

SCHOOL HOUSES

Brescia House School learners are divided into one of the three school houses, **Brescia, Laurus** and **Merici**, names traditionally used in many Ursuline schools.

Learners are placed into one of the three houses, which allows for a vertical division of learners from Grade 7 to 12 – providing learners with an opportunity to develop school spirit across the grades.

Merici takes its name from Saint Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Sisters (1535) who are the founders and guides of Brescia House School. Merici's house colour is blue, which can be seen as having a maternal association befitting the foundress. Her feast day is 27th January, celebrated as a house day by members of Merici house.

Brescia takes its name from the town of Brescia in Northern Italy where St. Angela Merici founded the Ursulines. House members commemorate the Ursuline martyrs of Valenciennes and Orange, who were martyred during the French Revolution. The house colour is red, which is the liturgical colour for martyrs, and the house day is 9th July, which is the day of the martyrdom of some of these outstanding Ursuline educators.

Laurus is an anagram of Ursula, the name of the virgin martyr of the third century who, as a patron saint of education, was chosen by St. Angela as the patron saint of her company. Laurus House celebrates the feast day of St. Ursula, 21st October, as its house day, and its colour is yellow, reflecting the glorious grace of the martyred saints.

All learners are required to wear a house coloured badge on their blazer.

Badges may be purchased from the Bursar's office.