then wisdom shall be yours". Anne believes any consideration of Mercy Leadership for the future must be predicated upon the heritage of past Mercy Leadership, Anne's address will consist of both reflections and observations as well as projections for the future.



CONFERENCE WEAVER

ANNE FOX A Mus A, B Mus Hons, MPS (Loyola University, Chicago)

Anne Fox currently holds the position of Group Director of Mission for MercyCare, a lay organisation which holds responsibility for the former ministries of the Perth Sisters of Mercy. In this role she is responsible for the strategic embedding of Mission within the structures and culture of the MercyCare organisation. As part of this role she is Executive sponsor for the Catherine McAuley Women in Leadership and Service Award previously sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy.

Anne has previously held executive positions in Catholic healthcare, was Director of Pastoral Planning for the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, lectured in Catholic Studies (Theology and Scripture) at Edith Cowan University, and was also a graduate, teacher and subsequently Principal of St Aloysius' College Adelaide.

Anne's background in education, formed in the Mercy tradition, sparked a life-long passion for the education of women. Her role in shaping curriculum at secondary level led her to study systemic approaches to learning and structural and organisational change. She has had extensive experience in leadership formation, and in change process applied in secondary and tertiary education, in Church settings, and with diverse work forces in the health, aged and community care sectors.

CONFERENCE DINNER SPEAKER

CELIA HAMMOND B Juris Hons, LLB, LLM (University of Western Australia, Perth)

Professor Hammond holds the position of Vice Chancellor at The University of Notre Dame Australia, with direct responsibility for managing and overseeing the University's student population on the Broome, Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

Professor Hammond is a legal practitioner with experience in private practice in Western Australia. She has held senior leadership, management and teaching positions at Notre Dame, where she has been a staff member for over ten years. She was Head of the University's School of Law, and served as the University's General Counsel, Assistant Provost and Deputy Vice Chancellor prior to her appointment in August 2008 as Vice Chancellor.

She has wide experience teaching in commercial law and has published in the areas of corporate, property, and insolvency law. She also has experience in industrial relations. Professor Hammond has held membership on Hospital Ethics Committees, Law Society Committees and Academic Committees.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

GLORIA BLISS

Gloria was born in Moora, grew up near the Moore River Aboriginal Settlement, and now lives in Wagin. Gloria's life passion is art and she completed a Degree in Contemporary Aboriginal Art with First Class Honours at Curtin University. She is currently writing, illustrating and producing books for children using the south west Aboriginal language, which is another of her passions. Gloria also does cultural work in primary schools using art as her interactive tool.

MAUREEN FOSTER

Maureen was born in Kalgoorlie to an Aboriginal father and Dutch mother who arrived in Australia from Holland in 1951. Maureen started painting in primary school. Growing up she wasn't sure where she belonged, 'I didn't know if I was Aboriginal or my family came from an Island. But growing up things started coming together. I know where I come from'. I went to Rockingham TAFE and has been working for the Catholic Education Department for the last eight years doing the two things she love - working with children and painting.



"Our Beginnings" mural created for Mercedes College by Gloria Bliss and Maureen Foster.



2011 AMSSA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2011

4.00 pm	Conference Registration Afternoon Tea
5.00 pm	Conference Opening
6.30 pm	Twilight Drinks

THURSDAY 7 JULY 2011

8.30 am	Tea and Coffee available
9.15 am	Morning Blessing
9.30 am	Keynote Address: Sr Mary Duffy
10.15 am	Keynote Engagement: Anne Fox
10.45 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am	Keynote Address: Dr Sophie McGrath
12.00 pm	Keynote Engagement: Anne Fox
12.30 pm	Boxed lunch and Cruise up the Swan River Interactive tours of St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square Convent & Mercedes College
5.30 pm	Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square
6.45 pm	Optional Dinner in the City

FRIDAY 8 JULY 2011

8.00 am	Mass in Santa Maria College Chapel Tea and Coffee available
8.20 am	AMSSA AGM (Full Conference Delegates only)
8.30 am	Registration for WA School Delegates
9.15 am	Morning Blessing
9.30 am	Keynote Address: Ms Anne Kelleher
10.30 am	Keynote Engagement: Anne Fox
10.45 am	Morning Tea
11.30 am	Concurrent Forums
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Hypothetical Panel Discussion
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea & School Delegates Depart
3.30 pm	Rest and Recreation
6.30 pm	Pre Dinner Drinks
7.00 pm	Conference Dinner at Santa Maria College

SATURDAY 9 JULY 2011

8.00 am	Mass in Santa Maria College Chapel
8.30 am	Tea and Coffee available
9.15 am	Morning Blessing
9.30 am	Keynote Address: Ms Anne Kelleher
10.15 am	Keynote Engagement: Anne Fox
10.45 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am	Celebration: Global Mercy Family
12.15 pm	Closing Liturgy
1.15 pm	Lunch & Farewell

PRE CONFERENCE DAY TRIP TO NEW NORCIA Tuesday 5 July

New Norcia is located two hours (132 kms) north of Perth. It has been home to a community of Benedictine Monks since the first Spanish missionaries established the town in 1847. Pax, a Latin word meaning peace, is the motto for the Benedictine Monks of New Norcia. It is the fruit of their regular, prayerful and stable life together and the gift they offer to all who visit their town.

Delegates will have the opportunity to see 'behind closed doors' in Australia's only monastic town, participate in midday prayers with the monks, learn about the cross cultural relationships of the Spanish monks and the Yuat people and tour the museum, art gallery and gift shop. Join us in a pre conference day with the Benedictine community at New Norcia.



WHAT'S ON IN PERTH Events

- Naidoc Week – various events around the city
4 - 11 July
www.naidocperth.org
- Art Gallery of WA – Year 12 Perspectives 2010
Runs until 15 July
- WA Museum – AC/DC: Australia's Family Jewels exhibition
Runs until 7 August
- Burswood Theatre – Wicked The Broadway Musical
24 June – 7 August
www.showbiz.com.au
- Concerto Copenhagen (Musica Viva)
Perth Concert Hall
7 July
www.bocsticketing.com.au

About Town

- Perth Zoo, ferry from City and short walk
- Fremantle by ferry from Barrack St Jetty, then bus into mall
- Fremantle by train from Perth Central Train Station, walk to mall, very scenic through Subiaco, along the beach in South Cottesloe and North Fremantle
- Tram ride Burswood Casino to Kings Park (and vice versa)
- Bike hire Barrack St Jetty, "Round the Bridges" approximately 10kms
- Perth Mint tours
- Perth Heritage Trails self-guided tours

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are asked to book their own accommodation in Perth. There are numerous accommodation options in Perth and the following nearby options are suggested:

ESPLANADE HOTEL

Corner Marine Terrace and Essex Street, Fremantle, Western Australia

T: +61 8 9432 4000 | F: +61 8 9430 4539

E: reservations@ehf.com.au

W: www.esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au

Approximately 8 kms to Santa Maria College

Room Rates

\$210.00 (Single/Double or twin) Extra \$45.00 x Triple room.
Credit Card details are required as a guarantee when making bookings.

Breakfast \$30.50

Shuttle Service contact: 1300 666 806

Breakfast Available

To book quote Group Block Name: AMSSA Conference

QUEST APARTMENTS

Mews Road, Challenger Harbour, Fremantle, Western Australia

T: +61 8 9430 3888 | F: +61 8 9430 3800

E: questharbourvillage@questapartments.com.au

W: www.questharbourvillage.com.au

Approximately 8 kms to Santa Maria College

Room Rates

2 Bedroom Apartments, Fishing Boat Harbour

1 x Queen Bed & 2 King Single Beds, 1 bathroom
\$315.00 per apartment per night

2 Bedroom Apartments, Challenger Harbour

1 x Queen Bed & 2 King Single Beds, 1 bathroom
\$342.00 per apartment per night

3 Bedroom Apartments, Challenger Harbour

1 x Queen Bed & 4 King Single Beds, 2 bathrooms
\$427.00 per apartment per night

Breakfast packs available

To book quote Group Booking Number: 50131

TRADEWINDS HOTEL

59 Canning Highway, Fremantle, Western Australia

T: +61 8 9339 8188

F: +61 8 9339 2266

E: enquiries@tradewindshotel.com.au

W: www.tradewindshotel.com.au

Approximately 7 kms to Santa Maria College

Room Rates

Studio Apartment - \$215.00 (either twin or double available)

Bed and Breakfast Studio Apartment - \$255.00 (based on 2 people) or \$235.00 for 1 person

BROADWATER RESORT APARTMENTS

137 Melville Parade, Como, Western Australia

T: +61 8 9474 4222

F: +61 8 9474 4216

E: stay.como@broadwaters.com.au

W: www.broadwaters.com.au

Approximately 10 kms to Santa Maria College

Room Rates

1 Bedroom Serviced Apartment

\$199.00 per apartment per night

2 Bedroom Serviced Apartment, ensuite plus bathroom

\$255.00 per apartment per night

3 Bedroom Serviced Apartment, 2 bathrooms

\$330.00 per apartment per night

WINDSOR LODGE

3 Preston St Como, Western Australia 6152

T: +61 8 9367 9177

F: +61 8 9474 1006

E: reservations@windsorlodge.com.au

W: www.windsorlodge.com.au

Approximately 10 kms to Santa Maria College

Room Rates

Single \$146.00

Double \$151.00

Twin \$151

Triple \$166

AMSSA CONTACT

Should you have any queries please contact the AMSSA Conference Executive Officer, Ms Rosa Speranza

T: +61 8 6330 0200 or +61 8 9323 1323 E: amssa@cathednet.wa.edu.au

By post: Ms Rosa Speranza, AMSSA Conference Executive Officer, C/- Santa Maria College, Locked Bag 1, Melville WA 6956

Please complete one form for each full Adult delegate, for student delegate registration please turn overleaf.

DETAILS **Adult Delegate** **Forum Presenter**

Title: _____ Surname: _____ Given Name: _____
 Preferred Name for badge: _____ School/Organisation: _____
 Position: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 State: _____ Postcode: _____ Country: _____
 Telephone: (business/home or mobile): _____ Email: _____

ADULT DELEGATES

Full delegate registration fee includes attendance at opening reception, all conference sessions, Swan River Cruise and interactive tours of Victoria Square, morning teas, afternoon teas and lunches.

Please tick relevant boxes. All costs are GST exempt.

	Early Bird (before 31/04/11)	Standard (after 31/04/11)
Conference Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 600 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 700 pp
Swan River Cruise and Interactive Tours of Victoria Square	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
New Norcia Pre Conference Day Trip (Tuesday 5 July 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 75 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 75 pp
Conference Dinner (Friday 8 July 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 100 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 100 pp

Total amount (Delegate): \$AU _____

Please advise of any special requirements: _____

ACCOMPANYING PERSON

Title: _____ Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Conference Dinner Friday (8 July 2011) \$AU 100 pp

Day Registration will be available onsite at the Conference Registration Desk at \$AU 25 per session on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Total amount (Guest): \$AU _____

Please advise of any special requirements: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

AMSSA ABN: 18 217 072 718

Payment Method (tick relevant box) Cheque Mastercard Visa Amex

Total Amount: \$AU _____ Name on Card: _____

Card Number: ____/____/____/____ Expiry Date: ____/____

Signature: _____

Number of student delegates included in this payment (Complete student details overleaf)

**Payment must be made by either credit card or cheque. Make cheques payable to Santa Maria College.
 Return Registration form and payment to AMSSA Conference, Santa Maria College, Locked Bag 1, Melville WA 6956**

Cancellations: Refunds will be made only for cancellations received more than 14 days prior to the event. A \$25 cancellation fee will apply.

STUDENT DELEGATE 1

The student registration fee will be generously subsidised by AMSSA and students will be accommodated in the Santa Maria College Boarding Community.

Student Surname: _____ Student Given Name: _____

Preferred Name for badge: _____ School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Date of birth: _____ In case of an emergency, please contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Telephone: _____

Please advise of any medical conditions or special requirements: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Principal's Signature:** _____

Full delegate registration fee includes attendance at opening reception, all conference sessions, Swan River Cruise and interactive tours of Victoria Square, morning teas, afternoon teas and lunches.

Please tick relevant boxes. All costs are GST exempt.

	Early Bird (before 31/04/11)	Standard (after 31/04/11)
Conference Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp
Swan River Cruise and Interactive Tours of Victoria Square	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
New Norcia Pre Conference Day Trip (Tuesday 5 July 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 65 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 65 pp
Student Conference Dinner (Friday 8 July 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp
Total amount (Student Delegate 1)	\$AU _____	

STUDENT DELEGATE 2

The student registration fee will be generously subsidised by AMSSA and students will be accommodated in the Santa Maria College Boarding Community.

Student Surname: _____ Student Given Name: _____

Preferred Name for badge: _____ School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Date of birth: _____ In case of an emergency, please contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Telephone: _____

Please advise of any medical conditions or special requirements: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Principal's Signature:** _____

Full delegate registration fee includes attendance at opening reception, all conference sessions, Swan River Cruise and interactive tours of Victoria Square, morning teas, afternoon teas and lunches.

Please tick relevant boxes. All costs are GST exempt.

	Early Bird (before 31/04/11)	Standard (after 31/04/11)
Conference Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp
Swan River Cruise and Interactive Tours of Victoria Square	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
New Norcia Pre Conference Day Trip (Tuesday 5 July 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 65 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 65 pp
Student Conference Dinner (Friday 8 July 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$AU 50 pp
Total amount (Student Delegate 2)	\$AU _____	