



### **Ms Carmen Ahearn**

I grew up in Wodonga, amid the love of five sisters and parents who worked hard to support the dreams of their daughters. A wonderful gift of supporting my move to Melbourne for university and a young adult life at Newman College, continued my connection to faith beyond the school environment. Throughout my time in Catholic education, I have worked in Catholic schools in regional Victoria (Mildura and Wodonga), and since arriving on the Bellarine Peninsula in 2001, I have thrived professionally at St Joseph's College and Iona College Geelong.

I have been a Leader in Curriculum, Wellbeing, and most recently, the development of Culture and Identity at the newly established Iona College. I love working in Catholic education for the connection that it provides to young people and community, continual innovation and re-imagination focused on positive student outcomes in wellbeing, learning and faith, and the opportunity to work alongside adults who are driven to see students flourish. I am excited by my work within Catholic schools, which continues a journey to embed stories, rituals and understanding of faith, with a view to nurturing a community reflective of Church mission through actions, words and authentic displays of compassion and love for others. I am proud to feel at home in a network of Catholic schools where First Nations recognition and celebration, supporting the vulnerable and seeing the face of God in others guides policy, procedure and practice.

I am married to a teacher and have three amazing children: one at university and two in upper secondary school.

I am thrilled to be joining the Saint Ignatius community in 2025 as Deputy Principal – Faith and Mission, and I look forward to the new relationships, learning and Spiritual formation that the role will bring.



### **Ms Marina Brown**

For more than 15 years, I have proudly served as an educator within the vibrant Saint Ignatius College Geelong community, deepening my commitment to Catholic Education. Currently serving as Director of Learning, I have held various leadership positions in Curriculum, Pedagogy, Performing Arts, Teacher Development, and Acting Deputy Principalship. My academic background in Psychology, Education, and Music Performance, complemented by a Master of Leadership from the Australian Catholic University, underscores my comprehensive approach to driving educational excellence and positive change.

As an accomplished musician, I have led the College through liturgical and faith-based celebrations, accompanied students for performances, and produced numerous College productions over the past decade. I harbour a profound passion for the Performing Arts, aiming to inspire young individuals to embrace creativity with confidence and self-discipline while fostering a sense of belonging and connection.

Residing in the Geelong region with my husband, two daughters, and Border Collie, Lucy, I enjoy horse riding, community theatre, travelling, and pursuing further education.

I wholeheartedly embrace Saint Ignatius College's vision to nurture young people of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment in the Catholic tradition. I am passionate about advancing the College's mission, inspiring and educating future generations towards human excellence.

As Deputy Principal, I am committed to serving the College community. I look forward to cultivating an optimal operational environment and fostering excellence in co-curricular programs, empowering both staff and students to flourish. My goal is to deepen the commitment to a student-centred approach, prioritising holistic development and utilising contemporary research to drive exceptional outcomes through collaboration and community engagement.