

Makers Map.

The Abbotsford Convent is Australia's largest arts and cultural precinct, and we are incredibly proud of the broad range of creatives and artists that have their studios at the Convent. Each of the studios listed have regular open hours, selling beautiful products, hand-crafted here at the Convent. While you're here, pop into St Heliers Street Gallery and enjoy exhibitions featuring works from the Convent's Studio tenants and artists from across Melbourne.

For more works created by our community, feel free to check out our online store at abbotsfordconvent.com.au/shop

1 **Katheryn Leopoldseder**
Jeweller
 Open by appointment
 contact: info@katherynleopoldseder.com.au

2 **Ink & Spindle** (upstairs)
Textile and homewares
 Tue-Fri, 9am-5pm | Sat, 10am-2pm

3 **Pennie Jagiello**
Jeweller
 Open by appointment
 contact: IG @pennejagiello

4 **Caves Collect**
Clothing and leather goods
 Thu-Fri, By appointment
 Sat, 11am-4pm
 contact: info@cavescollectstudio.com

5 **Dragonfly Toys**
Children's goods
 Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm

6 **Big Bite Studios**
Homewares and ceramics
 Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm

7 **Holy Grail Plants**
Rare plants and landscaping
 Weekends, 10am-6pm
 Weekdays by appointment
 contact: info@holygrailplants.com.au | 0402 606 507

8 **WellBeing Wing**
 Contact individual practitioners
 for available appointments.

9 **St Heliers Street Gallery**
 Open alongside Cam's Kiosk

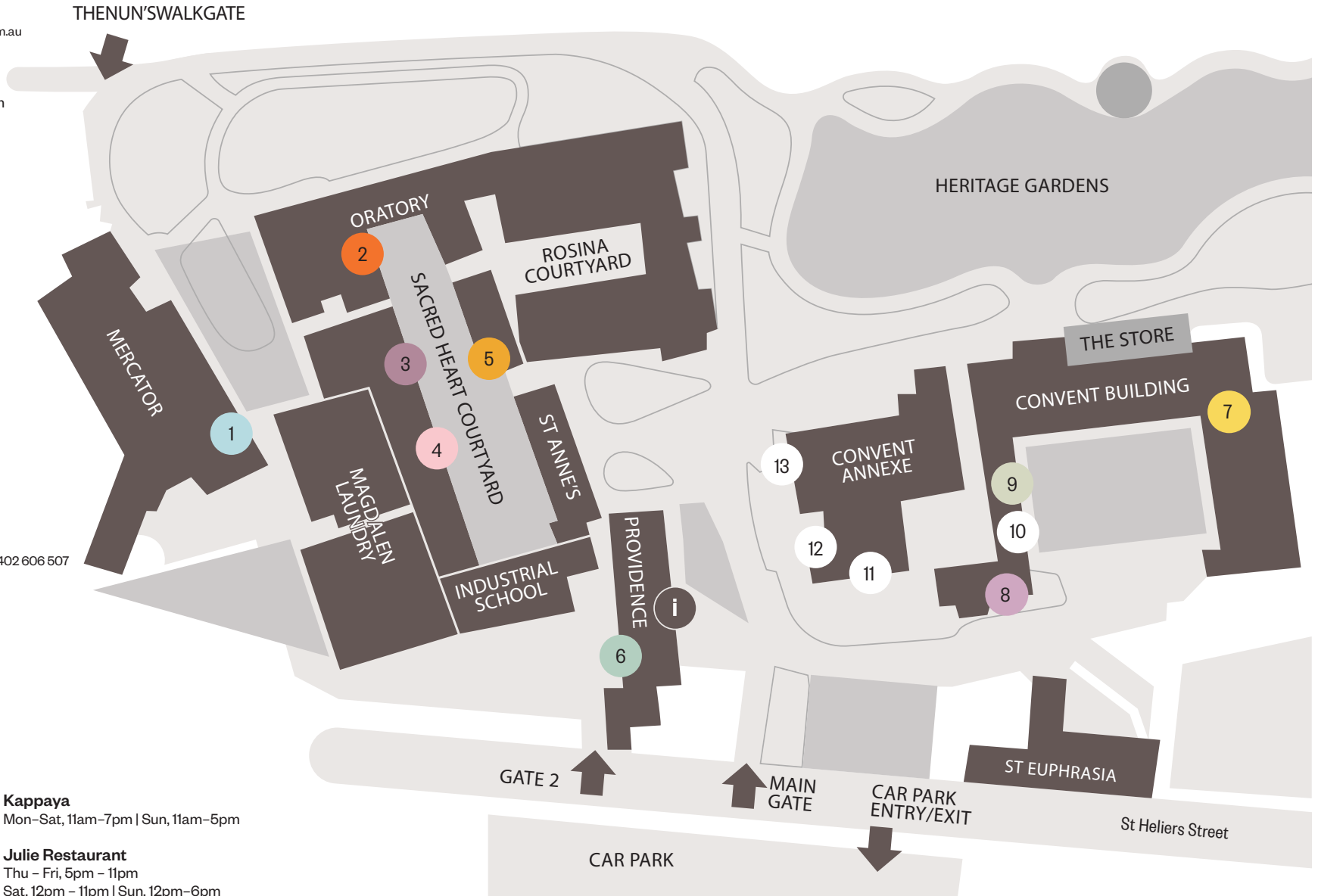
Don't forget to grab a bite!

10 **Cam's Kiosk**
 8am - 10pm daily

11 **Convent Bakery**
 7.30am-3.30pm daily

Kappaya
 Mon-Sat, 11am-7pm | Sun, 11am-5pm

Julie Restaurant
 Thu - Fri, 5pm - 11pm
 Sat, 12pm - 11pm | Sun, 12pm-6pm



The Artists.



Katheryn Leopoldseder

Katheryn Leopoldseder is an internationally recognised contemporary jeweller, artist and designer. She produces limited-edition handmade jewellery pieces, unique private commissions as well as large-scale objets d'art. Her work reflects on the sacredness of life and the multiple connections between the human body and the natural world.



Ink & Spindle

With a focus on ethical and sustainable production, the Ink & Spindle collection features bespoke, hand-printed textiles, window furnishings, homewares & accessories inspired by the Australian landscape. They use non-toxic, water based inks, and print onto eco-linen and organic cotton/hemp based cloths, designed for longevity and timeless



Pennie Jagiello

Pennie is a contemporary jeweller and sculptor, who holds sustainability at the heart of her practise. Pennie repurposes discarded and recycled materials to create new, completely handcrafted works, often reflective of natural elements in the world around us.



Caves Collect

The label presents women's ready-to-wear clothing and leather goods. Caves Collect exemplifies an elegance which is both easy and honest; focusing on quality materials, functional design and well-cut clothing. Howe is a firm believer in conveying an appreciation for the making process, advocating for sustainable and local manufacturing.



Dragonfly Toys

Dragonfly believe that childhood is an important time — the world of the child is a magical place, and as parents we can help to keep this magic alive by providing children with opportunities for open ended, creative, imaginative play, with products that are beautiful and enchanting, strong and safe, environmentally friendly and fairly traded.



Holy Grail Plants

Holy Grail are experienced horticulturalists, landscapers and members of the artisan community. They bring exotic plants from around the world, as well as a range of plants for your garden from local growers, paired with sound advice on how to get your plant babies the best chance for success.



Big Bite Studios

Big Bite Studios is a design practice led by creative Seo Murphy, working across illustration, ceramics and textiles. The practice centres on playful design and slow, ethical making. From tactile, handmade ceramics to nostalgic illustrations, colourful textiles and curated homewares, each piece is created with care and intention.



Wellbeing Wing

The WellBeing Wing is a hub for alternative practises. With a range of practitioners qualified in naturopathy, ayurvedic massage, shisei kinsei, psychotherapy and more, there is sure to be something for everyone.



St Heliers Street Gallery

St Heliers Street Gallery is managed by the Abbotsford Convent Foundation in partnership with Cam's. It showcases work by the Convent's artistic community, as well as providing an affordable space for emerging artists to exhibit. There is a year-round exhibition schedule, with no commission charged on any works sold. All sales proceeds go directly to artists.

About the Convent.

Built on the land of the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung peoples, Abbotsford Convent was once one of the largest Catholic complexes in Australia, and at one stage, was the largest charitable institution operating in the southern hemisphere.

Founded by The Sisters of the Good Shepherd in 1863, Abbotsford Convent operated for more than 100 years. Thousands of girls and women were placed in care at the Convent, with many residing in the Convent's Sacred Heart building and labouring in the onsite Magdalen Laundry.

The Sisters sold the Convent in 1975, and it was then occupied by Lincoln Institute (later merging with La Trobe University) until 1995. The site was sold on to a private developer in 1997, kickstarting a 7-year community campaign to preserve the buildings and grounds for public use.

This campaign was successful, with the Convent gifted to the community by the State Government in 2004, and has now been owned and managed by the Abbotsford Convent Foundation on behalf of the community for more than 20 years as a not-for-profit organisation.

Today, Abbotsford Convent is home to 120+ artists, creatives and organisations, houses 31 hireable venues and runs a broad range of programs, all with a focus on arts, culture and learning. The Convent grounds are open 365 days per year, welcoming members of the local community and visitors alike.

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