

As Chevalier College is a Catholic school, students are expected to participate actively in liturgical ceremonies, Year masses, individual class reconciliations and liturgies. Prayer is an important aspect of the student's school day. Sacred Heart Day, special liturgies, awards ceremonies, sports carnivals and end-of-year celebrations are all important school functions. Much is learnt during these activities of the spirit of our College. Student participation is a requirement.

### **'Welcome to the Family' Mass**

This is the opening mass of the year, welcoming everyone back, commissioning new staff, and welcoming new students, especially Year 7s.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the time of preparation for Easter. Liturgies are generally celebrated in Year groups.

### **Easter Liturgy**

Near the end of Term 1, we celebrate Holy Week with a special mass in which students reflect through drama and prayer on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

### **Sacred Heart Day**

This Catholic Church feast day is also Chevalier College's own special day – celebrating the reason for the school's existence. It is a compulsory school day. (Sacred Heart Day tends to be a highlight in past students' memories.)

After much preparation and anticipation by staff and students, the Sacred Heart Day liturgy is the centre of festivities. After the liturgy, students play games and celebrate in their Home Room groups. It is a day in which students experience and deepen their education in what it means to work towards being a community that is truly underpinned by love and justice. Hence, included in these celebrations is the Mission Concert.

### **Chevalier Day**

This day looks back to our foundation and to the challenges of living our faith authentically in modern times. It commemorates the death of Jules Chevalier, the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, by whom the school was established. Jules Chevalier's expression of his faith in terms of Spirituality of the Sacred Heart, or Heart Spirituality, is the bedrock of Chevalier College.

### **Student Retreats**

All students attend a retreat once a year. These retreats are specifically designed for each Year group as part of their spiritual formation.

### **Advent Liturgy**

This mass is a multi-celebration: with much excitement in the air, students participate in an acknowledgement of the school year about to end and anticipate, as Advent does, the special family feast of Christmas, and the holidays. It is a compulsory school day.