

ST URSULA'S COLLEGE, YEPPOON

Centenary Celebrations Conclude on a High Note

A weekend filled with Centenary events culminated in the performance of a new College song on Sunday 6 May at St Ursula's College, Yeppoon.

Australian Composer, Alice Chance, conducted the 100 Voice Choir, made up of past and present students and staff, before a crowd at the College's Ballygriffin Cultural Centre.

Sisters, an original piece by Ms Chance, received thunderous applause after its debut performance.

Ms Chance thanked the St Ursula's Community for the opportunity to compose the official College Song.

"Last year, I visited the College, and immersed myself in the atmosphere, and from then, I wrote *Sisters* specifically for this community, to share at this event," said Ms Chance.

"Thank you for asking me to be a part of your celebrations, and happy birthday, St Ursula's College!"

Earlier on Sunday, the College Community gathered at Sacred Heart Church, Lammermoor, for a Mass of Thanksgiving, concelebrated by Bishop McCarthy, Fr Matthew Moloney, Fr Matthias Ogwo and Fr Simeon Uchendu.

The St Ursula's community greatly appreciated the presence of Mercy Partners representatives and colleagues from other schools at the celebrations.

Mr Rob Corboy and St Brendan's College provided great support and St Rita's College, Clayfield, Star of the Sea College, Melbourne, and St Mary's, Hobart, all Presentation schools, sent representatives.

Rockhampton Diocesan Catholic Education Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat, along with Mr Rob Alexander, Principal of The Cathedral College, and Mr Anthony Green, Principal of St Peter's, Rockhampton, also attended the Mass.

Past students processed into the Church in their respective decades at the commencement of Mass, before Bishop McCarthy paid tribute to the Presentation Order that founded the College, and said they shared similarities with those in the early Church.

"God was working in their [Presentation Sisters] hearts and minds; they are women of the Church, bold in faith," Bishop Michael said.

State Member for Keppel, Mrs Brittany Lauga, presented St Ursula's College with a clock as a centenary gift, accepted by College Captains, Maggie Hillman and Chelsea Tucker.

"Congratulations, St Ursula's College, for educating young ladies throughout the past 100 years, and for many more years to come," said Mrs Lauga