From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

We had a very successful Opening Mass and School Leaders Induction ceremony last Monday with our student leaders for 2017. Congratulations to the following who were presented with their badges at a very uplifting experience:

College Captain: Oliver Gibson
Vice Captain: Damien Sferratore
Prefects: Patrick Carter, Daniel Conn, Ramal Jayawardhana, Jean Sajeeve, Jacob Seri, Brodie Windle
House Captains: Maverick Parker (Baillie), Joshua Keir (Carew), Adam Whyte (Nolan), Henry Lyons (Reid), Isaac Locke (Rice), Aaron McRae (Treacy)

The reason why I describe the Opening Year Mass and School Leaders Induction as an uplifting experience was because in this event we ask our young men to do things of which we may think our boys are not capable. The first being to sit quietly and reflect and participate in what is really quite an arcane ritual. Put simply, attending Mass is not a ‘now’ or particularly ‘hip’ activity. On top of this, if you believe popular press, boys are not known for their leadership qualities. However, anybody who knows the group of young men who make up our team of school leaders, or witnessed them during their investiture, will agree that these are definitely people of real leadership capacity.

For a teenager, leadership of a school community can be challenging. Not only does your behaviour have to represent the best that the school community offers, but on top of this you have to stand out as someone who will think independently, act in the best interest of the whole community and not be swayed by populism or peer pressure.

In our College Captain, Oliver Gibson, and Vice Captain, Damien Sferratore, we have young men who have already demonstrated these capacities, not only being great role models and communicating well with their peers, but also being able to reflect thoughtfully about growing up, learning from setbacks and working through the many challenges and joys their short lives have already brought them. It is so heartening to see that this ‘getting of wisdom’ can come to some whilst still so young. Indeed, I thought Oliver’s first address as College Captain was quite inspirational.
From the Principal continued

It was great to see so many parents at our Year 7 Parent/Teacher meeting last night. The concept of a partnership between home and school is essential if your son is to reach his potential. Please feel comfortable in being as involved in the school as your time allows. I personally enjoyed meeting with parents and speaking with them about the College, what it offers and what we are trying to achieve. Ignatius Park strives to be a quality school in a caring environment, where the pursuit of excellence underpins our endeavours. The faith development of each boy is central to these pursuits. I outlined our emphasis upon values, education and character building. Achievement in academic studies and having the boys achieve to the very best of their abilities are critical. Good schools look after and nurture their needs and give them individual help. I look forward to their full participation in school life and to making the most of their opportunities.

Being a member of the Ignatius Park College community brings with it the opportunity to be part of a great tradition that extends back to 1969 when the school was relocated from Our Lady’s Mount in the city to the present site of the College and the rest, they say, is history.

Foundational to our College is our Charter as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition. The Charter underpins everything we do towards the education of each student at the school. Being a very inclusive community, the College welcomes students from all walks of life and life experiences. Education here is seen as a beacon of hope for all, through which new doors and pathways open for students. Every student learns what it means to be in solidarity with each other – supportive, understanding and compassionate - but more importantly, they learn the rich value of justice towards all stepping outside themselves to offer a hand up to those less fortunate. These key aspects – Inclusive Community, Liberating Education and Justice and Solidarity – are what we call our Touchstones, our underlying ethos. However, they take on a whole new depth of meaning when they are seen in the context of the Gospel – and it is this fourth Touchstone – Gospel Spirituality – that gives our College its reason for existence.

I would like to finish today with a quote from Seamus Heaney, Irish poet and playwright, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, 1995.

Hope is a state of the soul rather than response to evidence.
It is not the expectation that things will turn out successfully
but the conviction that something is worth working for, however it turns out.

Michael Conn | Principal
Opening Year Mass and Induction of Seniors and School Leaders

Monday saw the College community gather to celebrate the new school year with the central ritual of our faith as we celebrated Eucharist together with College Chaplain, Fr Rod Ward, as our Celebrant. Before we gathered to pray as a College community, we welcomed and commissioned new staff to the College. A real highlight was the entrance to the Senior class, resplendent in their “white shirts” as Seniors of 2017.

We welcomed and heard about our student leaders. The address from College Captain, Oliver Gibson, was memorable and promises to be a great year for Ignatius Park College.

Wadda Mooli

Live Jesus in Our Heart, Forever.

Frank Clarke | Deputy Principal - Identity & Mission
Pastoral Care

Craig Brown
Dean of Middle School

Fr Rod Ward
College Chaplain

Andrew Kirkpatrick
Indigenous & Multicultural Support

Marilyn Parsons
Student Counsellor

Dannielle Charge
Student Counsellor

Phil Dembowski
Careers Advisor

Redefining the Education of Young Men
Studies

NEW SENIOR ASSESSMENT SYSTEM – ATAR
As many of you will be aware, 2019 will usher in a new system of assessment and certification for Year 11 students (our current Year 9s). The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will be introduced into Queensland for the first time in 2019 and Ignatius Park College staff are busily getting prepared for the significant changes required. Professional development will be offered by the QCAA in the second half of the year and many of our teachers will be attending these workshops.

I have attached a document to the newsletter which summarises many of the changes to be made to the Senior Certification system in Queensland and I will continue to provide updates during the year on our progress.

Reminder of our policy on student absence from exams
Students who are absent from exams are expected to complete the exams at a LATER date. For security reasons, these exams cannot be done earlier than scheduled in exam timetables. This scheduling will be undertaken by the Faculty Leader in each Department. It is not always practical to complete exams at a later time. Students in this situation will be given results on report cards that reflect other evidence collected during the reporting period.

Brendan Stewart | Deputy Principal

VET & Industry Placement

Last night we welcomed the new VET students and their parents at the VET Information Evening. Those in attendance were provided with important information regarding VET and the College as well as the upcoming Industry Placement block in Week 5. We would like to thank those that took the time to attend.

All VET students will be issued with their Industry Placement Logbooks, containing the contact details for their employer, by the end of this week. Students are expected to call their employer no later than Wednesday 15 February, as their first week is starting Monday 20 February.

VET students will also be issued with a Parent-Student Agreement outlining the responsibilities of students whilst on placement. We ask that you read through this carefully with your son. The Agreements need to signed and returned to the VET Office ASAP.

Shane Dove | Program Leader - VET

Science News

The year is off to a roaring start with nearly three weeks having flown by. As we progress through the term there will be tutoring opportunities for your son/s to gain further assistance with their Science work or assessment tasks during a number of designated lunch times or afternoons from Week 5 to Week 7. More information will be on the student notices. The following encapsulates the units (and assessment) occurring in the Middle Sciences:

Year 7 – Chemical Sciences unit “Separating Mixtures” (Supervised Scientific Report – done in class during Week 8)
Year 8 – Earth and Space Sciences unit “Science Rocks” (Research report issued Week 3 and due in Week 8)
Year 9 – Physical Sciences unit “Energy Transfer” (Project issued Week 3 and due in Week 8)
Year 10 – Physical Sciences unit “Motion and Structures” (Supervised examination in Week 9)

In the Senior Sciences, we have many keen Year 11 men embarking on their chosen subject areas, while it is back to business for the Year 12 Sciences crew (a very large crew) with Physics EEIs underway already. Our Lab Assistants, Mrs Annette Gregory and Mrs Roz Young, are at the ready to cater to the practical, kinaesthetic learning in which your young men tend to thrive. It is hoped that those new to the College have settled in well.

Alyssa Deer | Faculty Leader - Science
Hospitality News

The Senior Hospitality classes have been undertaking a chocolate and truffle making course as an additional part of their curriculum. The Art of Chocolate Owner, Chocolatier Maria Graf, has come to Ignatius Park College to teach both VET and Hospitality Studies students how to make hand crafted chocolates, hand rolled truffles and filled truffles.

To house these delicious treats, Maria taught the boys how to construct a box out of chocolate. The amazing constructions that ensued included heart shaped, cylindrical and freeform boxes all made and decorated out of chocolate. One imaginative student even constructed a boat.

The Hospitality Department would like to thank Maria for the amazing opportunity she has given to our students. It will bring a whole new professional level to future functions held by the senior students and give them an insight into yet another career path provided by the Hospitality Industry.

Jude Squire | Teacher in Charge - Hospitality

Year 9 Japanese

Year 9 Japanese students play Katakana Battleship practicing their knowledge of the Japanese alphabet and numbers. Student Elijah Weeks battles his partner for the win (hashizumimashita!). Translation, you sunk my battleship!

Stacey Meyer | Teacher
Swimming Carnival Expectations

Our first College sporting event for the year is tomorrow (Friday) - the Inter-House Swimming Carnival, at the College pool. It is a wonderful occasion for the boys to take part in their first activity for the year as a House group in the true spirit of what the College is known for across our community.

**College policy is that all College events are compulsory school days and attendance and participation by all students is required.**

Therefore, if a student is absent, a medical certificate will need to accompany any letter advising of his absence when the student returns to school. Failure by the student to follow this procedure will lead to a Saturday detention. Students who cannot swim will need to bring a note from parents and report to their Pastoral Leader at the start of the day.

All students require:
- Sport’s bag or some small bag (with name on it) to carry and store the following items:
  - Towel
  - Swimmers
  - Hat with a good brim
  - Shirt (house colours if possible and preferably with collar and sleeves for the sun. No need to buy anything, something old that he has at home)
  - Sunscreen
  - Lunch (tuckshop is open as an alternative)
  - Water bottle (with name on it)

Definitely no electronic devices, paint or costumes, other than those organised by the House Captains.

As a College community, the day is one of the highlights of the year and we look forward to the keen competition between the Houses on Friday.

John Doolan | Deputy Principal - Pastoral

Senior Jersey

**Parents of Year 12 students.** This week your son was given some paperwork to fill out regarding their Senior Jersey. All payment and forms for this additional wardrobe option is due this Friday 10 February 2017, please. If you have any questions regarding the jersey, please contact me.

Pudy Timbs | Pastoral Leader – Baillie House

Year 7 Camps

Reminder for Year 7 Camp Dates:

**Camp 1** – Carew, Putney and Treacy 15 to 17 February

**Camp 2** – Baillie, Nolan, Reid and Rice 20 to 22 February

Camp letters have been handed out and need to be returned to the College ASAP. If this note did not reach you, please contact the College for a copy.
Year 7 Activity Day

Last Friday all Year 7 students participated in an Activity Afternoon. A variety of events were conducted from problem solving to various physical challenges. The afternoon concluded with the now traditional and eagerly anticipated seven-way tug of war.

The boys participated enthusiastically and their behaviour was exceptional. They have set an excellent standard for themselves.

Craig Brown | Dean of Middle School
Counsellors News

24/7 connectivity has made cyberbullying a serious issue from which victims often do not have a reprieve. At the same time, children or teens who are experiencing such harassment and abuse online are often unlikely to approach their parents for fear of loss of access to technology and their social networks.

Some of the warning signs to look out for in your sons include:

- Changes in personality (withdrawal, no longer outgoing, irritable)
- Checking devices more frequently (damage control)
- Trouble sleeping
- Not performing as well as they used to at school
- Change in friendships
- Avoiding places (school, sport etc.)

You can do something about it! If you are worried about your son – ask him or let him know that you, or any trusted adult, is available and not to suffer in silence as things can be done.

Report it – Social Media services now have a “report it” function – use it!

If you have reported it and the social media service hasn’t actioned it within 48 hours you can complete an on-line report to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner (https://www.esafety.gov.au/) who can engage in a formal process.

The Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015 gives the power to provide assistance in relation to serious cyberbullying material. That is, material that is directed at a particular child with the intention to seriously embarrass, harass, threaten or humiliate. This includes reviewing the case and having the information removed.

For further information please go to the e-safety site. It has lots of information including a section called “iParent”—where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children’s technology use. It also provides guidance for using safety settings on your family’s web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online.

Dannielle Charge and Marilyn Parsons | Student Counsellors

School Photos

Just a reminder that class and individual photo orders will close on Sunday 26 February. 
**A $10 late fee will apply to all orders received after 26 February.**

If you have any queries please contact MSP Photography direct on 4725 2999.

Immunisation News

As part of the Ignatius Park College program, we offer students access to vaccinations onsite and during school time. This is in line with the Queensland Government’s Immunisation Schedule. Forms will be in your son’s bag today and need to be returned by 17 February (Week 4). Additional information will be emailed to Year 7 Parents.

If parents/guardians don’t want their son vaccinated at school, please state this in a signed note to be given to the Homeroom teacher.

Vaccinations for Year 7 will occur on the following days:

Round 1  |  Year 7 – March 7
Round 2  |  Year 7 – May 12
Round 3  |  Year 7 – October 17

Chris Rigano | Pastoral Leader – Reid House
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Get on board - IPC Learn to Row

Starts on Saturday 18 February

8 x 2 hour sessions over 4 weekends

✓ Do you like being on the water?
✓ Do you enjoy boats and boating
✓ Do you enjoy being a part of a fun and positive environment?
✓ Do you like being a valuable member of a team?
✓ Do you enjoy spending time with your mates?
✓ Do you enjoy learning new skills?
✓ Do you enjoy a challenge?
✓ Do you want to be fit, strong, active and healthy?

If you answer yes to the some above,

Give IPC’s Learn to Row a crack → Just do it! 😊

MEET A COUPLE OF YOUR COACHES

Both Patrick Boniface and Tom Smith graduated from IPC in 2015. Together, Patrick and Tom ranked in the Top 5 nationally for rowing. These young men were school leaders and part of the very fabric that makes Ignatius Park such a great school.

Both of these young men played a multitude of sports at a representative level and were just as renown for terrorising loose forwards & soft centres on the Rugby field for Brothers & IPC.

Tom is currently studying Medicine, Patrick is undertaking Engineering at JCU.

Patrick & Tom represented Iggy Park and Townsville on the National rowing stage for 3 successive years.

These guys are keen to continue the tradition and give back to the school that gave them so much.

Learn to Row registration and additional information about the rowing program is available from our Rowing Coordinator Ms Tracy Klaassen - Tracy.Klaassen@ipc.qld.edu.au.

Please feel free to contact me directly 0437 448 255 or email talus12@bigpond.net.au with any enquiries.

See you on the water.

Tony Smith | Head of Rowing Program
**Music Notes**

It was great to see a talented group of young men leading the songs for the opening Mass this week. A fantastic effort from all involved!

Performing music is an important part of our school curriculum. It can boost self-esteem and confidence as well as create a great new social outlet. We always have room for new students! Learn an instrument...you will be so glad you did!

**Instrumental Music forms are available from Student Reception.**

Choir practice will be held every Wednesday at 12.30pm in the Music Room and we need many more strong and great sounding voices. Whether your son is a frustrated Folksinger, a bathroom Baritone, a shower Soprano or even a reluctant Rocker, please encourage him to join us.

**Choir forms can be obtained from Student Reception.**

If you would like to discuss your sons involvement in the Choir I can be contacted on - 0459 239 290 or david.roberts@ipc.qld.edu.au

David Roberts | **Instrumental Music Coordinator**

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**Community**

8 February 2017

To the Catholic Community of Townsville

I am writing to you as a valued member of our community to let you know that today we were advised that Pope Francis has appointed Fr Tim Harris as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Townsville.

Father Tim is currently Parish Priest of Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast.

Further information about the appointment can be found on the Diocesan website:  
www.tsv.catholic.org.au

In the coming days, information about the upcoming ordination, installation and celebrations, which is anticipated to be in early May, will also be available on the website.

I ask you to join with me in welcoming Bishop-Elect Tim Harris to the Diocese of Townsville as we continue our journey together.

Yours in Christ

**REV MICHAEL LOWCOCK**  
Diocesan Administrator
Community

Redefining the Education of Young Men

Careers

Universities Information

Oxbridge Immerse is a unique two-week residential educational experience that allows participants to gain an unrivalled insight into a chosen discipline, ranging from The Arts to the Sciences. Subjects offered include Computer Science, Medicine, Law, Economics, History and Engineering and many more.

Enrolment in the program is ongoing, and students aged 15 and above are welcome to apply at www.cambridgeimmerse.com and www.oxbridgeimmerse.com

UQ’s Sport Science Ranks Top 5 Globally

Thinking of studying Sport Science after Year 12? UQ’s School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences has been ranked 4th and 5th in the world for Sport Science in two highly respected global rankings.


Build a Career with REECE

Reece and Murray Mallee Training Company Ltd have developed an Australian School based Apprenticeship Program (ASbA) offering exciting employment, training and career opportunities for students in Years 10 or 11 continuing to Year 12. This national program, which is also promoted and supported by State and Commonwealth Governments, provides the opportunity for students to combine their studies with part time work at local Reece stores.


Indigenous Scholarships Portal

The Aspiration Initiative website contains a wide range of scholarships that are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The scholarships range in value from a $500 one-off payment to $100,000 paid over the duration of a student’s course.

The website features a search function which can filter scholarships by level of study, area of study, duration and institution.

https://www.indigenousscholarships.com.au

Motivational quote:

Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.

Carol Burnett

Phil Dembowski | Careers Advisor

Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Evening is being held 15 February 2017 at 7:00pm in the Edmund Rice Hall. It will give parents an opportunity to gain valuable information, as well as being able to talk to your son’s Pastoral Leader and Subject Teachers in a relaxed environment.

Tuckshop News

The College Tuckshop is a very busy place, making sure we meet the eating requirements of our students. If you would like to volunteer and meet other like-minded people, please feel free to join us. Some of our volunteers have been coming for many years and enjoy the social aspect of volunteering. Our community is certainly richer for their contribution.

The Toast Room will be opening for business on Shrove Tuesday, 28 February, with pancakes and pikelets. If you would like to make/buy some pancakes or pikelets and deliver to the Toast Room, the boys would be very appreciative.

A significant number of College staff and volunteers assist with this co-curricular program. All students are welcome at the Toast Room. Any donations of spreads (no peanut butter) and margarine, or a gold coin donation, would be welcomed to assist with these costs. These may be sent in with your son.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the College Office on 4796 0222.

Kay O’Connor | Tuckshop Convenor
Abseiling, obstacle courses and a 10,000ft skydive were just some of the challenges conquered by Year 9 Rice student Logen Jeffrey during the Christmas holidays.

Logen is now a proud graduate of Veterans 4 Youth (V4Y), a military-style boot camp all about overcoming fears and building character, resilience and responsibility. Over the 10 days, he and his platoon undertook various teambuilding and personal challenges including raft building, rock wall climbing, high ropes and a two day bush experience including “Bear Grylls” style survival training. Logen graduated from the course with a CPR certificate, new friends and the experience of his first skydive at just 13 years old!

Well done Logen for completing the program with Iggy Park zeal, courage and enthusiasm. For further information on V4Y, please visit http://www.v4y.com.au

Support Headspace

The Year 12 Reid cohort have decided to support our local Headspace charity during 2017. Headspace is a charity close to our hearts and we are hoping to make a substantial contribution to this organisation after the Swimming Carnival. All Reid men have been asked to donate $5 (or whatever is affordable) to their Homeroom teacher in the coming week.

Old boy of the College, Michael Morgan, is an ambassador for Headspace and is a great supporter of the work done by this organisation.

Your support will be much appreciated.

Sally Conn | Teacher

Banish the Black Dog Charity

Riding to Ayr in honour of Joey Fanning.
If you would like to donate please follow this LINK
Become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student – The Greatest Experience of your Life!!

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2018, you will spend a year living with host families in another country, learning a new language; a new way of living – and a great deal about yourself. You will be a young ambassador, helping to bring the world closer together – and making some good friends in the process. While you’re busy learning, the people you meet will be learning – about your country, your culture, and your ideas.

What does the Program cost?
The Rotary District 9550 package is a Global Fee of $5,950 paid in instalments plus a refundable completion bond of $400. The first payment is a $250 Application fee, refundable if the applicant is unsuccessful. A family may spend an additional $6,000 or more during the exchange, with the major expenses being the host country tour and clothing.

Parents – compared to maintaining your son or daughter at home for the year is that much different?

The Program provides the following:
- Return Airfare from Australia to your host country.
- Visas that can be applied for in Australia.
- Comprehensive Travel and Health insurance.
- 12 months accommodation and monthly allowance.
- Administration and support service for your year
- Selection weekend, Orientation weekend & briefings,
- Orientation student accommodation, meals & BBQ
- Uniform, badges, business cards.
- Presentation photos & video of your region.
- Debriefing in January on your return

These are not included in the cost of the program.
1. Passport, Visa’s and Residency Permits applied for overseas.
2. Travel to the Embassy for biometric test and interview if required.
3. Spending money (apart from the monthly allowance).
4. Language course online or in host country.
5. Student bus tour organised by host country.
6. Special clothing.
7. Departure Tax on return.
9. Travel cost to Selection, Orientation & Debrief.

What are the requirements?
- Age between 15 and 18 years 6 months in January of 2018.
- Satisfactory Academic record.
- Maturity and strength of character.
- Degree of adaptability.
- Participation in community activities.
- Good Family relationships and hosting availability.
- Ability to communicate well with people.
- Friendly Personality.
- Knowledge of foreign Language or desire to learn

Students who are not in the top 30% of their class should not apply, unless their school Principal considers he / she possesses outstanding qualifications in other spheres. Following final selection by District 9550, students will have completed year 10, 11 or 12 and must be between 15 and 18 years and 6 months on the day of departure for overseas in January 2018.

Where can I go? Students will be asked to list the following countries in order of preference – Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic / Slovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Peru, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, USA. Not all countries are available each year.

How the selection process works.
The student will complete the Outbound Students Data Information and be introduced to a Sponsor Rotary Club. After your local Rotary Club interviews you and endorses your application, you will be registered and be given access to an application form. Your application forms (up to 4 originals) must be forwarded to the D9550 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee together with a $250 application fee.

Applications close: - 28th April 2017
Selection interviews in Townsville, - 20th May 2017.
Orientation Weekend, - 30th Sept- 1st Oct 2017

If you’re ready for a challenge, please contact your local Rotary Club or
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Nominations are now open for young people aged 15-25 for the 2017 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament (QYP). Nomination forms are available online [http://www.ymcaqyp.org/nominations.html](http://www.ymcaqyp.org/nominations.html).

For well over a decade QYP has been providing a non-partisan forum where participants can engage with community issues as Youth Representatives of Parliament. QYP annually brings together 93 young people representing each electorate in the state along with four Indigenous Representatives.

Participants in Years 11 and 12 are able to receive one point towards their Queensland Certificate of Education after completing the program as YMCA is accredited by the Queensland Studies Authority.


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