

Baradene
College of the
SACRED HEART



An International College
of the Sacred Heart



Daughters of the Sacred Heart hold to their name.

It is a family name.

It stands for a tradition more than a century old, a tradition they themselves will hand on.

Others know them, and they recognise each other by a family likeness which is more than a name.



We warmly invite
you to be part of
the Cor Unum
of Baradene
College of the
Sacred Heart.

This school is one of many schools throughout the world founded by Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat. During a time of political upheaval in France and through prayer and contemplation, she came to realise that she was called to gather others around her to educate women and children.

Wise and valiant, the Sisters set an example of faith, humility, grace and integrity which permeates the culture of our school, two centuries later. The Sisters sowed the seeds of universal and permanent values – values which give us new life and hope, while helping us grapple with the present-day issues. The gentleness, love and acceptance of our founding Sisters are a hallmark of Baradene today.

Being a daughter of Baradene College of the Sacred Heart will take you on a journey of faith in Jesus Christ and in the search for truth you will gain an awareness of your gifts and limitations and learn to live with kindness, integrity and compassion.

We offer you the opportunity to develop a loving bond with those around you at school and in the wider world. Our Cor Unum spirit is a feeling of connectedness - a feeling that comes while at Mass or while singing our school song *"Heart of Our God"*. Whatever is happening in your life, someone will be there for you – either a friend, a teacher, a guidance counsellor, or a Big Sister.

As a Baradene student, you will have the delight of putting your all into a job well done - whether it is through the spiritual, academic, cultural or sporting life of our school family.

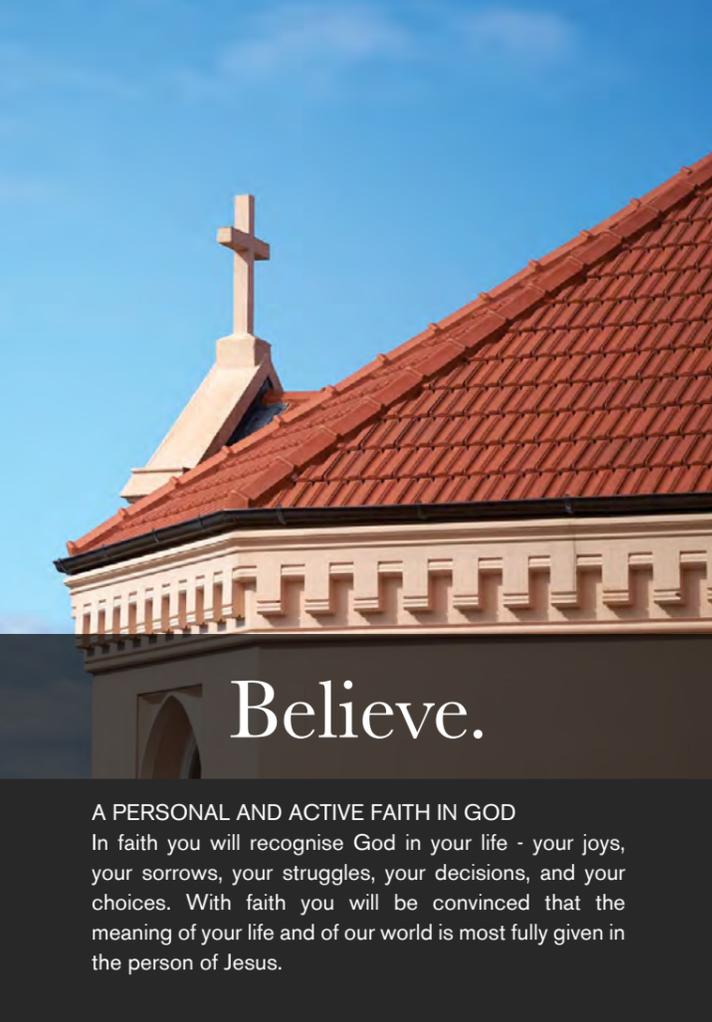
We invite you to come as you are. We will nurture you, treasure your uniqueness and walk alongside you on a path of self-discovery.

“Visit us, God, in the breath of the wind, in endurance
of cliffs, in glow of kowhai, in silence of stars, solitude
of moon, in eyes of the poor, in embrace of a mother,
in pleasure of friends, in faith that does justice.”

ANNE POWELL



The Baradene College
Family welcomes you.



Believe.

A PERSONAL AND ACTIVE FAITH IN GOD

In faith you will recognise God in your life - your joys, your sorrows, your struggles, your decisions, and your choices. With faith you will be convinced that the meaning of your life and of our world is most fully given in the person of Jesus.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Prepared to make a difference with self-knowledge, energy and purpose through an outstanding education in the tradition of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The family of Baradene College of the Sacred Heart embraces five goals which help us live together and grow each day.

Baradene College was founded in 1909 by the Society of the Sacred Heart, with a legacy of Sacred Heart principles and goals. The process of educating a child of the Sacred Heart is guided by the five Goals. One of the five goals is chosen each year for the College to focus on.

The five goals direct the way we think, act and feel. They show what it means to be a daughter of the Sacred Heart.



6 | Think.

A DEEP RESPECT FOR INTELLECTUAL VALUES

Great emphasis is placed upon your capability for critical thinking and reasoning. Recognising the distinction between what you do and why you do it is an essential element in your education. Your imagination and creativity will be stretched, because without these, you cannot become a well-informed, thinking, sensitive person.



Love.

BUILDING COMMUNITY AS A CHRISTIAN VALUE

Coming to a Sacred Heart school, you have entered into a family and have come to a home. Jesus often used the image of home. "Make your home in me", he told his followers, "as I make mine in you". By coming to a school of the Sacred Heart you have become part of a family.



Care.

A SOCIAL AWARENESS THAT IMPELS TO ACTION

Centred in God, your response will be to act in justice and love. Genuine love always takes the form of service. In a world plagued by injustice, torn by violence and fear, you must stand by the most wounded and needy.



7 | Grow.

PERSONAL GROWTH IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF WISE FREEDOM

The intention of Sacred Heart education is to address the whole person. You come as you are and are cared for with great love. The hope is to implant in you a sacred love for yourself, to challenge you to be more honest, to lead you along the road of integrity.



Our origins Madeleine Sophie Barat.

“For the sake of one child,
I would have founded the
Society of the Sacred Heart.”

MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT rscJ

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart is a Catholic state-integrated school for girls from Year 7 to Year 13. Established on its present site in 1909 by a religious order of French origin, the Society of the Sacred Heart, the College is one of a network of schools which spans 41 countries. Baradene College is the Order's only school in Aotearoa, New Zealand. The school has a maximum roll of 1200 students. In addition there are approximately 55 International Students.

From the earliest days of the Society of the Sacred Heart, diversity has been cherished. We value the richness of Aotearoa's bi-cultural society and we welcome students from many backgrounds from throughout Auckland. Our international students come from many different nations.

MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT was born in a small French town, Joigny, in 1779. The name Sophie, which means “wisdom” is an appropriate one for a girl who was to lead a world-wide religious Congregation of women who devoted themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Madeleine Sophie was fortunate to be educated by her older brother at a time when most girls did not receive formal education. Her brother became a Jesuit priest. To be near to him, Madeleine Sophie moved to Paris. She rose above many challenges to found the Congregation of the Society of the Sacred Heart. In 1800 she consecrated her life to “making known the revelation of God's love whose source and symbol is the heart of Christ”.

The courageous women of the Congregation were an example of Christ's love and compassion. They knew that education could open up a world of possibilities for young women, helping them grow in the love of Christ, think critically, and have influence in their homes and their wider world.

The Congregation set up boarding schools across France, and wherever possible a free school for needy children. Our founding Sisters took the Society of the Sacred Heart across the world, with Rose Philippine Duchesne going to America (and Janet Erskine Stuart visiting New Zealand just before the first World War). Today there are over 4,000 religious in 41 countries. When Madeleine Sophie died on Ascension Day, 25 May 1865, 89 of her schools through 16 countries were flourishing. She was canonised in 1925. The example of Saint Madeleine Sophie inspires us to lead and to serve with resilience, wisdom and loyalty, devoted to the heart of Jesus Christ.



Our faith gives meaning to our lives and is part of everything we do at Baradene College.

The Chapel is a sacred place within the school. In our community girls come to a faith in a loving God in a way that is appropriate to their age. Daily prayer together brings a sense of joy and tranquillity. Reflection and the search for goodness and truth infuse each day.

We are able to encounter the love of Jesus, develop a coherent ethical framework, and shape our lives by an active faith.

The Religious of the Sacred Heart remain a loved and important part of the Baradene community. They take an interest in staff and students, praying for them, contributing to school Liturgies and events, providing hospitality, and working in the Archives.

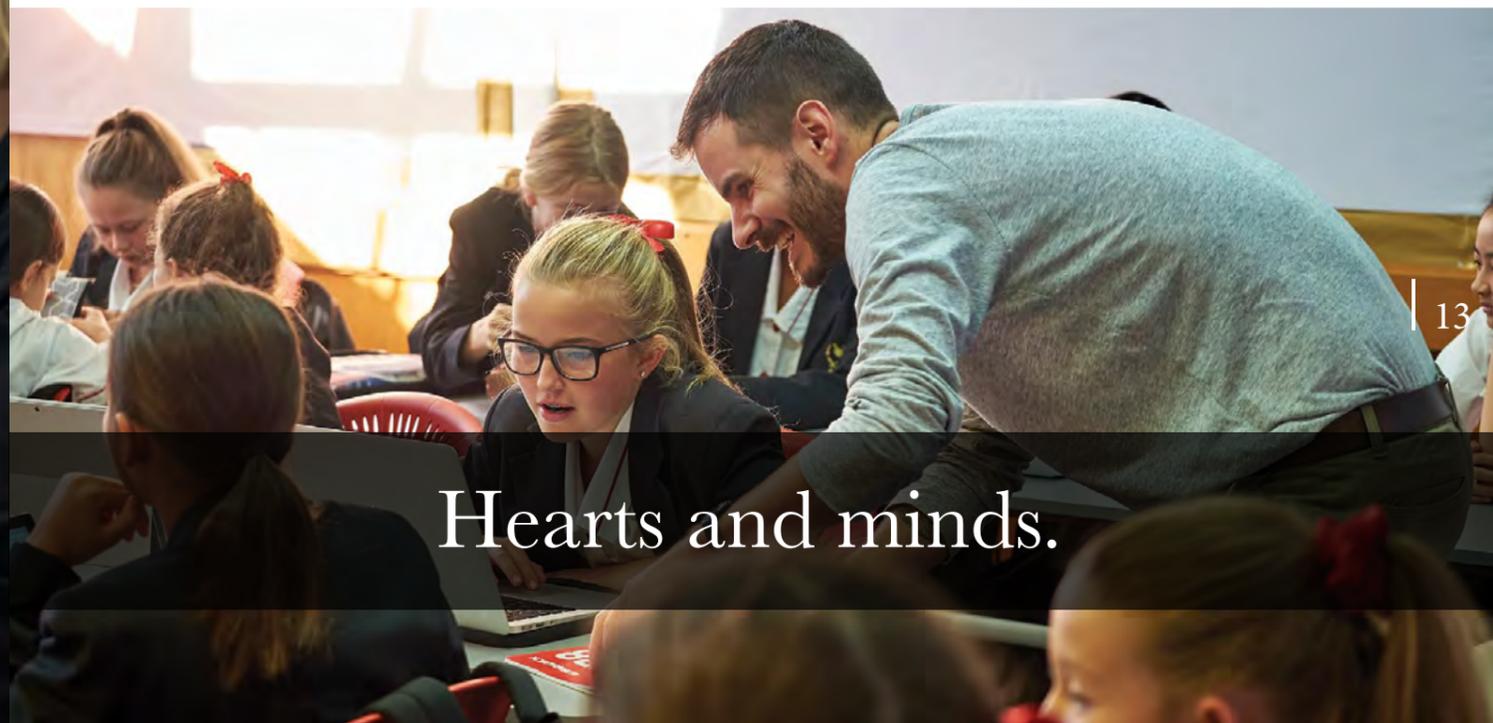


“Sometimes we simply talk to Jesus, sometimes we unite ourselves to the thoughts of his Heart, sometimes we stay peacefully at his feet, looking at him.”

AUGUSTA VON SARTORIUS rscJ



Faith is the foundation of our home.



The five goals of a Sacred Heart Education underpin all teaching and learning programmes at Baradene College.

All our educators share a responsibility to develop an enquiring *“habit of mind”* in the student. The ability of the student to become an independent learner is the aim of all our classroom teachers. Students are encouraged to develop a positive mind- set whereby they achieve to their potential.

Our curriculum provides students with a wide range of choice. Not only do we offer the traditional courses, but also subjects such as Coding, Digital Literacy and Mandarin. In recent years, the music programme has seen tremendous success with all students in Years 7 - 8 learning a musical instrument in class.

Although the College recognises that achieving academic excellence is a high priority, other skills such as critical thinking, co-operation and collaboration are developed both inside and outside the classroom. A girl educated at Baradene is one who is highly prepared to live and to work in an increasingly global and technological society.

Our classroom teaching follows the New Zealand Curriculum, which recognises Aotearoa, New Zealand’s dual cultural heritage together with the *“key competencies or skills,”* which assist all young people to achieve success in the modern world.

Our students are also encouraged to connect meaningfully with the community around them. They are taught to be resilient, compassionate, tolerant and to embrace diversity.

“We must open not only the doors, but the windows of our souls to the truth.”

MABEL DIGBY rscJ

Hearts and minds.

“In the Society we have the opportunity... to be bridge-builders, knowing one’s own culture and entering respectfully into the others.”

HELEN MCLAUGHLIN rscJ

A warm welcome extends to all students as they enter the gates of Baradene College.

Students are enveloped in the secure, supportive community of Baradene College where the spirit of Cor Unum (*‘One Heart, One Mind in the Heart of Jesus Christ’*) is revealed in everyday interactions.

BIG SISTER, LITTLE SISTER: We help new Year 7 students to feel confident, included and valued through the Big Sister, Little Sister programme. A buddy system ensures that all new students to the college are supported by their peers as they settle into a new environment. Our International students enjoy the support and friendship provided by the Kiwi Sister programme that promotes inclusiveness through social activities.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME: Baradene College is part of an international network of Sacred Heart schools. There are more than 140 schools worldwide extending across the globe from Britain, Europe, USA, South America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Belonging to the wider Sacred Heart Network offers our students the unique experience to participate in an exchange with our schools around the globe. It is a superb opportunity to broaden the student’s perspective, experience the culture and lifestyle of another country and to build lifelong friendships. While the experience is new, our students have the security and familiarity of our mutual Sacred Heart traditions. Students live with a Sacred Heart family, delight in the generosity of the host family, and then have the opportunity to reciprocate the kindness and introduce the exchange student to New Zealand culture and experiences.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL: Students experience the benefits of world travel through overseas trips associated with the curriculum and extra-curricular activities at the college. It is an opportunity to acquire an appreciation and understanding of other cultures and gain a global perspective. Overseas travel has included a music trip to Europe, language trips to France, Spain, New Caledonia and China, a social science trip to Vietnam and Cambodia and an ICT/Media trip to Silicon Valley and USA Universities.

14 | Being part of our school, our community and our wider world.





Saint Madeleine Sophie
believed in the importance of
service and justice and lived her
life listening to the Spirit.

Her kindness, resilience and loyalty remain a strong example for young women of the twenty-first century. Our young women learn that through service they are able to respond to others' hardships and make a difference in today's world. Students gain social awareness, a sense of social justice and awareness of the risk to the world's environment, through studying the issues which face the world community.

Voluntary agencies in our wider community receive enthusiastic support through mufti days, contributions through annual appeals, and funds raised through La Fête. A highlight of our school calendar, La Fête is a festival where students fundraise to help a carefully selected project outside the school. Every year level contributes by organising a stall. The Young Vinnies group also help others through the gift of time, serving groups and individuals in need.

“God takes delight in a heart that has grown deep by
humility and wide by charity.”

MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT rscJ



Helping others.





Body and Spirit.

Every person's unique abilities are appreciated and every person is expected to demonstrate leadership, sharing her gifts with a sense of humility and grace.

Saint Madeleine Sophie's vision was that young women would gain influence through their education and use that influence to ensure that leadership had a strong base of spirituality.

We encourage and support all students to experience the benefits sport has to offer, whether it be participation orientated or elite based sport. Student participation in extra-curricular activities is an important feature of student life at Baradene, and we encourage all girls to be involved in such activities. Over 70% of our students participate in sport.

The Sports staff, coaches, team managers, parents, community, the executive sports leader and the code captains all devote time, energy and expertise to ensure that students have many exciting options. There are currently over 25 sporting codes available across a range of different grades. Regardless of whether the goal is to win, learn new skills, make friends or just have fun there is definitely something for everyone.





“Be humble, be simple, and bring joy to others.”

SAINT MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT rscj

“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”

ALBERT EINSTEIN

The Performing Arts at Baradene College celebrate creativity, culture and imagination. Through the exploration, creation and performance of dance, drama, music and film we let our imaginations take us everywhere. We examine our cultures, our world and ourselves. Underpinning all our work is a strong belief in social justice and our obligation to challenge and shape our ideas, our interactions and our actions in our world.

Madeleine Sophie Barat placed value on what was authentic and on what was beautiful. Her love of the aesthetic has been a profound legacy for Baradene College. Creativity and the Performing Arts are part of the vitality of the school.



20 | Growing through new experiences.





Beyond the Classroom - the House community.

Following enrolment, each girl is allocated to one of six Houses for sports and cultural competitions in the school. Sports events and cultural House competitions bring out house loyalties and a rainbow of vibrant colours. House chants fill the air, with an energetic expression of House spirit, teamwork and House history.

AMIENS (red) is the town in France where the first Mother House of the Society of the Sacred Heart was located.

BARAT (white) is named for Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, the founder of the Society of the Sacred Heart, two hundred years ago.

ERSKINE (yellow) is named for Janet Erskine Stuart, the first educator of the Society of the Sacred Heart to visit New Zealand.

LORETO (green) was named for Loreto Hall, the Catholic teachers college in Remuera, Auckland, founded by Archbishop Liston and directed by the Religious of the Sacred Heart. The college ran from 1950 to 1984.

PHILIPPINE (purple) is named for Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne who took the Society of the Sacred Heart to Indigenous people in America. She was declared a saint in 1988.

STUART (blue) was also named for Janet Erskine Stuart, who lead the English-Irish part of the Society of the Sacred Heart.



School Houses.



“Our education is not meant to turn the children out small and finished, but seriously begun on a wide basis.”

JANET ERSKINE STUART rscJ

During their final week of school, Year 13 students receive the time capsule they made in their first weeks at Baradene College. This included their future goals and aspirations, photographs from their childhood and letters from their loved ones.

The Leavers' dinner is an opportunity to individually farewell each girl and welcome them as an Alumna. The girls receive a Leaving Certificate and an Alumnae Medal. This event is a special time to reflect upon the young child that entered the college and an opportunity to recognise that it is a well-rounded young woman that leaves Baradene College.

Having a Sacred Heart education is a way of life which calls you to change and, like Jesus, grow in 'wisdom, age, and grace'. Wherever you go, whatever road you travel, you will always find a home at our schools of the Sacred Heart. The relationships formed will endure and transcend the limits of space and time because they are founded in faith, hope and love.



Well-rounded confident young women are the Cor Unum of Baradene College.

Our Alumnae - a sense of belonging.

Saying goodbye to Baradene is often a time of mixed emotions for our leavers, who feel both sadness and excitement as they make their way out into the world. However, leaving Baradene is not an ending but rather a beginning – our girls leave Baradene as well-rounded students ready to thrive in the world filled with hope, purpose and meaning.

Memories of formative years at Baradene remain valuable possessions throughout life. Baradene students take with them a sense of belonging cultivated in the foundation of a Sacred Heart education.

Our Alumnae are an important part of our college. We value our connection and the sense of history and continuity our Alumnae give us.

Our Alumnae Association provides opportunities for past pupils to maintain their links to Baradene. Alumnae events are a reminder that the lasting friendships and shared experiences we enjoy as members of the Baradene community remain important long after our girls leave.



“Education must be concerned not only with studies, but also with whatever may be required for the right ordering of life and requirements of cultivated society”

MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT rscJ



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