



## From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

Last night at our Academic and Cultural Awards Ceremony, the College celebrated the achievements of 2017 by acknowledging the diligence of our students, many going beyond what they might ever have imagined. It was also a wonderful opportunity to welcome Bishop Timothy Harris to our Community and we extend to him an invitation to visit whenever possible. In some ways it was a sad occasion for me also as it was my last Awards Ceremony as College Principal.

This year our School Captain, Ollie Gibson and I adopted a different format for our Awards Night address. Instead of the traditional 'speech', we interviewed each other in a Q&A type situation. Below is an excerpt from the evening:

**Ollie – Sir, you have often spoken about values that are important to become good men. Pick your top two values and explain why?**

The two I would pick would be to combine **HUMILITY** with **CONFIDENCE**. Humility does not mean weakness, but the opposite. For a College and its students to achieve great things, humility is important. Indeed, the higher the structure you want, the deeper the foundation must be. This foundation must be humility. Humility leads to innovation, increased self-knowledge and greater character.

Humility is not the enemy of self-confidence or self-assurance. Leaders and young men must be aware of their own fragility and imperfections. I think we should be more concerned about our character than our reputation, because character is who you really are and reputation is what other think you are.

The word character comes from the ancient Greek word *kharakter*, meaning the mark that is left on a coin during its manufacture. Character is the mark we leave on life. Character is the impact you make when you are here and the trace you leave once you're gone.

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### Ollie: And Confidence?

**Mr Conn:** Confidence is not going after Moby Dick in a row boat with a harpoon and a jar of Tartare Sauce. Confidence is being able, at any moment, to sacrifice all for what you can become! The man who has confidence in himself gains the confidence of others.

#### *Confidence Story*

*Confidence is not demonstrated by arrogance, rather it is evidenced by patience.*

*It is quiet, calmly persistent and effective.*

*Confidence is not boastful.*

*Instead, confidence is capable and does not change course with every shift in the wind.*

*Confidence adjusts to changes in order to remain on a sure and steady course.*

*It has the strength to be kind and the courage to be truthful.*

*To become more confident, we must endeavour to be more patient, to build our own confidence and do the preparation that will make us more capable and effective.*

*We must focus clearly on our purpose, even in the face of disappointment.*

*We must act with sincere kindness towards others and give truth the highest priority.*

*These things define confidence: they will bring out our own confidence.*

*Deep-seated confidence will add real value to everything we do.*

*We cannot take it from someone else, or expect for it to be given to us.*

### Ollie – Mr Conn, what is your advice for the College for the future?

**Mr Conn:** Organisational decline is inevitable unless leaders prepare for change, even when standing at the pinnacle of success. As Charles Darwin said, **'It is not the strongest species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change.'**

One message I would like to leave the College with is that a collection of talented individuals without discipline, honour, character and integrity does not make a great school. Ultimately, character triumphs over talent.

The challenge I leave Ignatius Park is to continue to build a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another. Ultimately, how the school cares for each other and work together is more important than how individuals perform. This must be a big part of the vision for Ignatius Park into the future. Vision without action is a dream, action without vision is a nightmare! The actions of our leaders, both student and teachers must concentrate on community building and welfare, not image and accolades.

Thank you, Ollie.

Yours sincerely

Michael Conn | **Principal**



*Farewell BBQ to our Principal, Michael Conn*

*Saturday 18th November  
5pm - 9pm in the Edmund Rice Hall*

*Please join us in farewelling our Principal, Mr Conn  
The bar will be open and there will be light entertainment*

RSVP to: [rsvp@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@ipc.qld.edu.au)

## Praying in Preparation

*Father, just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from worshipping You. Lord, I await Your coming. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways. AMEN*

If you have the opportunity, please find the EREA Touchstones App on your phone. The app encourages reflection based on the Touchstones. It takes about five minutes, and it changes every week.

As we come to the end of the year, it is an appropriate time to think back over 2017 and plan for 2018. If you don't have the answers for the questions yet, you still have time!

1. What is something you taught someone else this year?
2. Of the books you read this year, which was your favorite? Why?
3. What person has made the biggest impact in your life this year? Why?
4. What are six adjectives that best describe this year?

## Faith in Action Awards

We would like to recognise the following students who have been working hard to make a difference. Congratulations and thank you for your contribution volunteering to the community!

### Certificate:

Matthew Blanchard  
Dylan Talbot  
Joshua Blackman  
Daniel Gregory  
Joseba Kelly  
Mebin Martin  
Bryce Kenyon  
Jarred Copley  
Thomas Harte

### Bronze Award:

Ben Tolcher  
Liam Mc Donald  
Hayden Vignale  
Flynn Mintren

### Silver Award:

Michael Bell  
Zachary Judge  
Jordan Richards

### Gold Award:

Matthew Vollmer  
Julian Rasmussen  
Mason Penny  
Max Penny  
Mitchell Jarrett  
Lincoln Hardy

Johanna Smith | **Acting Deputy Principal – Identity and Mission**



## VET and Industry Placement News

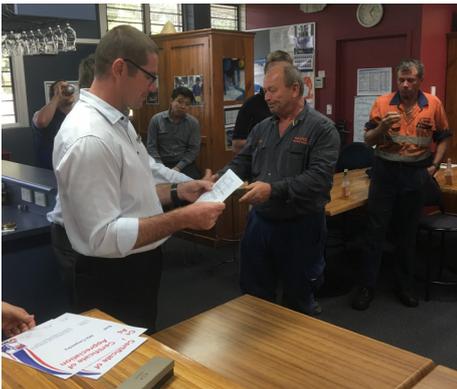
Last week was the final Industry Placement week for 2017. It was a very successful week with five Year 11 students being offered school based or full-time apprenticeships and at least ten Year 12 students securing full time employment or apprenticeships. These results, once again, illustrate the value of our VET and Industry Placement program at the College. It also highlights the importance of students' attendance, performance and work ethic whilst on placement.

We would like to send our sincere thanks to all the employers that have supported our students throughout 2017. Without them the program would not be possible. Last Friday night we held the annual Employer Appreciation afternoon. We find this a valuable event, not just to say thank you to the employers, but to also to meet and talk with them face to face. We appreciate them taking the time to come along. We are hoping next year to have even more employers join us.

This week the Year 11 VET students have been given green Industry Placement forms, regarding their intentions for 2018. These are to be completed and returned this week. As we compete for placements with all Secondary Schools and Tech Colleges in Townsville, we need to begin this process as early as possible, so the prompt return of the forms is appreciated.

Finally, Year 11 and 12 VET students will be issued with a VET tracking card this week. Students are required to have this card signed-off by each of their teachers to confirm all VET assessment has been completed for the year. Students who have not completed assessment or fail to return this card by the assigned date will be expected to attend school during the exam block to complete outstanding work.

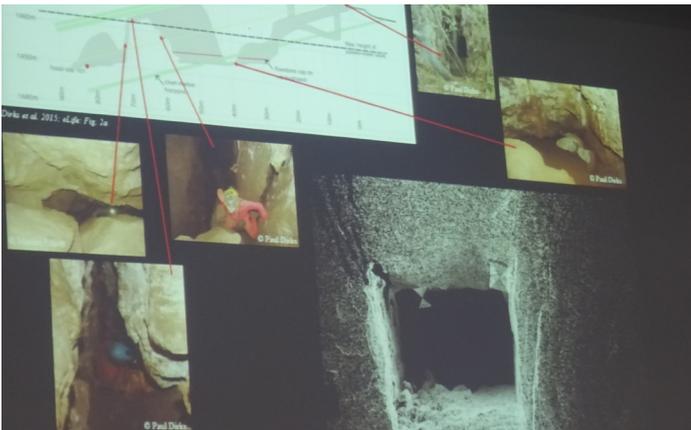
Shane Dove | **Program Leader - VET**



## Science News

Last week, the Year 12 Biology students were fortunate enough to have Professor Paul Dirks from JCU come and speak to them about Human Evolution. Professor Dirks was closely involved in the discovery of *Australopithecus sediba*; a new member to the human ancestral family tree. He was able to give the students a first-hand look at how Africa's dynamic landscape has shaped human evolution, in particular, he was able to use computer animation to take the students into the caves where the latest hominid fossils have been found. This experience was beneficial, not only for the Biology assessment this term, but for those students looking to study in this area at JCU in the future.

Ms Loechel and Ms Stayte | **Teachers**



Dr Joan Hanley completed her last Science class experiment today before retiring!

Her very first class in 1975 was a Chemistry class, and now today, Joan did her last experiment with 12 Chemistry! Today's experiment was "Making Rayon" in the Modern Materials Chemistry unit.

Annette Gregory | **Science Laboratory Assistant**



## Melbourne Cup Raffle

- First prize:** 4 strand necklace valued at \$350 from Regional Manufacturing Jewellers  
**Second prize:** Sunbeam Convection oven valued at \$120  
**Third prize:** \$50 gift voucher from Regional Manufacturing Jewellers

- Tickets:** \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets  
**Drawn:** 7 November at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon in the College Hall

All monies raised goes towards the Hospitality SeaWorld H.O.T.E.L School Excursion for 2018  
Tickets available from the College Office and from Hospitality students.



Jude Squire | **Teacher in Charge - Hospitality**

## Hospitality News

*Your're invited  
to  
Save the Date  
for  
2017  
Melbourne Cup  
Theme: Flemington at Cranbrook  
Tuesday 7 November  
Buffet Luncheon  
from 11am  
@  
Ignatius Park College Hall*

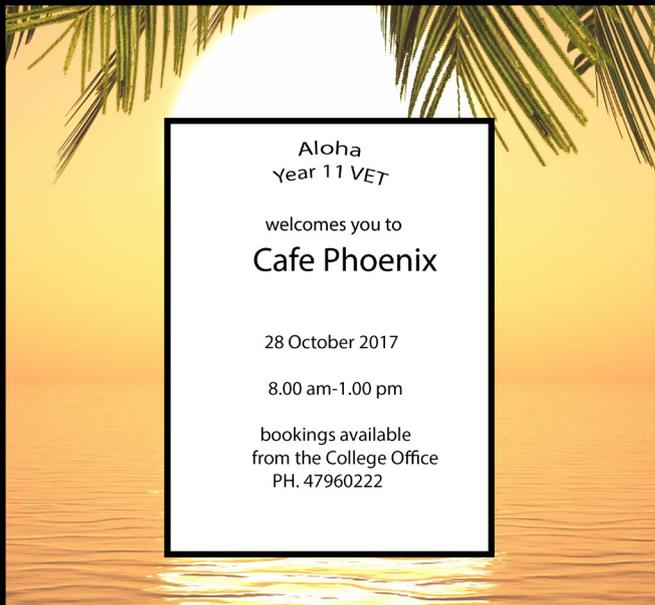
*tickets available from the College Office now  
booking tables of 10 or individual tickets  
\$50 per head  
Canapes and a glass of Champagne on arrival  
Buffet luncheon, Dessert, Bar service  
Races on the big screens  
Games, raffles, cents sale & sweeps*

*Best dressed  
Best hat/facinator*



*A fundraiser for the 2018  
Hospitality Sea World  
H.O.T.E.L. School excursion*

*For more information email:  
judy.squire@ipc.qld.edu.au*



Aloha  
Year 11 VET  
welcomes you to  
**Cafe Phoenix**

28 October 2017  
8.00 am-1.00 pm  
bookings available  
from the College Office  
PH. 47960222

## Ignatius Park College Upcoming Events and Dates

### WEEK 4

#### Friday 27 October

Battle of the Bands

Coloured Clothes Day - Gold Coin Donation

#### Friday 27 October

Year 8 Pastoral Evening

#### Sunday 29 October

Year 12 Dance Practice

### WEEK 6

#### Monday 6 - Thursday 9 November

Year 12 Exams

#### Sunday 12 November

Year 12 Dance Practice

Valedictory

## Term Dates 2018

### Term 1

22 January – Year 7s commence

23 January – All year levels commence Term 1

28 March – Last day of Term 1 (3.03pm finish)

### Term 2

17 April – Term 2 commences

28 June – Last day of Term 2 (3.03pm finish)

### Term 3

17 July – Term 3 commences

20 September – Last day of Term 3 (3.03pm finish)

### Term 4

8 October – Term 4 commences (no pupil free day to commence term??)

16 November – Last day for Year 12s

30 November – Last day of Term 4 (3.03pm finish)

## Toast Room

The Toast Room relies heavily on donations and we are asking for your generosity in this regard. We require donations of bread and spreads including Strawberry Jam, Vegemite, Cream Cheese Spread and Nutella. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated from those who are unable to make it to the shops!

Your son can leave these donations at the Toast Room or the Tuckshop.

Many thanks to those who have already left donations, it is greatly appreciated.

Kay O'Connor | **Tuckshop**



## Football News

### IPC White

This week was our first game of our competition as the opposition were away on camp the first week and last week was rained out. Therefore, we travelled to Cathedral School for our first game. A very slow start saw Cathedral score the first goal, with this waking the boys up. Following the early disaster, the boys took control of the game with Codi Arena scoring the equaliser. Goals from Jakson Hughes and then Codi Arena again meant we went in to half time leading 3 nil. Josh Eckford came out of goal for the final 5 minutes of the game, this was all he needed to score the final goal.

Well done to all the boys, this being Lewis Roberts and Palmer Lee Cheu's first ever game of Football. Next week's game is at Ignatius Park College, parents are welcome to watch the game.

Score: IPC 4 – Cathedral 1

Goals: Codi Arena 2, Jakson Hughes and Josh Eckford

Paul Bruce | **Teacher**

## IPC Junior Rugby League Development Tour

A total of 50 boys travelled on the Junior Rugby League Development Tour.

Game 1 was in Mackay against Mercy College. The 13 years boys tried very hard but were a little rusty in their goal line defence, eventually going down 6-16. The 14 years boys started slowly going down 2 tries early. They did, however, bounce back strongly after some strong words from Coach, Matthew Groves, scoring 3 unanswered tries to win in fast finishing style 16-12.

The boys then travelled the infamous Marlborough stretch to Yeppoon where they came up against St Brendan's in wet and slippery conditions. The 13 years team played an expansive brand of football for Coach, Mr Gaston, which produced a few errors but Jaxo Yow was impressive in his control of the game as was rampaging Joel Basso in the middle. The final score was a loss, 6-16.

The 14 years boys played a strong forward dominated game, ending in a draw (2 tries each) with Kyle Heenan and Tom Mac running like men possessed! Jordan Davies and the halves combinations were great with their hands and produced some good kicks for tries.

All boys were well behaved and mannered which made the trip even better.

Greg Christ | **Teacher**





Thank you for all that you do  
for our children every day.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

Families in Catholic schools in QLD wish their teachers  
**HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2017**

## Uniform Shop Volunteers January 2018

I realise it is a long way in the future but planning is well under way for our Back to School Uniform Shop week in January 2018. With the help of volunteers for our Back to School opening, we are able to keep our prices at a reasonable level and make the process more efficient. If you would like the opportunity to meet some new faces, please put your name down to help in the Shop in January from Monday 15 through to Tuesday, 23 January. The hours we need volunteers are as follows:

Monday	15.01.2018	9am – 2pm (2 shifts: 9 - 11.30am or 11.30am – 2pm)
Tuesday	16.01.2018	9am – 12noon
Wednesday	17.01.2018	1 - 6pm (2 shifts: 1-3.30pm or 3.30-6pm)
Thursday	18.01.2018	9am – 12noon
Friday	19.01.2018	CLOSED
Saturday	20.01.2018	9am – 12noon
Monday	22.01.2018	8 – 11am
Tuesday	23.01.2018	8 – 10.45am

Most people find it an enjoyable experience and it is a 3 or 4-hour time commitment at most. If you can help, please give me a call on 4796 0222 or email [sue.brock@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:sue.brock@ipc.qld.edu.au)

Sue Brock | **Uniform Shop**



100 Tickets available for 27 October screening of THOR RAGNAROK  
Tickets can be purchased at the College Office  
- Finance Reception \$15  
All proceeds will go towards supporting the IPC Touch Program



## Employment Connections

As the College has strong ties in the community we, at times, hear about employment and/or apprenticeship opportunities available to Old Boys (past IPC students). Therefore, we are initiating a program called **Employment Connections**.

This program works two ways:

1. An Old Boy who is looking for a job/apprenticeship can register his details with the College (name, year graduated, area of interest, phone and email address).
2. Businesses that are searching for an employee/apprentice can register with the College (giving specific information relevant to the position).

**Old Boys and businesses can register interest by emailing: [julie.owen@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:julie.owen@ipc.qld.edu.au)**

The College will then endeavor to connect the two.

Although we obviously cannot make any promises to either party, we will do our best to assist.

If you know of any Old Boy or Employer who may be interested in registering with us – please pass on these details.

Marg Hodgson | **Deputy Principal – Operations and Community Engagement**



everyone's family



## WOULD YOU LIKE \$500 TO ASSIST WITH SPORTING AND/OR EDUCATIONAL COSTS IN 2018??

**PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE THE STRESS OF SCHOOL COSTS IN 2018 FOR CAMPS, SCHOOL TRIPS, COMPUTER NEEDS & MORE!!!**

**### OCTOBER start- receive matched \$\$ in AUGUST 2018 ###**

**### NOVEMBER start- receive matched \$\$ in SEPTEMBER 2018 ###**

**Would you like \$500 to help pay for your uniforms, Resource Fees, internet costs, sporting costs, music lessons, camps, excursions, school-related overseas trips, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to \$500. Wouldn't it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the**

### **Saver Plus Program!!**

**To be eligible you need to answer **YES** to all criteria below:**

- I hold a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- I have children at school now or starting next year, or I am attending vocational education myself at TAFE or Uni.
- I have some form of household income from work, (myself or a partner) has part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment. Cash in hand is ok, so can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- I have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

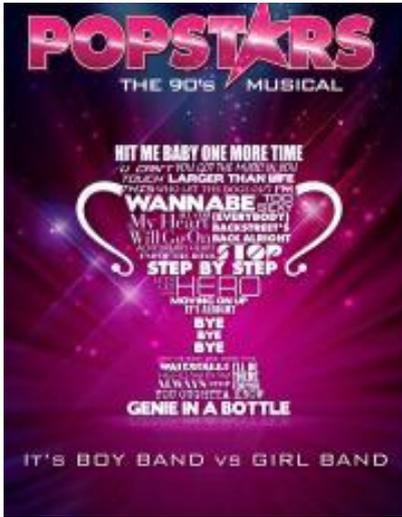
**For further information, please contact me ASAP:**

**Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator**

**Call – 0418 201 533 OR**

**SMS your name to - 0418 201 533**

**Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by the Australian Government**



# ANNOUNCING COMBINED PRODUCTION 2018!

St Margaret Mary's College (organising school) with  
Ignatius Park College and St Patrick's College, Townsville  
By arrangement with David Spicer Productions

## POPSTARS the MUSICAL:

Calling all wannabe Spice Girls, Beyonces, Britney Spears and lovers of Pitch Perfect to be part of a fun filled 90s juke box musical. Boy Band versus Girl Band, boy meets girl, a huge talent show- lots of speaking/singing roles....your time to be larger than life in our next big Maggie's led Combined production. Want to know more? Read on....

### AUDITIONS:

MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER –

VOCAL and DANCE auditions for ALL wanting to be in the show (Ensemble and leads).

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER –SOLO VOCAL AND DIALOGUE for leads\*

THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – call backs for leads if required.

**\*NOTE: If you wish to be considered for a lead role you must also attend dance auditions Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

**TIME:** 3.30pm-5.30p.m. the Theatre SMMC.

Please note! This will be a SMALLER cast than normal due to the constraints of the Riverway venue and preference will be given to years 10-12. Students in years 7-9 may audition.

### REHEARSALS:

All those successfully cast must commit to attend all rehearsals at SMMC on Tuesday afternoons starting in term 1 2018 at 3.30-5.00pm and Sundays from 10am-1pm. Rehearsals will extend to 10am-3pm Sundays as we get closer to the production.

### PERFORMANCE DATES:

Four Exciting Performances at RIVERWAY ARTS CENTRE: Thursday 31st May 7.30p.m.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Matinee performance at 10.30a.m. and evening performance at 7.30p.m. and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Final Twilight performance at the special time of 6.00p.m.

**Very important!** You will need to be available every night during production week 28<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for technical rehearsals and performances.

Technical rehearsals will run from 5pm-10pm Monday-Wednesday nights.

For further information contact: Mrs Nicholson (Production Manager)

Music Office SMMC 4726 4974

Email: [nnicholson@smmc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nnicholson@smmc.catholic.edu.au)