



COLLEGE HOUSES



House Patron: Brother Anthony Keenan, CFC

Anthony Keenan was born in South Africa of Irish parents and was brought to Australia while still a child. They settled in Victoria where he went to school and made the decision to join the Christian Brothers. His first teaching experience was in Queensland, followed by ten years in Sydney. He was only 34 years old when he was appointed Principal of the newly founded Christian Brothers High School in Highgate, Western Australia, in 1937. He remained there six years and his achievements placed the new school on a firm footing.

House motto: Wisdom Through Christ

House Colour: Blue



House Patron: Mother Mary Laurence Prendiville, OP

Mother Laurence came to Australia from Kerry in Ireland in 1910. She worked for some years with a Perth law firm before deciding to bind herself more closely to God in religious life. Mother Laurence was instrumental in bringing the Dominican Sisters from Dongara to Perth in 1941. She was one of the small community who established a school in Bedford which later blossomed into St Peter's Primary school and St Thomas Aquinas College. She was the first Principal of St Thomas Aquinas College from 1955 to 1960.

House Motto: Learning Through Service

House Colour: Yellow



House Patron: Father Vincent O'Sullivan

Father O'Sullivan was Parish Priest at St Peter's Bedford, for more than 28 years. Fr O'Sullivan was very supportive of the two secondary schools in his parish and over a period of 25 years, worked with immense energy to assist them. In 1955, St Thomas Aquinas College was established in Bedford – a secondary school for girls, owned and conducted by the Dominican Sisters. In 1959, St Mark's College was opened by the Christian Brothers in Bedford as an upper primary and junior secondary school for boys.

House Motto: Life Victory Truth

House Colour: Green



House Patron: Archbishop Redmond Prendiville

Football is not normally associated in people's minds with the Church, yet Redmond Prendiville, the youngest Archbishop to be consecrated in the Catholic world at that time, was outstanding in both areas. In 1936, he invited the Christian Brothers to open a secondary school for boys and Christian Brothers High School, Highgate, was established. In 1955 he laid the foundation stone of St Thomas Aquinas College for girls, conducted by the Dominican Sisters.

House Motto: Build With Faith

House Colour: Red