

## Global Connections through EREBB



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## **Our Global Intent**

As a lead school, Ignatius Park College is part of a worldwide movement known as Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders. EREBB is an international network of Catholic schools educating young people from many different faiths and cultures. In over 20 countries, with almost 200,000 students, EREBB states that:

"Inspired by the teaching of Jesus, Gospel values and the spirit of Edmund Rice, we commit ourselves in global solidarity to transformational education for justice and liberation."

Ignatius Park College is committed to connecting and collaborating globally and view this approach as essential for a 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

We believe that global collaboration:

- Authentic to our mission as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition
- Part of our history as IPC has had a long engagement with Global Communities
- Teaches young people global awareness, relationships and the power of building partnerships
- Enables our rich heritage of Indigenous Culture to be shared with the world
- One of the best forms of Faith Formation for young people and enables them to see how faith is practiced, expressed, lived and celebrated
- Makes the curriculum more engaging and relevant
- Links with Australian Curriculums focus on engagement with the world
- Provides both Professional Development and Renewal for staff
- Is what the World needs currently in our history

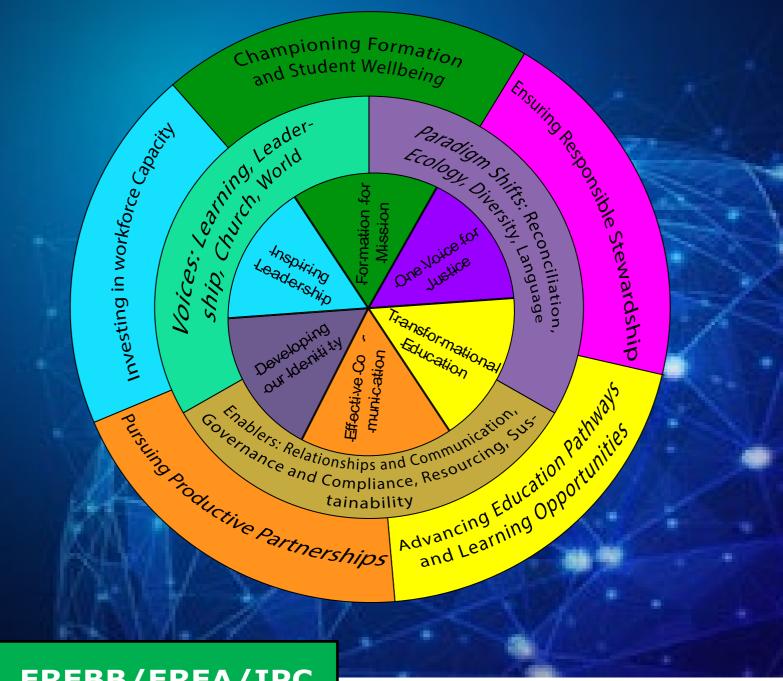
Ignatius Park College is committed to developing global links with schools across the world and learning from, with, and about each other, focussed on a spirituality of justice and solidarity.

We aim to:

- Invite students to feel part of the *EREBB family*
- Develop several *Global Partnerships* that are mutually beneficial and develop solidarity through immersions, teacher exchanges, student interactions and offering professional development
- Undertake a variety of **global student initiatives** to develop a feeling of being part of the world and a broader Edmund Rice community.
- Provide opportunities for staff to complete **global staff initiatives**, in order for them to undertake professional development and develop global professional connections.
- Staff and students participate in *local action,* with *global inspiration*. Students and staff to become involved in local advocacy and programs in order to understand *global issues.*
- Integrate global issues and partnership experiences into various levels of the curriculum
- Infuse global themes into mission and identity and articulate the *faith foundations* of why we engage in global solidarity
- Highlight and celebrate *Aboriginal and Torres Street Island culture* to the world through partnerships



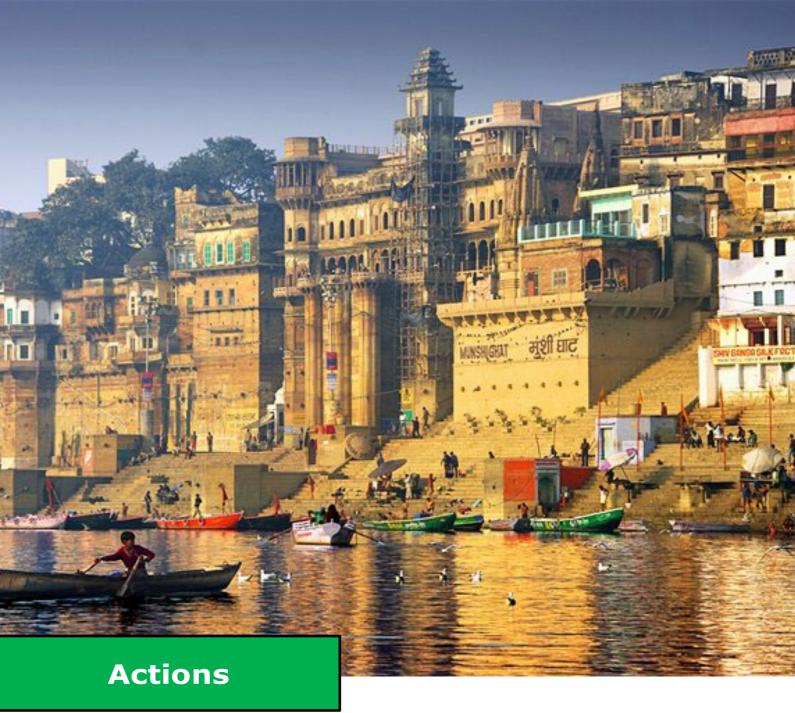
What happens to the outer world, happens to the inner world. Thomas Berry



EREBB/EREA/IPC

Ignatius Park College is committed to the vision of EREBB and how it connects to the EREA strategic priorities. The priorities of both EREBB and EREA tie in with the IPC strategic priorities. We are committed to:

- Pursuing Productive Partnerships with global Edmund Rice Schools, which opens communication pathways and enables close personal and educational relationships.
- Developing global leaders among IPC staff, contributing to the further sustainability of IPC and the global leadership of our staff.
- Partnering with global schools and EREBB to champion student formation and develop leadership capabilities in our students, which can inspire them to make a difference in their local and global communities.
- Work with EREBB and global schools to do our part to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in which students and staff can contribute to global justice and address ecological concerns.
- Provide opportunities for students and staff to learn of other cultures, schools, and experiences, which in turn transforms the educational and learning experience.



Ignatius Park College is committed to the vision of EREBB and will form actions around these global priorities:

In this spirit of global solidarity, we are committed to:

- Supporting each other in developing an Identity that reflects our shared ethos and Catholic Character while recognising our diversity
- Working in partnership throughout the world to support quality and transformational education
- Being educational communities that are immersed in each other's realities, striving to make justice, peace and human rights a global reality.
- Using available technologies to connect, gather and journey together.
- Providing opportunities for formation that nurtures a Gospel spirituality and challenges us to embrace a church of, with and for the poor.
- Forming leaders capable of inspiring communities to undertake this global vision.

### EREBB Focus Area 2022-2025

# EREBB Focus Areas 2022 2025

#### Global Student Initiatives

House Partnerships Each house develops partnership with an ER school globally

Existing Tours Add an EREBB component to all existing tours (where appropriate)

Global Classroom Partners Rolling through the year, a religion class connects meaningfully with other schools through the GCP program

Year 10 School Exchange IPC students and staff member exchange with another EREA school in Australia

ATSI Global Provide opportunities for ATSI culture and experiences to be shared globally

Global Identity Highlight the global connections through visual representations around the school – posters, screen savers etc

Curriculum Challenges Curriculum Challenges with other EREA / ER International schools: Shakespeare debate / Maths Quiz / Fitness Challenge / Music & Dance

Global Citizenship Education In RE classes, have specific lessons on what it means to be a global citizen

Assemblies Highlight a global perspective in some of the whole school assemblies through Prefects (based on CAFOD web).

#### Global Staff Initiatives

School-based Professional Development Integrating a global perspective into the curriculum workshop.

Professional Development Provide opportunities for a teacher/s from the developing world to visit IPC (as COVID restrictions ease)

EREBB Leadership Certificate Encourage staff to undertake EREBB Leadership Certificate and provide support.

EREA-based Immersions Invite staff to undertake Global Partnership and Immersion programs through EREA (as COVID restrictions ease)

School-based Staff Immersions Explore an IPC staff and partners immersion (as COVID restrictions ease)

#### Local Action -Global Inspiration

Mandela Day Engage in Mandela Day with other EREBB schools around the world

Justice Campaigns Join some common campaigns with global schools eg: elderly and the girl - speak out for your sister (in collaboration with White Ribbon), refugees

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Connect local justice campaigns to relevant UN sustainable development goals

Global Identity Highlight the global connections through visual representations around the school – posters, screen savers etc

Palm Island Immersion Invite another EREA school to combine and showcase the Indigenous connections and cultures with our students and staff



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