From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

Ignatius Park College acknowledges that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People as the traditional custodians of the Townsville region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Bindal and Wulgurukaba People today.

It is pleasing to see students returning to school and a focus back on learning after the devastation of the floods over the past two weeks. 2019 has heralded the commencement of Queensland’s new ATAR-QCE system in Year 11. For our Year 12 students, this will be the final year of the OP-QCE system which has operated in Queensland for the past 25 years. The College is committed this year to excellence in both systems and maintaining a standard of high performance through mentoring and constant improvement in our culture of thinking and learning. The QCAA has launched a new website (click HERE) for students, explaining the new QCE and also updated resources for families of Year 12 students (click HERE) who will be the last to graduate under the existing system.

With the return of students back to the College and the sharing of stories is the realisation of how many families have been severely affected by the widespread flooding. This has resulted in many families not only having to clean out homes and dump many water damaged possessions on the roadside, but also finding alternative accommodation as they wait for the long process of rebuilding homes. Bishop Tim Harris, Townsville Bishop stated in a recent Catholic News:

“There are so many families who have lost everything. As I drive to my house which also received nearly 60cm of water through the entire property, it is heartbreaking to see the contents of their houses sitting on the street.”

Bishop Harris said people in North Queensland “know these extremes, and they are resilient, no question. Whether they’re in the city or in the west, they’re realistic, they’re salt of the earth people. It’s not the end of the world, of course,” he said.

“Our faith kicks in and we know that God works best in the mess, and the messiness of our lives. God’s in the midst of all this, working through all the people volunteering to help.” Bishop Tim also praised the efforts of the Townsville City Council, defence forces, police, emergency services and volunteers who have kept people informed and supported.

Bishop Tim challenges us as a College community that we need to be hope-filled, welcoming and just. If we are truly going to be a community that lives the ethos of Blessed Edmund Rice, we need to stand in solidarity with those on the margins and in doing so we build a compassionate and better world for all. Psalms 133:1 states: Look how good and how pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! The enormous impact and devastation of the flooding calls us to reflection and be united strongly as a Townsville community. Within our
College context it also calls us to be ‘brother’ to each other by caring enough to learn each other’s story. Being a ‘brother’ means that we are connected, we have a strong sense of belonging and reach out to those on the margins with an open and compassionate heart. Both Jesus’ and Edmund’s story invites us to develop strong and positive relationships which are both empowering and respectful of the dignity of every human being. I have been extremely impressed by emails I have received during the week by the Townsville community where many ‘Iggy Boys’ supported others in this time of crisis. There is an Irish proverb that would have been used by Edmund Rice: ‘Is ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.’ It is in the shelter of one another that the people live. No better example of this proverb could be demonstrated in what we have seen in how people have opened their hearts and homes to others in this community. Edmund built strong relationships with all people. He saw the presence of God reflected in each individual and advocated for those who were voiceless, ensuring all were included.

The College has established a Recovery Working Group that will be supporting our students who have severely been affected by the flooding. If you need support do not hesitate to contact the College.

We welcome Deborah Skalecki who has been appointed our School Officer – Identity and Mission for this term. Also, we wish all Houses good luck tomorrow as they compete in our College Swimming Carnival.

Last Wednesday was the 11th Anniversary of the National Apology for the members of the Stolen Generations. On this anniversary of National Apology Day, perhaps all Australians could commit to a renewed and respectful relationship with our First Peoples.

Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign.

We ask that:
The wrongs of the past may be recognized,
Our awareness of the journey so far be awakened,
And that the Spirit move us to walk the talk and see through what has been started.

We ask this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN

Live Jesus in Our Hearts Forever

Shaun Clarke  |  Principal
Identity and Mission

John 13: 34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Swimming Carnival – Fundraiser

We are encouraging all students to bring a gold coin donation to the Swimming Carnival (15 February).

We are also selling McDonald’s cheeseburgers (1 for $3, 2 for $5) during the breaks. Thank you to McDonald’s Aitkenvale for donating the cheeseburgers so all profits can be donated to Vinnies.

Vinnies will be using the funds to support their work with people who have been affected by the Townsville Floods.

Senior Induction 2019

Our first whole school liturgy will be held on Monday 18 February at 11.55am. We are excited to induct our new school leaders and for our College community to be blessed by Fr Rod at the beginning of this school year. Please join us if you are able.

Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission
Letter of Support to the Townsville Community from the Pope

07 February 2019

Your Excellency,

I hasten to forward to Your Excellency the Message, hereto attached, which the Holy Father, through His Secretary of State, Pietro Cardinal Parolin, has sent to you following the unprecedented flooding that is hitting and has hit Townsville.

I join the sentiments expressed by the Holy Father in His Message.

With sentiments of fraternal regards, I remain

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

* Adolfo Tito Yllana
Tit. Archbishop of Montecorvino
Apostolic Nuncio

His Lordship
Most Reverend Timothy HARRIS
Bishop of Townsville
PO Box 6149
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810
(w/Enclosure)
Swimming Carnival

The College Swimming Carnival is tomorrow (Friday).

Parents, to ensure the smooth running of our first whole school event for the year, can I ask you to consider the following:

• The Carnival is a compulsory school event. Students who don’t attend will require a Medical Certificate or permission from their Pastoral Leader. Pastoral Leaders and Homeroom teachers will be following up on all absentees.
• Everyone needs to wear their College hat and bring a water bottle. Cold water to refill water bottles will be available. Sunscreen will be available from Pastoral Leaders.
• As a normal school day, students will be expected to be at school for the entire day. If students have to leave for scheduled appointments, they must be collected from the pool by a parent or carer and then signed out through the College Office. We cannot allow students to leave with anyone other than a parent or carer for safety reasons.
• The Carnival is designed so that all students can participate. If a student is unable to participate for medical reasons, a note from home explaining the problem will need to be given to the Pastoral Leader during Homeroom. Students who are unable to participate will be allocated to assist in organising events under teacher supervision.

John Doolan  I  Deputy Principal - Pastoral

Cheeseburgers for Sale - Swimming Carnival, 15 February 2019

Cheeseburgers can be purchased at the Swimming Carnival tomorrow.

1 for $3
or
2 for $5

All monies raised will go to the St Vincent DePaul Flood Appeal!

Patrick McMahon  I  Identity and Mission Coordinator

Year 8 Camp

The Year 8 Camp has been postponed until Term 3. New camp dates will be advised as soon as possible.

Craig Brown  I  Dean of Wellbeing

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB)

This year Ignatius Park College will be linking and making connections with other Edmund Rice schools both within Australia and globally. This is an amazing opportunity across the EREBB network and we are keen to establish a close working relationship with Colleges across Australia and from Ireland, England, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Argentina and the USA. In particular, we are wanting to share with our partner schools:

1. How IPC lives the Edmund Rice Touchstones and how we can share our story
2. Establish connections between our Year 7 students and our partner schools (preferably same age) as ‘email buddies’
3. Look at the possibility of student / staff exchanges or immersions in the future.
4. Sharing curriculum and resources to broaden the educational experience for our students across key learning areas.

Greg Christ  I  Identity and Mission Coordinator - Liberating Education
### Homework Program

The Homework Program has commenced this week. Sessions are held from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Library. Please see the schedule for Term 1 below. This is also available on the College website.

**Pudy Timbs | Learning Resource Coordinator**

**HOMEWORK PROGRAM ROSTER**

Ignatius Park College Library – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

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Defence News

Hello to all our Australian Defence Force families, and welcome to IPC for 2019!

I have sent a ‘Welcome’ email to all ADF families on 30 January 2019. If you are an ADF family and you have not received this email, can you please contact me as soon as possible with your email address. My contact details are – leanne.mahoney@ipc.qld.edu.au or telephone 4796 0222.

Defence Community Organisation (DCO) are holding a “Welcome to Townsville” Information Expo:

**Date:** Saturday, 23 February 2019

**Where:** Townsville Stadium, Murray Sports Complex, Annandale

**Time:** 10.00am - 1.00pm

ADF members and families are invited to attend to learn more about the services available in our region. There will also be free children’s activities. Please see attached flyer.

**Leanne Mahoney** | Defence School Mentor

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Welcome to Townsville!

Defence Community Organisation is hosting an information expo.

ADF members and families are invited to join us to learn about the services available in the region. You’ll be able to register pets, transfer your driver’s license, get information on transfer of vehicle registrations and change electoral roll details. You can also visit information stalls for community, sport and recreation groups, employment and recruiting agencies, and more.

With free children’s activities, including a jumping castle, face painting and native wildlife from Billabong Sanctuary, there’s plenty for everyone!

**WHERE** Townsville Stadium, Murray Sports Complex, Annandale

**WHEN** Saturday 23 February 2019, 10.00am–1.00pm

**MORE INFO** dco.townsville@defence.gov.au or 07 4753 6539

www.defence.gov.au/dco

Follow Defence Community Organisation to receive updates.
Year 12 QCS Students

As discussed with students this week at our first QCS class, all Year 12 QCS students are required to purchase a student workbook for QCS Test preparation.

These are now available for purchase at the Finance desk in the College Office for $25.00. Students will need to bring their workbooks to their QCS class on Monday, 18 February 2019. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Brendan Stewart.

Brendan Stewart  I  Deputy Principal

Senior Induction Ceremony

The 2019 Senior Induction Liturgy is being held on Monday, 18 February 2019 at 11.55am.

The Year 12 students and parents are welcome to stay for refreshments following the Liturgy.

Johanna Smith  I  Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

News from the Counsellors

If you need help through the healing process of the recent natural disaster, #headspace can help. Take care of yourself and if you think that your mental health has been affected, please access these Support Lines. Help is here if needed.

There are some common reactions to natural disasters and please know that if you are feeling like this, it is completely normal and you are not alone. There is no ‘right way’ to be feeling and we are all in this together.

Dannielle Charge  I  Student Counsellor
Curriculum

Vet and Industry Placement

School Based Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Lachlan Lemon, Year 12, on being signed up as a School Based Apprentice Carpenter. We would like to thank Simon Bell Constructions for offering Lachlan this fantastic opportunity and Belinda, from Apprenticeship Support Australia, for her assistance.

White Card Course

Year 11 Certificate I in Construction and VET students who will be attending Industry Placement in a trade related industries will be completing their White Card course on Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at the College. There will be no cost for the Construction students, however, there will be a $60 cost for others.

Students will not be permitted to attend Industry Placement in a Construction trade if they do not have a White Card.

This course will be conducted by an external provider and is a full day course. If you have any queries or concerns in relation to this course, please contact me as soon as possible.

Grant Rossiter | VET Program Leader

Co-curricular

IPC Rugby League

Rugby League at Ignatius Park College is an extremely popular sport with a strong and proud tradition.

Ignatius Park College will once again enter a number of teams in the Townsville Block Sport Competition which will begin in Week 5 and run for the remainder of Term 1.

IPC Rugby League Trials for specific age groups will be held on Tuesday, 19 February 2019 straight after school.

Permission Forms must be returned to the relevant box in the College Office by the end of lunch on Friday 15th February.

Date: Tuesday, 19 February 2019
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Year 7 IPC Field 1
Year 8 IPC Field 2
Year 9 IPC Field 3

Christian Quabba | Teacher
Co-curricular

Music Notes

Instrumental Music lessons have begun this week and already some of the lads are showing some great skill. Enrolment numbers for the program have increased from last year which is just fantastic, and it is a fair indication that students are seeing a need for more leisure skills in their day to day activities.

Brian Wiegmann, Year 7, at his first drum lesson. The smile on his face shows just how much he enjoyed hitting those drums!

David Roberts  I  Music Teacher

Basketball News

Basketball Trials are being held next Tuesday.

Year 7
Date:  Tuesday, 19 February 2019
Time:  3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Hall

Year 8
Date:  Monday, 18 February 2019
Time:  3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Hall

All selected Year 7/8 Basketball players will be required for games (on a home and away basis) on a Wednesday afternoon during Term 1. Games will most likely start in Week 5.

Please feel free to contact Gary Hughes, gary.hughes@ipc.qld.edu.au, should you have any questions.

Gary Hughes  I  Teacher

Swimming News

Congratulations to Aiden Hawkins, Cody Knight, Matthew Lynch, Joshua Eggins who have been elected in the Northern region swimming team to compete at the Queensland championships in Brisbane at the end of March.

John Alloway  I  Head of Sport

Community

Class Clowns

Class Clowns is a national comedy competition for teenagers around the country. It encourages teens aged 14-18 with a talent for comedy to unleash their comic voice through storytelling, stand up, sketch or musical comedy to present a 3-5 minute piece. Registrations are free and are now open at classclowns.com.au. If you have any questions, please email wes@comedyfestival.com.au

Andrea Tarttelin  I  Faculty Leader - English

Rostrum Voice of Youth

Rostrum Voice of Youth. Rostrum’s Student Development Program for Secondary School Students. Rostrum has organised the Voice of Youth speaking competition since 1975 to contribute to the welfare and personal growth of Australian youth.

Any passionate public speakers are invited to participate in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. Applications are open for both junior and senior students and involve speaking on prepared topics for either 6 or 8 minutes. Please see Mrs Tarttelin or click HERE for more details.

Andrea Tarttelin  I  Faculty Leader - English
Community

AN INVITATION

MADONNA KING
PARENT EVENING

What do our girls think about their fathers? And what are fathers struggling with when it comes to their relationship with their teenage daughters?

The bestselling author of ‘BEING 14’ now tackles the complicated father/daughter relationship.

ALL PARENTS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT WITH WELL KNOW JOURNALIST & AUTHOR

at Marian Catholic School
140 Corcoran Street, Currajong

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 6.30-8PM

6.30pm Light refreshments
7pm Madonna King
Book purchase/signing afterwards

TO REGISTER:
http://www.cvent.com/d/j6q9p2

HOSTED BY THE TOWNSVILLE DIOCESAN P&F COUNCIL

Celebrate our 50 years with us!
Ignatius Park College invites Old Boys, Past Staff and all those involved with the College to celebrate 50 years of Iggy Park.

22 February 2019
Parents & Friends Morning Tea
All past and current parents involved in the P&F are welcome to attend

4 March 2019
Olive Day
All welcome

2 May 2019
Edmund Rice Mass
All welcome

11 May 2019
Iggy Park Fair
All welcome

22 June 2019
Blue and White Ball
All welcome

15 August 2019
Anniversary Mass
All welcome

24 August 2019
Iggy Stars Under the Stars (FBC)
All welcome

5 October
Old Boys + Past and Present Staff
‘Distilled’ Reunion
Old Boys, current and past staff are invited to the alumni celebration.

Whole School Photograph available for purchase.
50 year merchandise available for purchase.

Redefining the Education of Young Men