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Sr Fabiola OP

On Monday 21 February, the Siena College community were honoured to welcome Sr Fabiola the *Coordinator of Dominican Sisters' International* and Sr Cecille OP, *Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Region* to Siena. This was the first time that the DSI Coordinator has visited Australia. Sr Fabiola, born in Colombia, is based at Santa Sabina in Rome.

Dominican Sisters International is an international movement of **Dominican Sisters** which seeks to **create links** between all Dominican Sisters of Apostolic Life throughout the **world** for the sake of the **mission** of the Order.

There are **153 congregations** of apostolic Dominican sisters in **111 countries** throughout the world, numbering **25,400 sisters** at this time.

Srs Fabiola and Cecille enjoyed the opportunity to visit the College and to spend time with some Yr 7 & 9 students during their R.E. classes. The girls were interested to meet our international visitors and to learn that Sr Cecille is Principal of a large Dominican co-ed Prep – Yr 12 school (1400 students) in Manila, also named Siena College. The Yr 7 students' eyes were agog to learn that students in Manila commence classes at 7.00 am – 1.30 pm, some continuing to 7.00pm. In addition the school provides a night school for students who must work at the markets from the early hours of the morning to support their poor families before attending school at 1.30 – 7.00 pm.



Sr Cecille OP

Srs Fabiola and Cecille have now travelled onto New South Wales to visit our sisters in Sydney, Maitland and Newcastle, and to see some of their ministries before travelling onto the Solomon Islands and New Zealand. To learn more about the work of the *Dominican Sisters International* visit the website www.dsiop.org.

Sr Julianna OP