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.

This Friday is the “National Day Against Bullying.” Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. As a College we actively support an “Anti-Bullying” campaign with a theme that is promoted by our Year 12s within the College.

Bullying is something that can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying is behaviour that is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Our priority is ensuring the wellbeing of all students and that Ignatius Park College is a safe and secure place to learn. The major form of bullying that occurs today is cyberbullying, where a person or group uses technology with the intent to hurt socially, psychologically or even physically. It is important that we monitor our students use of online devices and discuss what action they can take if they feel they are being bullied online. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner, through the Commonwealth Government, provide great resources and support for parents if they are concerned with any form of online bullying. The link is https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/esafety-issues/cyberbullying

This week we have seen the sentencing and appeal processes connected to Cardinal George Pell. It would be true to say that we are currently in the midst of a crisis to which our communities are reacting with shock, disbelief, sadness, confusion and anger. During times such as this, it is difficult to find the words to respond, to have perspective and to articulate what it means for each of us and our communities. The safety of your son is our highest priority and, as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition (EREA), we believe we build capacity to make a difference and contribute to the realisation of the potential of our young people. Hierarchical models, which are often flawed, do not define us as a Christian community, nor should they limit the impact we can have.

Our Charter is a foundation upon which our strengths can be affirmed, and our own weaknesses can be overcome. Our Touchstones challenge us to reflect on the potential of a liberating education. The Gospel calls us to engage meaningfully in our spiritual search. Our commitment to inclusion continues to be courageous. Our emphasis on justice and solidarity drives us forward as a community, open to transformation. These characteristics could equally define our Church at its best. Regrettably, much of what we are currently experiencing does not reflect this. Let us be confident that the Church we aspire to be can find a voice at this time and in the future.

Statement regarding the sentencing of Cardinal George Pell from Most Rev. Tim Harris, Bishop of Townsville

“This morning the Chief Judge of the Victorian Supreme Court, Judge Peter Kidd has sentenced Cardinal George Pell to 6 years in prison with a non-parole period of 3 years 6 months. We must respect and acknowledge the sentencing of the Chief Judge.

This is a difficult time for the Catholic Church, and I acknowledge that some of the Catholic community will be shaken by this sentence. As Cardinal Pell has lodged an appeal against his verdict which will be held in June, it is important that we respect the ongoing legal proceedings.
From the Principal

I will continue to pray for all victims who have been abused by clergy, religious and lay people at this challenging time. I also re-commit to doing all I can to ensure victims of such abuse receive justice and healing. I have committed the Diocese to participating in the National Redress Scheme to assist victims receive compensation.

The Diocese of Townsville and the entire Catholic Church remain committed to ensuring that safeguarding processes are in place and we build a culture of safety in our Church for young people and vulnerable adults."

Congratulations to Michael Morgan, who has been selected as the 2019 Cowboys Captain. Michael graduated from Ignatius Park College in 2009, and during his time at Ignatius Park, represented the Queensland Under 18s and was an Australian schoolboy’s representative. We are proud of his achievements.

Our senior students have been invited by ABC Television to participate in the Q&A program which will be telecast from the Townsville Stadium next Monday night. Students have been asked to present questions to the Panel, which consists of Linda Reynolds, Minister for Emergency Management and North Queensland Recovery, Cathy O’Toole, Labor MP for Herbert, Professor Stephen Williams, Centre for Tropical Environment and Sustainability Science, JCU, Jane McMillan, Grazier and Co-Founder of Sisters of the North and Roger Hill, Rural Property Valuer. We invite all members of the College community to view the program.

This Sunday we celebrate St Patrick’s Day. St Patrick is one of the few saints who is celebrated widely around the world. He is not only known for bringing Christianity into Ireland, but had enormous faith and belief that we are invincible with the presence of God within us and around us. Irish legend has it, St Patrick sang the song below (St Patrick’s Breastplate or Deer’s Cry) when an ambush was laid against his coming by King Loegaire to stop him spreading his faith. It is believed that God transformed St Patrick and the monks into wild deer with a fawn, and they walked passed those lying in ambush unnoticed. This prayer has its origins in the 8th Century and is a prayer of protection.

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,  
the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.  
May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me.  
May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me,  
the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today.  
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Amen

Live Jesus in Our Hearts Forever

Shaun Clarke | Principal

Click on the image below to watch the video from St Edmund’s as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.
From the Deputy Principal

QCS SUPERVISORS NEEDED!
The QCS (Queensland Core Skills) test for the Year 12s is coming up again in September and I am searching for Test Supervisors from the general community. These people assist in the conduct of the exams and general supervision of students during the two days of the QCS test. The successful candidates may or may not work at IPC, but the supervision will be in Townsville. Your role is to ensure the accountability of the QCS test. This is a paid position, and two - three positions are available.

The test is being conducted on 3 - 4 September this year. If you are interested, please contact Brendan Stewart at the College bs@ipc.qld.edu.au this week. If you are a parent of a current Year 12 student you may still apply.

Thank you for your interest!

YEAR 12 QCS TRAINING UPDATE

Our Year 12s have started the year well and have been learning more about the QCS Writing Task. Most students are now finished the first practice task for the year. This will be sent away and marked for feedback.

Year 12s are completing three QCS practice lessons per fortnight – two in the Hall, and one in individual classrooms.

Next Monday, all students will need the QCS Textbook previously advertised to students. If your son has not purchased this text, could he please do so tomorrow as a matter of urgency. The cost is $25 and can be purchased from the College Office. Once paid your son can collect the textbook from the ER room on presentation of his receipt.

We are aware that several families have been affected by the floods, and should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please ask your son to meet with me confidentially, and we can work out a plan for this important book.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about the 2019 QCS test.

Brendan Stewart | Deputy Principal

Fifty Year Celebrations

Our fifty year celebrations are underway! We look forward to celebrating with you at one of our events:

Upcoming dates:

Friday, 3 May 2019 - Edmund Rice Mass
All welcome.

Saturday, 11 May 2019 - Iggy Park Fete
All welcome.

Saturday, 22 June 2019 - Blue and White Ball
All welcome.

Thursday, 15 August 2019 - Anniversary Mass
All welcome.

Saturday, 5 October 2019 - Past and Present Staff and Old Boys Reunion
Old Boys, current and past staff are invited to celebrate.

Marg Hodgson | Deputy Principal - Community and Staff Development
Praying for an Inclusive Community
Creator God, we are your people. We look to the future with optimism and with faith in you, as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people. We pray that every man, woman and child may develop their potential and meet you in themselves and in one another. May we enjoy a totally welcoming community, with you as our centre. We ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

Are we an inclusive community, or are we a dangerous community?
There is a danger always – friendship can be one of the most beautiful human realities. But friendship can also be a closed shop where we flatter each other – we are wonderful, you are wonderful! And the others? We create a hierarchy of the wonderful. How wonderful it would be if you welcome in your homes people of different opinions! Don’t be frightened by people who think differently. Peace can only come if we listen to each other, creating places of togetherness and belonging. Jean Vanier, founder L’Arche Communities, address to the Business Community, April 2005.

Who can you support during Lent? Will you support a not-for-profit organisation? Do you have a neighbour in need? Can you volunteer with an agency supporting people recover after the floods? Don’t give something up, take something on!

Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

Caritas Project Compassion Launch
On Tuesday, boys from Ignatius Park College, attended the Caritas Project Compassion Launch. This was an opportunity for the boys to meet with other Catholic Schools to reflect on the meaning of lent and commit to fundraising for those less fortunate.

“This launch was one of the most interactive and engaging launches we have been to. From Christen rappers, to Simon Says, to group singing sessions, this launch showed us a modern version of reflection.” - Atticus D’Mello

Patrick McMahon | Identity and Mission Coordinator - Faith in Service
VET and Industry Placement

Industry Placement
This week the Year 11 and 12 Industry Placement students were issued with their Logbooks in preparation for their first Industry Placement Week commencing in Week 9 (25 to 29 March).

Early next week (Week 8), we ask these students to ensure they call their employer, no later than Wednesday. This is to confirm the placement, the address, their working hours and their attire. If your son has concerns regarding the call, we ask that he comes to the VET Office for assistance by Wednesday.

White Cards
This week the Year 11 students, who completed the White Card course, received their cards. Students attending Industry Placement on a construction/work site will need to carry these with them to work. If these cards are misplaced, students will need to contact Bluedog Training and pay for a replacement. We have suggested to the boys that they keep them safe.

Finally, an email was sent to many Cert I Construction students/parents requesting a copy of their Medicare card to make up the ‘100 points’ of identification required by the Government. Thank you to those that have already forwarded this to my assistant, Julie Owen. Can we please ask or these to be sent as a matter of urgency

Grant Rossiter | VET Program Leader

Film, Television and New Media
To assist students in preparing for the rigors of ATAR in Senior School, the subject, Film, Television and New Media, has been introduced in Year 10. While the subject has been running at IPC in Year 11 and 12 since 2011, it has only been added to the Curriculum in the Junior School this year. The Year 10 students who have chosen this elective subject are studying digital photography this semester. They are in the process of compiling a photography folio that explores an aspect of Australia. Year 10 student, Lachlan Bourke, is experimenting with two diverse representations of Australia, nature and urban living. Please see below some of Lachlan’s photographs:

Katrina Guazzo | Teacher
World’s Greatest Shave

Get ready IPC … the brave shavers who are putting their hands up to be part of the World’s Greatest Shave will be out in full force on Friday when they will be going bald, all in the name of supporting the Leukaemia Foundation’s Cure for Blood Cancers. Will you be there to watch these selfless souls be shorn like sheep? Will you be there to drop a coin in their donation boxes? Will you be there to show your support to your IPC brothers? Be sure to come along and watch all the fun in the IPC Hall from 12.30 pm.

Pudy Timbs  Learning Resource Coordinator

Year 10 Immunisations

All Year 10 students would have received their Consent Forms for the scheduled immunisations in conjunction with the Queensland Government. These forms are to be completed and returned to the College as soon as possible for collation and return to the immunisation team.

Year 10s will receive a one off vaccination for Meningococcal ACWY on 30 April 2019. All immunisations are conducted on campus during school time.

If you have any questions in regards to this, please contact Johanna Smith, johanna.smith@ipc.qld.edu.au.

Johanna Smith  Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

Mulkadee 2019

Mulkadee Youth Arts Festival, through Townsville Catholic Education, proudly presents: Peter Pan. This will be a great experience for all and is a significant event in the life of our Diocese. They have a spectacular line-up of Arts professionals engaged to work with your sons. Mulkadee is on 22-26 July 2019 (including a concert on the Friday night).

For more information please see Mrs Tillack or Arts Department staff.

Information and the payment forms are available for download here: https://www.ipc.qld.edu.au/community/permission-forms/

Kylie Tillack  Faculty Leader - The Arts

Parents & Friends Welcome Night

You are invited to the reinvigoration of the Ignatius Park College Parents and Friends Association.

Come along and play an active role in our College Community.

Light refreshments provided.

Marg Hodgson  Deputy Principal - Community and Staff Development
Redefining the Education of Young Men

Chess on the move again in 2019
A really impressive start to the Chess season last Wednesday with a record number of IPC students registering to play. In total, 52 participants competed in what was a jam-packed round of quality chess. At the end of the day, IPC came away with five Merit ribbons. These were awarded to Dominic Cusumano, Josiah Setiu, Bryce Kenyon, Scott Taylor and Julian Sewell. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day. If your son is keen on a game of chess, send him my way and we’ll get him involved next term for Round 2 of the competition.

John Fuller | Pastoral Leader - Putney House

Uniform Shop News
IPC Supporter Shirts - Limited availability.
Mens – Sizes large and extra large  Ladies - Sizes 10, 12, 14 and 16
$45.00 – purchase through the Uniform Shop
Opening Times – Monday/Wednesday/Friday – 8am to 11am

Larissa Moule | School Officer - Uniform Shop

Townsville to Cairns Charity Bike Ride
Welcome to the new riders and welcome back to all of experienced riders. It is looking like another good year, for our 7th year consecutive year.
The future is looking good for our “Galahs” group, with 10 new riders joining us.
We are on the roads around Townsville at 5:30am, 3 days a week, so give us a wave if you are awake that early.

Paul Bruce | Teacher

Sport

Outdoor Education - Year 8
Year 8 Camps 2019 have been rescheduled to Term 2 as follows:

CAMP 1
NOLAN & REID
Wed 8 - Fri 10 May

CAMP 2
CAREW, PUTNEY & TREACY
Wed 22 - Fri 24 May

CAMP 3
BAILLIE & RICE
Wed 29- Fri 31 May

More detailed information along with a Consent/ Medical form and recommended Student Equipment List will be sent out to Year 8 families very soon.

Steve Coleman | Outdoor Education Consultant
First XV - Rugby Union

Having travelled to Rockhampton for the past three years to play Rockhampton Grammar, the 1st XV team were this year invited to play in the Inaugural Rockhampton Grammar Tournament. With the outlook of extending this to an U15 tournament, the IPC U15 team were also invited to play two games against local schools.

Travelling down on Friday, 1 March, by bus, both teams stayed at the Rockhampton Grammar School and played over the weekend before heading home Sunday evening.

Faced with tough competition, and not long to prepare due to the recent weather, the 1st XV played Marist College. After starting extremely well mistakes and ill-discipline crept in and the game turned into an arm-wrestle. Up 12-0 at half time, IPC showed true grit and determination to hang on against a determined Marist team who through everything at them. Final score 12 – 5 in IPC’s favour.

Our next game was the game of the tournament, with IPC meeting Rockhampton Grammar in the main game on Saturday night in front of a large crowd of locals and Grammar old boys. Having received a few injuries in the first game, Grammar jumped to a ten-point lead early on and then stayed that way for most of the game. While IPC once again showed some real character and flashes of the true potential in the end, it was a bridge too far with Rockhampton Grammar winning 20 – 0.

In our last game injuries took their toll and IPC was never in the game against Matthew Flinders from the Sunshine Coast – while once again displaying a never say die attitude, Matthew Flinders was too strong for an IPC team which was battered and bruised from the previous two games.

Another highlight of the trip were the U15s who showed some promising signs as they were narrowly beaten in their first game, however, bounced back to convincingly win their second. Showing some real skill and tenacity it is great to know that IPC has some real potential coming through the ranks.

Mark Moxon | Pastoral Leader - Carew House

Basketball

Northern Open Team - Congratulations to the IPC students who gained selection into the Northern team: Hunter Finlay, Boston Mazlin, Jake McAuliffe, Koby Owens, Callaway Parker and Ryan Pickering. The boys will compete in the Queensland Schools State Championships next term.

Junior Basketball - IPC Blue bounced back from last week’s overtime loss, defeating Grammar in a one-sided affair. The team dominated all aspects of the game in there 70 point win.

In another major clash, IPC White looked to maintain their undefeated start against IPC Red. It was the winless Red boys who took to the court with a more physical presence that helped them to a 40 point win.

Week 7 Results -
IPC White Blue 76 defeated Grammar 6
IPC Red 75 defeated IPC White 35

Week 8 Games
4pm IPC Red v Grammar at North Ward Campus
4pm IPC White v Calvary at IPC
4pm IPC Blue v Southern Cross at SCC

Gary Hughes | Teacher
Sport

**Cricket**

NQ won two matches (V’s - Peninsula and Sunshine Coast) and lost one (V’s - South Coast) attaining equal 2nd and awarded 3rd on countback. NQ were narrowly beaten on Monday by the Gold Coast team, who ended up winning the championship undefeated. The weekend was played on mainly synthetic surfaces due to the large amount of rain received in the weeks leading up to the championship.

Travis Bush was named ‘Player of the Championships’ with an all round performance that takes into account the number of runs scored, wickets taken and run outs made. Additionally, Travis was named as a shadow player for Qld in the upcoming tournament against NSW later in the year.

Other NQ players who attained awards were:

- **Bowler for the Championship** - Hamish Swindley (Burdekin Catholic High School) with the most wickets taken with the best average as well as a shadow player for the Qld side
- **Qld Selection** - Matthew Wiseman (The Cathedral School)

**Photographs:** NQ Cricket team and the Ignatius Park students who recently represented NQ at the U19 Qld Cricket Championships held in Mackay on 10 – 12 March. The students in this photo (IPC) are Jarrod Edmondson, Brendan Eaton, Travis Bush, Bingen Balanzategui, Jamie Humphreys, Harvey Smith, Thomas Duffy and Mr Farren (Manager).

Leonard Farren | Faculty Leader - Industrial Design and Technologies

**Rugby League**

**Year 7**

- **IPC Blue** - The IPC Blue team clocked up another win in the Year 7 competition on Tuesday afternoon. Coaches, Mr Christ and Mr Pollock, were happy with the overall team effort with all players contributing to the 4 tries to 2 victory over Kirwan State High School. The boys continue to work hard at training on a Monday afternoon and it is pleasing to see the young men enjoying their footy. The boys took on Cathedral in Week 7 of the competition with a full report in next week’s newsletter.

- **IPC White** - IPC White had a bye in Week 6. A full report of their game against Kirwan Black will be in next weeks Newsletter.

**Year 8**

- **IPC Blue** - Iggy Blue were convincing winners against Abergowrie in Week 6 of the competition. The IPC boys were dominant all over the field with coach Mr Abdul-Rahman and Mr Lloyd pulling the strings on a well-oiled machine. Although the Iggy boys were completely dominant and scored a massive victory, they should also be commended on the way they conducted themselves and treated their much smaller opponents. Winning with grace is always the Iggy way. Well done men!

- **IPC White** - IPC White were also very dominant in their victory over Southern Cross Catholic College. Mr Power and Mr Anau have the boys playing some excellent Rugby League and coming together as a team. The boys have been enjoying the Blackhaws and Cowboys representatives at training and are progressing well through the season.

**Year 9**

- **IPC Blue** - It was a massive victory for IPC Blue against Kirwan A on Wednesday afternoon 24-22. Coach Mr Parker and Ms McLaughlin were extremely pleased with the way the boys rose to the occasion against an intimidating Kirwan forward pack. Momentum swung several times in the game but the boys kept turning up for each other to grind out an impressive victory.

- **IPC White** - IPC White also prevailed over their Kirwan rivals on Wednesday afternoon. In the 20 – 4 victory coach Mr Laguna and Mr Thompson praised the boys for their ball control and for consistently turning up for each other in defence. The boys are preparing for a massive game IPC Blue this week with a full report in next week’s Newsletter.

- **2nd XIII** - The 2nd XIII had a bye in Week 6 with Abergowrie College participating in the NQ trials.

Christian Quabba | Teacher

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ROUND 1 – COWBOYS CHALLENGE

**What:** Year 10 Rugby League action

**When:** Wednesday 20 March (4:30pm kick off)

**Where:** Brothers Rugby League (Next to 1300smiles)

Look forward to seeing plenty of blue and white on the hill!
Support the IPC Immersion Trip by purchasing an Entertainment Book
Parent Connect - Connecting parents with vital support!

Parent Connect supports families of children with a delay in development, disability or with newly acquired or identified disability. These needs can be extreme or minor, diagnosed or not yet fit in one box.

Parents, grandparents or families may be looking for

- **Family Networks**
  Information and support to explore their needs;

- **Community Inclusion**
  Short term coordination, planning, connection to community, and

- **Transition support**
  Identifying services and support required to transition through the child developmental growth stages, service coordination, counselling and access to specialist services.

North Queensland (Darina to Campbell, west to Mount Isa and up to the Gulf).

**Jane Grant - 0439 182 567 or 07 4759 2008**

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**Information for Parents**

Where: OHSC at Currajong State School  
Entrance: via Tippett St, Currajong  
Time: Thursday fortnightly 9:30am – 11:30am

Please bring food, beverages, a change of clothes and hat for your child/children.

Connect us on Facebook @parentconnectnq