



# Ignatius Park College Newsletter

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## 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.*

Last Saturday, as part of our 50 year celebrations, the College held our 'Iggy Park Fete'. It has been over 20 years since Ignatius Park last held its annual fete, which had always been a major event in the school calendar. In our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we wanted to relive the history and culture of the College and this significant event engaged all members of the College community and the wider Townsville community. Thank you to all parents, students, staff, old boys and visitors who attended the fete. The day was a wonderful success with over 5,000 people attending. The focus of the day wasn't about fundraising, but instead to provide a community event for people to come together; for Old Boys to reminisce on their time at the College; friends to gather and reconnect through their association with the College; and to celebrate the important role Ignatius Park College has had in boys' education over the past 50 years in Townsville.

The Fete was a wonderful celebration of our College and I would like to thank the many staff, students, parents and community members who set up stalls and displays. The fete was a kaleidoscope of activities such as rides, bash a bomb, indoor drones, yo-yo fishing, music, cultural dancing and dunk-the-teacher, which proved to be a popular activity amongst the students. Under the direction of Jude Head (Faculty Leader – Hospitality), our Hospitality students ensured there was plenty of food for our many visitors. A sincere thank you to our organising committee of Madonna Simmons, Marg Hodgson, Kirrilee Browning and Kim Steele. Also, thank you to our community groups who assisted in the Fete; Queensland Police and Ambulance, Marque Sports Car Club, Alex Salvador for the Drum Circle and Bunnings for the donation of plants.

With the celebrations over, this week I received an email from Mr John Donohue (who attended Our Lady's Mount) who shared the story of how Ignatius Park College became founded and how its name was chosen. It is a wonderful reflection by John who has given approved to share his email in our newsletter.

*I note with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure that Ignatius Park College is celebrating their first 50 years. This is a magnificent achievement and I am very happy that I was able to contribute in a very small way to this.*

*It would have been in the early 1960's when, newly married, we settled in Aitkenvale and began to raise a family. I am not sure if Holy Spirit parish was functioning, but I was part of the congregation at the Redemptorist Monastery on Ross River Road.*



**A Catholic Secondary College in the Edmund Rice Tradition**

*The Edmund Rice Community acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the College stands, the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People, and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future.*

## From the Principal (continued)

*I had attended Our Lady's Mount Christian Brothers College on Stanton Hill in Townsville from 1947 to 1951 and was a very new member of the Townsville branch of the Christian Brothers Old Boys Association.*

*One day, I received a telephone call from Ron Lynch, a fellow parishioner, who lived in a large house on the corner of Ross River Road and Hatchett Street.*

*"Can you come to the Old Boys meeting tonight?" "Why?" "I want you to vote yes". He explained to me that there was a proposal for the Old Boys Association to buy a 30-acre property on Ross River Road almost opposite the Redemptorist Monastery and give it to the Christian Brothers, so they could build a new school. There was a lot of opposition to the proposal because 30,000 Pounds was an awful lot of money and the Old Boys Association did not have that sort of money in the bank. It would have to be raised somehow.*

*After some fierce debate, the crucial vote was taken, and the result was YES. Now what? We had to raise 30,000 Pounds somehow. I remember thinking to myself, "what have I signed up to".*

*We were fortunate that the licensee at the Herbert Hotel was happy for us to run snap raffles at the Saturday midday session. The Herbert Hotel was a very popular hotel and the numbers at our snap raffles were swelled by Old Boys coming to sell tickets or to support our efforts by their presence. We were happy, and the licensee was happy too.*

*There were other fund-raising activities. One, the St. Patrick's night dinner was always well attended and supported but, for what seemed forever, the raffles at the Herbert went on and on.*

*At long last, the end was in sight. We were almost there. I was elected to a committee to suggest a name for the new school. One of the early suggestions was Ignatius College to honour the founder of the Christian Brothers, Edmund Ignatius Rice, but we found that there were some very prestigious Catholic colleges in other parts of Australia with this name. These colleges were named in honour of St Ignatius and were in the Jesuit tradition. After a lot of debate, Ignatius Park College was suggested and agreed upon. It had a nice ring to it!*

*I don't remember many names from that era but Joe Griffin, a prominent Real Estate person was the President of the Old Boys Association at that time and Ron Lynch, whom I mentioned earlier, was a generous benefactor to the Catholic Church in this area. He and his wife Patricia donated the land on which Holy Spirit School stands today.*

*I hope that you find this account interesting. It was of a time when some far-sighted men (not me, I was roped in to vote YES on the night of the meeting) foresaw the need and the opportunity to provide future generations of boys in Townsville with a quality education in the Catholic tradition.*

*I am so proud that my two sons, David and Paul Donohue, were able to receive their secondary education at Ignatius Park College.*

This week our Year 7 and Year 9 students participated in the NAPLAN tests. These tests have assessed students in the areas of language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation); writing; reading; and numeracy (including number, measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern). It is important for parents to realise that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather it shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian students. The results from the tests will provide important information about each student's progress in literacy and numeracy, from a personal, College and National perspective. Before the end of Term 3, parents will receive a report on their son's NAPLAN results. Parents can use this information to monitor how their son is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their son's results to discuss progress with teachers.

On Tuesday, the College hosted two visiting Principals from St Joseph's International College, Port Moresby. St Joseph's provides an education from pre-school through to Year 12. The school is one of the oldest in Papua New Guinea and has an outstanding reputation in academic results. Mr George Swarmy and Mrs Hua Igo visited a number of classrooms during the day, toured the school and spent morning tea with staff. They were very appreciative of our hospitality. We are hoping to develop a partnership between Ignatius Park College and St Joseph's in the future.

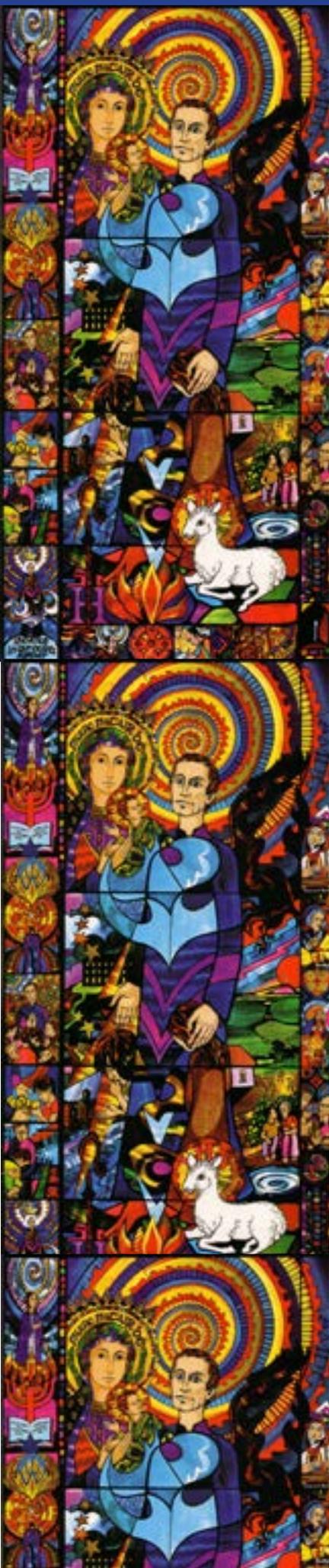
Last weekend our senior Rugby Union students attended the John Elder Cup in South East Queensland. A parent from Downlands College sent the following email to the College:

*I would like to commend your students for their behaviour and manners at the John Elder Cup on the weekend. They were a delight to talk to and they thanked us for volunteering in the canteen and feeding them over the course of the two days. Their on-field sportsmanship was also to be commended. Well done to all your boys.*

The students are to be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour.

*Live Jesus in Our Hearts Forever*

**Shaun Clarke** | Principal



## Identity and Mission

### Praying for Families

*Thank you God, for our family, for the love we share, for teaching us to care. Help us to learn how to forgive, to have wisdom and patience, and to live with each other in grace. Inspire us to serve each other, and to live together in faith hope and love. Be with us as we respect each other and have hope in each other. AMEN*

### SONY Camp

This is the last chance for Year 11 students to volunteer to attend SONY Camp over the first weekend of the September school holidays. Expression of Interest forms have been emailed to all Year 11 students and their Parents/Carers. Please get them to the Identity and Mission Office by FRIDAY 17 May, 2019. The first training session is this Sunday (19 May) from 8.30am until 12.30pm.

### Federal Election 2019

When you are voting this weekend, please consider:

- The Catholic Social teachings, especially Preferential Option for the Poor:

Caring for the poor is everyone's responsibility. Preferential care should be shown to poor and vulnerable people, whose needs and rights are given special attention in God's eyes.

- The Edmund Rice Charism, especially the concept of Liberation:

Liberation is an understanding of freedom: our own and that of the other. This understanding will result in a continuous movement towards removing oppression and the building of a society where justice and peace are central for all.

These lenses give emphasis on those at the margins, and in our context, that includes refugees, people seeking asylum and our beautiful planet.

**Johanna Smith** | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission



# Blue AND White Ball

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO  
CELEBRATE FIFTY YEARS  
OF IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE

**SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019**  
EDMUND RICE HALL  
IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE

BAR OPENS FROM 5:00PM  
HORS D'OEUVRES SERVED FROM 5:45PM  
DURING MEET & GREET  
SEATING WILL COMMENCE AT 6:30PM

FORMAL ATTIRE

 **RSVP - 14 JUNE 2019**  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE  
[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BBLSW](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BBLSW)

## Mental Health Awareness Week

In Week 2 we held our Mental Health Awareness Week which culminated in the coloured clothes day (which was also our Eddie Rice Feast Day!). Activities during the week included the team from LIVIN speaking to our Year 11 students about how to stay mentally healthy and what to do if you find you (or your mate) are struggling. The Year 11 students engaged in a fun activity that demonstrated how the students can all support each other and how support can change over time. The key message during the presentation was “it Ain’t Weak to Speak” and to look out for their friends.

Over the past two weeks In Pastoral Care lessons, the whole school has focused on Mental Health – working out where they are on the continuum of mental health and the small activities they can do each day to increase their mental wellness. They also have learnt about the amazing benefits of sleep and what good sleep hygiene looks like!

Congratulations to Year 7 Treacy and the Year 8 Rice Homerooms who scored LIVIN merchandise or winning the mental health quizzes that occurred all week.

The students generously donated over \$600 in gold coin donations. This money is being donated to the local Child and Youth Mental Health Service to assist with technology that will help young people with mental health difficulties in our local community.

A big THANK YOU to everyone that supported this mental health initiative. And remember: It Ain’t Weak to Speak!

**Dannielle Charge** | Student Counsellor



## Formal Wear for Farmers

The College is once again supporting the Formal Wear for Farmers appeal where we send beautiful formal wear for boys and girls to Mt Isa and beyond. We all know Graduation is such a special time for students and we would love everyone to feel amazing as they complete their high school experience and make their way out into the world. We would appreciate donations of all kinds - shoes, jewellery, dresses, bags, suits, shirts, ties and shoes. Please search through your wardrobe to find any formal wear you no longer need and send it in to the Identity Office where it will be packed and posted in Week 7. Contact Andrea Tarttelin if you have any questions.

**Matthew Johnson** | Faculty Leader - PE

## Safety Travelling to School

Students are reminded to keep themselves safe travelling to and from school. We would ask all students to follow these protective behaviours:

- \* Travel to and from school in groups
- \* Keep to main roads and avoid back streets
- \* Don't walk or ride with headsets or mobile phone exposed
- \* Place your laptop in your school bag
- \* Don't stop if people want to speak along tracks, and
- \* Be vigilant when walking and riding what is happening ahead of you

## Year 7 Enrolments

Parents are encouraged to enrol their sons as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, limited vacancies exist.

## Curriculum

### Year 10 Senior Pathway and Careers Days (SET Plans)

It is a requirement of the Queensland Department of Education and Training that all Year 10 students develop a Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan with the College. This is an opportunity for students, families and the College to work closely on developing a future plan and senior pathway that will help students to:

- structure their learning and subject choices around their abilities, interests and ambitions
- think about their education, training and career options after Year 12
- set and achieve their learning goals in Years 11 and 12, and beyond
- include flexible and coordinated pathway options in their course of senior study
- communicate with their parents/carers or teachers/careers counsellors about their post-school plans.

Below is an overview of the key dates for families throughout the Year 10 SET Planning Process:

Term 2	Week 8	Overview of SET Plan and Subject Preferencing Process.
Term 2	Week 10	Thursday and Friday (26 and 27 June) – Careers and SET Planning Days. Student attendance is required.
Term 3	Week 1	SET Plans forms must be returned by 9am Friday
Term 3	Week 2	SET Plan interviews open for students and their families to meet with our trained SET Plan
Term 3	Week 3	Subject Showcase Tuesday 30 July. 6.30 to 8.30pm and Parent Information Session for Years 10 and 11 in 2020 at 7.45pm.
Term 3	Week 3-4	Students and their families nominate their subject preferences for 2020 for the lines to be built for final subject selection.
Term 3	Week 10	Subjects assigned and/or students are able to make final selections from lines available.

### Subject Showcase – Years 7, 9 and 10

The Annual Ignatius Park College Subject Showcase is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 July 2019. This evening is to provide further information to students and their families about the subjects on offer in 2020 at Ignatius Park College. The evening is designed predominantly for students currently in Years 7, 9 and 10 who will need to undertake subject preferencing and selection in Term 3.

The evening will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, with information sessions scheduled for:

- Year 7 students and their families at 6:45pm;
- Year 9 students and their families at 7.15pm; and
- Year 10 students and their families at 7:45pm.

### Semester 2 Subject Changes for Years 8, 9 and 10

Please note that Semester 2 subject changes for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 open on Monday 24 June 2019 and will close on Friday 19 July 2019.

Allison Elcoate | Deputy Principal - Operations and Data Analysis

## QCE and ATAR A Workshop for Parents

Monday 20 May - BOOKED OUT

Due to an overwhelming response, there will be an  
**ADDITIONAL** workshop on  
Wednesday 29 May from 7pm to 8pm  
in the Innovation Space.

Due to the workshop and hands-on nature of the event, spaces  
are limited and parents interested must RSVP to  
[Allison.Elcoate@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:Allison.Elcoate@ipc.qld.edu.au).

## VET and Industry Placement

Congratulations to Kynan Wregg (Year 11) who was signed as a school-based apprentice this week. Kynan earned this opportunity by being proactive and working hard on placement. We would like to thank Nigel Benton Builder for giving Kynan this great head start on his career.

Next week is our second industry placement week for the year.

We would like to remind parents that if students have any unexpected absences during industry placement week, we ask parents call Grant Rossiter on 0438 185 403 (not the College office) by 8:30am. Students are expected to call the employer prior to their expected starting time.

If your son wishes to change placements, the change of placement forms will be due the first week back – Week 6. The following placement is in Week 10, so it's a very tight time frame.

We wish students all the best of luck for the week in the 'real world'.

**Grant Rossiter** | VET Program Leader



## English

Run by the Australian Catholics Magazine, this competition asks students in Year 5-9 to share the story of an inspiring person in their community. Please see [australiancatholics.com.au/yja](http://australiancatholics.com.au/yja) for more details and to enter.

**Andrea Tarttelin** | Faculty Leader - English



## PE Assessment Requirements

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify QCAA's expectations around assessment submission in the general subject of physical education. When students are required to submit a folio assessment item, which occurs twice in each of Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12, students are required to submit the multimodal presentation (a 9-11 minute presentation), their script that accompanies the presentation and a 2-minute video of their practical performance from the chosen sport for that unit. Failure to submit any of these items will have an adverse effect on a student's marks for the assessment. This policy will take place with immediate effect for Year 10 and 11 students in Physical Education and for Year 12 students in 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## Mathematics

Maths tutoring has returned for Term 2. There are plenty of options available to suit our student's busy schedule, so we encourage them to choose one or two of the following options. Students from all year levels are welcome. Our Maths teachers are eager to see the 'old' and some 'new' faces this term. If students would like a paper copy of this schedule they can collect one from the noticeboard outside Student Reception (Mrs Fensom's Office).

**Krystal Pearson** | Faculty Leader - Mathematics

Day	Time	Room
Monday	8:00am until Homeroom bell	213
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	201
Tuesday	8:00am until Homeroom bell	213
	3:15pm - 4:00pm	108
	2nd lunch: 12:35pm – 1:15pm	C1
Wednesday	8:00am until Homeroom bell	213
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	201
	3:15pm -4:30pm (every odd week)	IS Room
Thursday	8:00am until Homeroom bell	213
	2nd Lunch: 12:35pm – 1:15pm (every even week)	201
Friday	8:00am until Homeroom bell	213

## Creative Arts

### Sing with us!

Commencing Tuesday, 21 May the College Choir will start regular rehearsals from 7:45am – 8:30am in the Music Room. The Choir will be directed by Mr David Roberts. If you would like to be apart of the College Choral Program in 2019 please collect a note from Ms Fensom in the Pastoral Support Office or Mr Roberts. Looking forward to sharing the music

### Strike Up the Band

This is an invitation to all players of Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Piano and Guitar to be involved in assembling a School Band here at Ignatius Park College. If you are interested, please attend a meeting on Friday, 17 May at 12.35pm in the Band Room with Mrs Tillack and Mr Roberts. Looking forward to sharing the music.

**Kylie Tillack** | Faculty Leader - The Arts

## Rugby Union

The 1st XV Rugby Union Team travelling to Toowoomba over the weekend to play in the annual Elder's Cup Tournament at Downlands College. Hosted by the College all teams played in a round robin competition with the winning team being the one with the most wins over the weekend.

Travelling from the heat of Townsville, Toowoomba produced a beautiful sunny day of 15 degrees but, with a strong wind that dropped the temperature a mere 5 degrees. Faced with playing the first game in these conditions IPC started well but never really got into their stride and fell just short against Ambrose Treacy from Brisbane.

The boys next game was against host team Downlands - Blue (their first XV) which was always going to be a challenge, as is the case every year. IPC did not start well with a dropped ball from the kick-off which allowed Downlands to score straight up. However, this acted as a wake-up call and the boys settled into job at hand and gave as good as they got. However, as time went on IPC failed to aim up and their accuracy at the breakdown was sub-standard allowing Downlands to eventually run away with a comfortable win.

With our first day not our finest, the lads agreed that most of the on-field concerns from day one could be rectified. With this in mind, IPC went out and started slowly against Downlands Red (Downlands Development Team) but eventually began to dominate as they stuck to their structures and shape to run away with the win.

Still not satisfied with this game the 1st XV boys went out with some real purpose in their last game of the tournament, determined to end on a high. IPC once again started well but took the best part of the first half to really hit their straps. However, through good game management and patience, the boys began to really show their ability to play as a team and eventually ran away with the games, defeating Scott's College from Warwick comfortably in the end.

All boys were great ambassadors for the College both on and off the field – an email from a Downland volunteer:

*Good morning. I am a parent from Downlands College. I would like to commend your students for their behaviour and manners at the John Elder Cup on the weekend. They were a delight to talk to and they thanked us for volunteering in the canteen and feeding them over the course of the two days. Their on-field sportsmanship was also to be commended. Well done to all your boys.*

Players of the Tournament included:

Zac Thomson – runner up for Player of the Tournament

Kye Henderson – Javan Scarf – Jaiden Penny and Gary Tom

**Mark Moxon** | Pastoral Leader - Carew House



## Rowing

Last Sunday, the Ignatius Park College Rowing Program competed at their first school regatta for the year. It was a great regatta to start of the season, with many boys from different age groups competing. We had several of the boys make it through their heat and towards a final. From Year 8 we had Ben MacDougall, Joe Murphy and Vincent Micale, in Year 9 and Year 10 we had Zachary Skipp and Reilly Williams. Competing in Opens we had Cooper Stocks, Ethan Moody Humphrey, Eden Mordike, Zachary Judge, Jake Gilmore, Anthony Greech, Elliott Basso, Atticus D'Mello, Andrew Harris, Isaac Truett and Callum Leach.

To finish off the day we had the Eight come in with a close second to Cathedral. I would like to say thank you to our coaches, Harrison Parks, Pat Boniface, Caragh McManus, Pat Cudmore and Harry Cordery, for their time and support.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Klaassen our Rowing Coordinator, for helping with everything and the organization throughout the day. Last but not least I would like to give a big thank you towards the parents and especially all the mums for supporting their boys on Mother's Day. None of us boys would be able to do what we do without the support of our parents.

**Zach Judge** | Captain    **Josh Holcroft** | Vice Captain

**Tracy Klaasen** | Rowing Co-ordinator



[Click here for the latest Rowing Newsletter](#)



## Townsville to Cairns Charity Bike Ride

As can be seen in the photo, training sessions are well and truly in full swing with 23 people riding this morning as part of the "Galahs" group. Great to see lots of the boys there this morning, with the ride only a couple of months away. Not only do we train three times a week, leaving at 5am on weekends, we are all required to raise at least \$500 each in donations towards children's cancer research. If you would like to make a donation to help somebody, follow the link below:

<https://www.tcbr.org.au/my-fundraising/26/galahs-ignatius-park-average-speed-25-30kmh>

Also, thanks to Peter Simmons (Get Branded) for organising our sensational training kits. We look so professional...

**Paul Bruce** | Teacher



### The Addams Family Production

St Patrick's College is the proud host of this year's musical in partnership with staff and students from St Margaret Mary's College and Ignatius Park College.

Tickets are selling fast don't miss out on seeing this musical as it follows our favourite spooky family into a comedy of errors, where family unity and love overcome all obstacles.

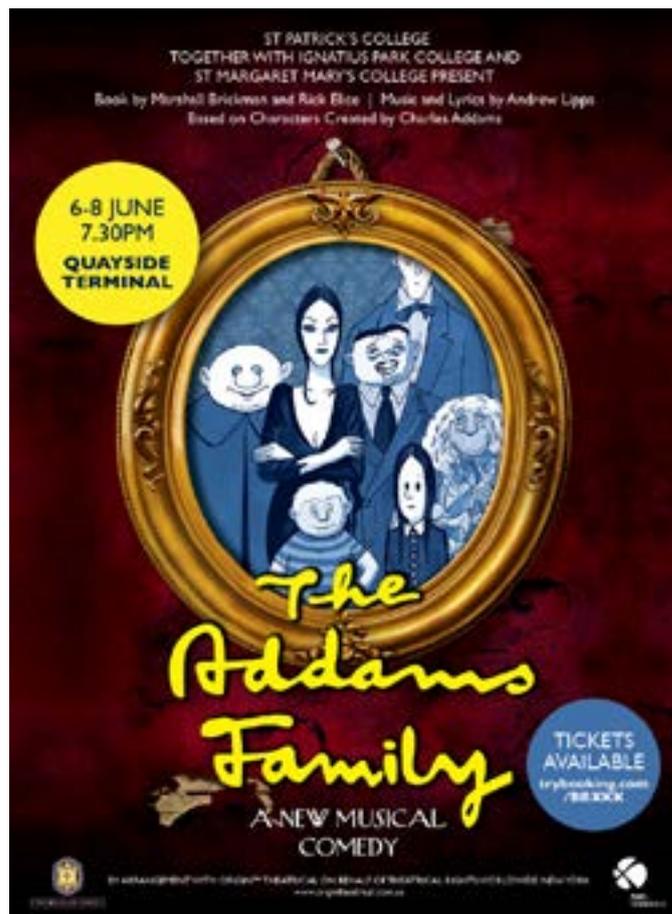
**Where:** Quayside Terminal

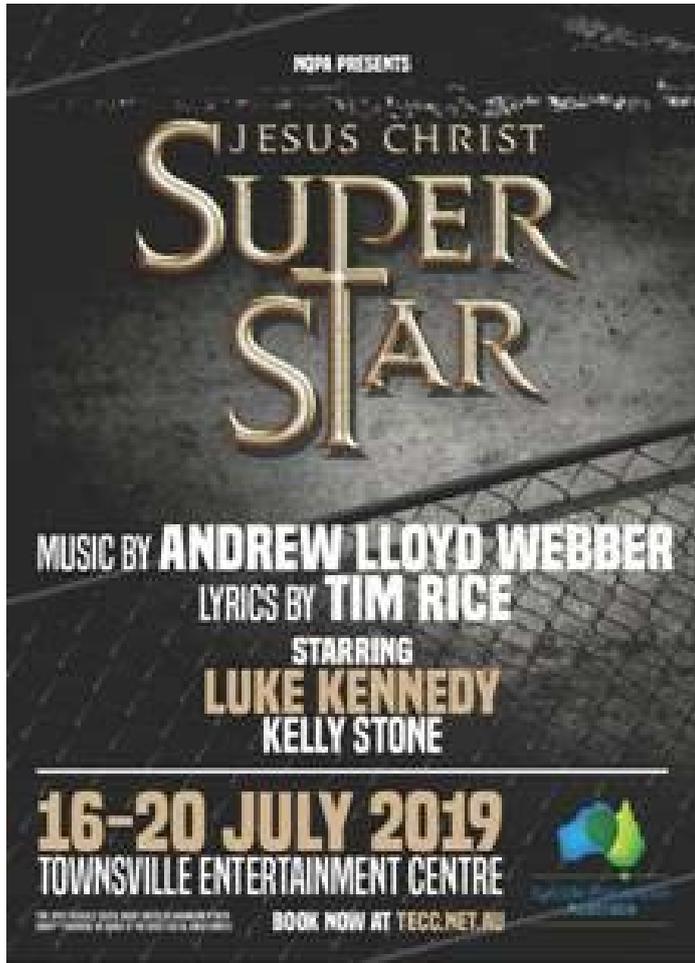
**When:** 6–8 June 2019 at 7.30pm

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BBXKK>



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## STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

### Semester 1, 2019



#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$20/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) by 31 May 2019.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Support the IPC Immersion Trip by purchasing an Entertainment Book

## Give Mum something she'll really love





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