



Ignatius Park College Newsletter

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From the Principal

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Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

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The opening paragraph of Charles Dickens' novel, *A Tale of Two Cities* states: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". As I recall the commencement of the year it reminded me of the extreme weather event that challenged us all. The flooding has had a devastating effect on homes, businesses and infrastructure within the Townsville region and only now are families beginning to move back into homes. Out of this tragedy we saw a wonderful resilience within our College community, a strong sense of being 'brother' to reach out to those in need with an open and compassionate heart. It was this spirit that gathered us together to volunteer, support and fundraise for those affected by this extreme weather event that truly reflected generosity of our Townsville community.

This year has been a year of challenges, celebrations and successes. Despite the challenges of the floods and the introduction of ATAR in Year 11, it was also a year of celebration. Our 50 Year celebrations allowed us to acknowledge that we were 'Standing on the Shoulders' of others before us and that our College's rich heritage and tradition was something, we all need to be proud of. Thank you to all members of our College community who attended and supported celebratory events such as Iggy Park Fete, the Blue and White Ball, Iggy Under the Stars, Anniversary Mass and our Oktoberfest. It was the gathering of past staff, parents and Old Boys coming together to reminisce and share stories that made this Golden Jubilee a special year. This year we have also had our successes in all facets of College community, whether this be our

REPORT CARDS AND YEAR BOOKS 5 DECEMBER 10.00AM - 12.00NOON

◆ Years 11 and 12 students do not receive reports this term. ◆

The College Magazine will be available for collection on Thursday, 5 December from 10am to 12noon. If you are unable to collect in this time frame, the College Office will be open from Friday, 6 December until Thursday, 12 December.



EDMUND RICE EDUCATION
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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.

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academic achievements, outreach to others through activities such as the Sony Camp, or support of activities such as 'Hit the Hill' and the 'Townsville to Cairns Bike Ride'. 2019 has also been one of our most successful year in promoting skills and interest across a wide range of sports. This has allowed students of different skill sets and body builds to showcase their abilities. This includes: winning the Townsville Swimming, Athletics, Hockey and Cross Country, making the final in the State Cricket for both juniors and seniors, winning the Confraternity and Cowboys Challenge for Rugby League, Queensland State Champions for Open Touch, winning four out of five games on the UK Tour for Rugby Union, state winning team in Open Basketball and 111 boys representing North Queensland. Thank you to all staff, coaches and parents who have supported our co-curricular program and have contributed to the success of this year. Congratulations also to Alex Roubicek (10 Carew) has been selected to officiate at the National High School Basketball Championship in Brisbane next week.

This year also brings an end of an era to Ignatius Park College with Br. Jon Hansen cfc moving out of the Brothers House. Over fifty Brothers have resided in the house on the College property since the school was established in 1969. Br. Hansen will be moving to independent living, and the College will no longer have Christian Brothers living on the College site. The Brothers House will be replaced later next year with a new Learning Resource Centre. The Brothers who resided in the building over the last 50 years are:

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| Br. Doug Reid | Br. Adrian McQuillan | Br. Pat Shears | Br. Nev Thornton |
| Br. Brian Cumming | Br. Peter McKennarney | Br. Kev Lewis | Br. Tom Mills |
| Br. Marcel Slattery | Br. Humphrey Wright | Br. Len Warren | Br. Peter Sheldon |
| Br. Peter Fogarty | Br. Greg Lestrangle | Br. Damien Price | Br. Paul Conn |
| Br. Dennis Pottinger | Br. Kev Messer | Br. Gerry Buzolic | Br. Dennis Dwan |
| Br. Bob Chambers | Br. Tony White | Br. Dennis Hernon | Br. Gerry Burke |
| Br. Peter Grimes | Br. Griff Long | Br. Bud Ridley | Br. Jon Hansen |
| Br. Tom Higgins | Br. John Barr | Br. Jim Brosnan | Br. Peter Cronin |
| Br. Cel Massey | Br. Peter Webb | Br. Mick Proctor | Br. Steve Grundy |
| Br. Len Kempster | Br. Rocky Rochford | Br. Paul Wilson | Br. Neil Langan |
| Br. Paul Denny | Br. Brian Kelly | Br. Peter Coe | Br. Phil Joyner |
| Br. Flavian Spillane | Br. Justin Vella | Br. John Thomas | Br. Ray Weston |
| Br. Ross Remeus | Br. Tom Clarke | Br. Bob Fredericks | |

With the departure of Br. Jon, Mrs Maria Parker will be finishing her role as Brothers' Housekeeper, a role she has had for over 19 years. Brothers were always appreciative immensely of what Mrs Parker provided. She was always part of a bigger picture and felt so privileged that she got paid for doing a job she loved, because it made it feel like she was not working at all. She also felt blessed to be working in her 70s because so many people aren't physically able.

We wish both Br Jon and Mrs Parker God's Blessing as they journey beyond Ignatius Park and give thanks for their presence within our community.



Unfortunately, a number of staff will be leaving us at the conclusion of this year and I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to Iggy Park over the years. They include:

- Mrs Bernadette McLean and Mrs Hendrina Toerrien will be finishing their contract. We wish them all the best and thank them for their dedication to the teaching of their subject areas.
- Mrs Natasha Johnson has been successful in gaining a Mathematics Faculty Leader at St. Anthony's College. We thank Natasha for expertise in her subject area and dedication to her Maths students.
- Mr Jonathan Pearce has been successful in gaining a position at St. Theresa College, Abergowrie. We will miss his warm and compassion to all members of the College community, and his wonderful singing voice and song writing skills.
- Mr David Elliot has been at the College 13 years and is exploring new career pathways. Mr Elliot has actively been involved in the PE department and we wish him all the best in his new endeavor.
- Mrs Leanne Mahoney will be retiring. While at Ignatius Park College she has been our Defence School Mentor supporting our students from Defence families. Leanne's strong rapport with these students have supported their transition into the College.
- Mrs Irene McLaughlin will be next year teaching in Ireland. She has been a wonderful gift to the College and has developed a strong relationship with her students and will be missed by all members of the College community.
- Mrs Sally Conn has been successful in gaining a position at St. James College, Brisbane. We will miss her passion for teaching and her genuine care and respect for each student as an individual learner. We wish Sally and her family all the best on their new journey.
- Mr Geoff Brown is our Property and Services Manager who has been on the staff for some 17 years. His commitment to the College is immeasurable and his dedication to the maintenance and improvement of the College facilities.
- Mr Mark West is retiring this year after 20 years of service at the College. Mark has been an iconic member of the Manual

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Arts team with his wonderful wisdom and knowledge of this area. We thank Mark for his dedication and commitment to the College over the many years.

- Mrs Janet Anderson is retiring after 23 years at the College. She has repaired, patched and supported thousands of boys in our sick bay. We will miss her care and compassion for all our students.

- Ms Verity Chapman-Mears is moving to Katherine in the Northern Territory. We will miss her enthusiasm in the Manual Arts area and her passion to support students.

- Ms Susan Pilcher is taking leave for a year and will be returning in 2021.

- Finally, Br. Jon Hansen who retired this year after celebrating, 50 years as a Christian Brother. In Br Jon's decision to retire we will realise for the first time as a College community, the absence of a Christian Brother on staff, we do hope however, that Jon will continue to bless us with his presence within community from time to time.

Today at the Year 11 Leadership Breakfast the 2020 senior students were given their Year 12 College ties for 2020. The senior ties are commemorative ties acknowledging their role as leaders. For our students these ties represent the history of our College, the 8,500 students who have graduated through this College since 1969, and more importantly, their responsibility as Year 12 students next year to continue to live the legacy and rich tradition of Iggy Park, that has been passed on by previous students of the College throughout past five decades. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the breakfast.



Congratulations also to our newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains:

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| Baillie | Captain | Jayvan Scarff | Vice-Captain | Luke Forster |
| Carew | Captain | Keenan Whitwam | Vice-Captain | Kurtis Brink |
| Nolan | Captain | Ethan Wood | Vice-Captain | Brocklan Bryant |
| Putney | Captain | Evan Corradini | Vice-Captain | Zachary Judge |
| Reid | Captain | Jamie Humphreys | Vice-Captain | Zack Lowe |
| Rice | Captain | Maverick Pegoraro | Vice-Captain | Ethan Pemmelaar |
| Treacy | Captain | Hunter Finlay | Vice-Captain | Jordan Davies |

Parents are reminded if they are purchasing uniforms from the Uniform Shop we would prefer you to bring your son with you to try on clothes to get the correct size. As you can imagine teenagers grow very quickly and it can be difficult to select their correct uniform size. It is time consuming to change over incorrect uniforms, and we would appreciate it if you can bring your son with you to ensure you have the correct uniform size or purchase a larger size he can grow into. Next year we will have both Iggy jammers and rashies for sale for \$50 each to use for swimming and the swimming carnival.

As we enter the Advent season and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ may we give generously to those in need in our society? I wish all members of our College community a Holy and safe Christmas and thank you for the support of the College throughout the 2019 academic year.

Reminder school commences for Year 7 on Tuesday 28 January and Years 8 – 12 on Wednesday, 29 January.

*Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church:
the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and
looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time.
Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us
from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Live Jesus Forever in our Heart

Shaun Clarke





Identity and Mission

Prayer of Preparation

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.



India Immersion

Please remember and pray for the 10 members of the Ignatius Park College community travelling in India. We hope their immersion is challenging and life-giving.



Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration.



Christmas

This Christmas, make some time for the true meaning of the celebration. Also, enjoy the time with family and friends. Stay safe, and return to IPC happy and well-rested in 2020.



Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

Remembering Fifty Years of Ignatius Park College



Buy a Brick - Last Chance! Orders close 31 December 2019.

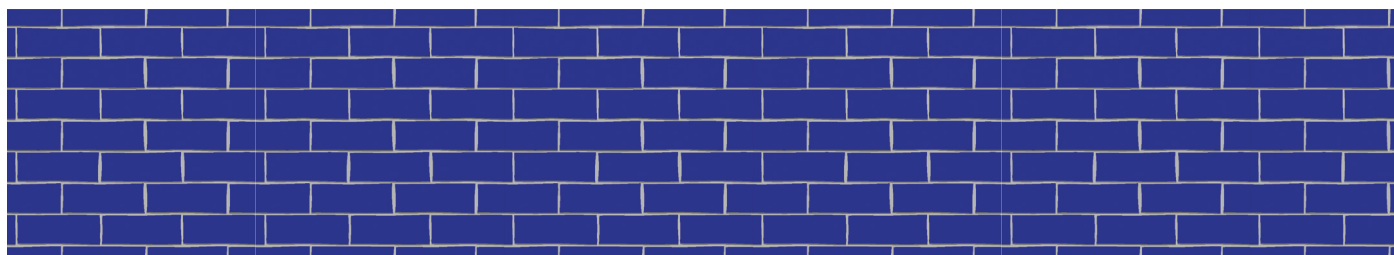
Buy a brick! \$25 a brick.

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ignatius Park College by purchasing an engraved brick to help us pave the way for another 50 years of quality education.

For your investment of \$25, your paver will be included to form a path around the statue of the great Edmund Rice at the entrance to the College.

To order online, please visit our 50 Year Store:

<https://ignatiusparkcollege.com/>



BUY A BRICK

**\$25
FUNDRAISING
FOR THE COLLEGE**

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE**

VET and Industry Placement

We would like to congratulate Timothy Sharman (Year 11B) on being signed up as a school-based apprentice with WF Electrical. We would like to thank Shaun and his team for offering Tim this wonderful kickstart to his future career. Tim will go to work one day a week as an apprentice electrician next year while completing his senior studies.

Grant Rossiter | VET Program Leader



Dr Prue Salter Resources

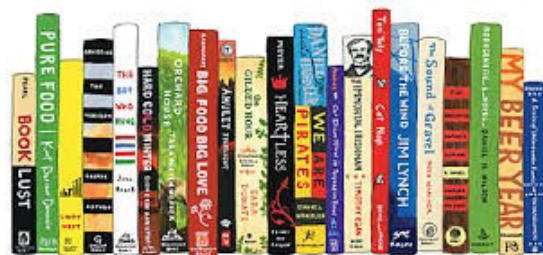
This week Dr Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning Educational Services (www.enhanced-learning.net) ran a study skills session with Years 10 and 11 students and parents. The session focussed on helping students identify changes and improvements they could make to their approach to their studies in order to maximise their results in their final years of school. The main areas covered were working effectively in the evenings and dealing with distractions, managing time efficiently, planning for assessments, making brain-friendly study notes on a regular basis, and using a wide variety of active study techniques to suit individual learning styles. Parents are encouraged to review the handout from the session with students, and discuss the main areas identified where changes need to be made. Parents can also find extra study skills tips on the following website: <http://studyskillstoptipsparents.com/>.

Allison Elcoate | Deputy Principal - Operations and Data Analysis

Library Textbook Returns

As the year is drawing to a close, the College asks parents for help with ensuring their son's textbooks are returned before the end of the term. As per School Policy, should a textbook be lost or damaged, then the cost to replace the text falls on the student who loaned out the copy. Many times 'lost' textbooks are found either under boys' beds, or are mixed up with a mate's textbook. Your help here in having your son do a thorough check of his bedroom would very much be appreciated.

Pudy Timbs | Learning Resource Coordinator



Co-Curricular

TSSS Sports Awards

Last Wednesday Hunter Finlay (11W), Cathane Hill (10W), and Luca Yates (10W) attended the Townsville Secondary School Sports (TSSS) Awards at Riverway Stadium, which is an annual event that recognises all the school sporting achievements across the year in the Townsville region. Ignatius Park College once again took out the Melton Black Shield for Excellence in Boys School Sport, along with numerous Age Group wins in Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics, and multiple block sport wins.

Jye Spriggs | Teacher Aide





Ignatius Park College

28 November 2019

Dear IPC Rugby League Community

RE: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Ignatius Park College is a Catholic Boys Secondary School in the Edmund Rice Tradition that currently has just over 1100 students enrolled. The school prides itself on the academic achievements of the boys, as well as providing a very extensive and successful co-curricular program.

Ignatius Park College's Rugby League Program has experienced a high level of success over the past fifteen years including State Champions in 2004 and Runners-up in 2012; National Quarter Finalist in 2016, 2017 and 2018, Confraternity State Champions in 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016 and 2019 and Aaron Payne Cup Champions in 2011, 2012 and 2017.

We have had numerous students selected in the Australian, New Zealand and Queensland Schoolboys representative teams in the Under 15, Under 16 and Under 18 age divisions as well as regular representation in the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Side.

The Ignatius Park College Rugby League Program is nationally acclaimed for producing not only top-level Rugby League players, but also quality young men. Iggy Park continued to be well represented on the National stage in 2019 with several records accomplished in the past few years. IPC broke the record for the most players in an NRL Grand Final Team in 2017 when Michael Morgan, Coen Hess, Kyle Feldt and Corey Jensen all took to the field. In addition, Michael, Coen, Valentine Holmes, Aidan Guerra and Kalyn Ponga all played a role in recent Queensland State of Origin campaigns.

Finally, when Michael, Kyle, Corey, Coen, Patrick Kaufusi and Kalyn Ponga took to the field for the Cowboys at the same time, it was another record for Ignatius Park College. Valentine Holmes has continued to star for the Cronulla Sharks before his NFL adventure, as has Aidan Guerra with the Roosters and more recently Newcastle, earning a premiership ring along with numerous Australian and Queensland Jerseys. Michael Morgan and Kyle Feldt played major roles in the North Queensland Cowboys Grand Final success in 2015, while we have also had over 35 players over the last 6 years signed by NRL Clubs as part of the National Youth Competition (NYC).

Other Old Boys who have graduated from the College and have gone on to compete in the NRL include Australian Representatives Scott Prince, as well as Anthony Mitchell and Chris Grevsmuhl, while 2015 graduate Gehamat Shibasaki made his NRL debut for the Brisbane Broncos last year.

Ignatius Park College continues to provide the facilities, coaching staff and time, to allow these young men to continue to develop as individuals and players. To maintain our existing high level of success we are seeking interested businesses for sponsorship.



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As well as fostering some of North Queensland's best up and coming players, it is our aim to develop players' skills at the grass roots level and produce responsible, well rounded young men.

Benefits to the Sponsors

- Exposure of your company in supporting young North Queensland Rugby League players in becoming elite sportsmen through school newsletters, team apparel and identification within the community. All games broadcast live!
- Exposure of your company in competitions (Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and Open Divisions)
- Exposure at the Statewide Confraternity Carnival and National Schoolboys Cup.

IPC Rugby League Sponsorship 2019

Platinum \$2000 - Company Logo on all Training Shirts and Game Day Polos for all age groups
Gold \$1500 - Company Logo on First XIII playing jerseys/shorts and training shirt
Silver \$1000 - Company Logo on First XIII training shirts/singlets

Any form of assistance or donation will greatly assist the delivery of the Rugby League program. If you have any further questions and wish to be a part of our Program as a Sponsor, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College on 4796 0222 or via email steven.lansley@ipc.qld.edu.au.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.



Steven Lansley | Coach

Confraternity Shield Champions 2019





Uniform Shop

Swimwear

Rashie and bottoms available in January 2020. Both will be \$50.

Larissa Moule | School Officer - Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Hours

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| Mon 2 Dec 2019 | 8:00am - 11:00am |
| Wed 4 Dec 2019 | 8:00am - 11:00am |
| Sat 18 Jan 2020 | 9:00am - 3:00pm |
| Mon 20 Jan 2020 | 9:00am - 12:00pm |
| Wed 22 Jan 2020 | 1:00pm - 6:00pm |
| Thurs 23 Jan 2020 | 9:00am - 12:00pm |
| Fri 24 Jan 2020 | 9:00am - 12:00pm |
| Tues 28 Jan 2020 | 8:00am - 11:00am (First day of school) |

Community



DIGITAL LEADERS PROGRAM

LiteHaus International has been digitising dreams and empowering future leaders across the world since 2018. Now, it is time to bring our work home to North Queensland.

With the support of Ergon Energy, we are providing thirty **high school students** with **a personal laptop** for the benefit of their studies in 2020 and beyond. Recipients will join LiteHaus International's global Digital Leaders Network.

If you or one of your school's hard-working students could benefit from a personal laptop, follow the link to apply. **Applications close 13th December, 2019.**

APPLY NOW:

WWW.LITEHAUSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/DIGITAL-LEADERS-PROGRAM



LiteHaus INTERNATIONAL
DIGITISING DREAMS

2020



everyone's family



Attention Parents and Carers!!

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A SCHOOL CAMP/TRIP OR SPORTING COMPETITION NEXT YEAR?

PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE THE STRESS OF SCHOOL COSTS IN 2020 FOR UNIFORM TOP-UPS, BOOKS, SCHOOL TRIPS, SPORT, MUSIC, DANCE, SWIMMING LESSONS, INTERNET, COMPUTER NEEDS & MORE!!!

November start- receive matched \$\$ in September 2020

December start- receive matched \$\$ in October 2020

You could potentially have \$1000 to access by Sep/Oct 2020 (you save \$500 and we match your savings after 10 months – no withdrawals) to help pay for your children's educational costs. Wouldn't it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the

Saver Plus Program!!

To be eligible you must be able to tick all of the boxes in the criteria below:

- ☐ I hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- ☐ I have children at school now or starting next year, AND/OR I am attending vocational education myself at TAFE or Uni.
- ☐ I have some form of income from paid work, (myself or a partner)
- ☐ I have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information, please contact me ASAP:

Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator

Call – 0418 201 533 OR

SMS your name to - 0418 201 533

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

COMLINK

Do you want to feel good?

Become a ComLink **Volunteer!**



Make a difference in your community! ComLink is a for purpose (not-for-profit) organisation which provides Home Care and Community Transport services across Queensland.

ComLink offers many rewarding options for volunteering and our volunteer culture helps cultivate our sense of community. Become a part of the happiest organisation on the planet and join us in Leading the Care Revolution. We can't do it alone.

There are lots of volunteer jobs with ComLink - taking people on shopping trips, doctors' appointments, having a cuppa with them while you weed their garden, or going fishing! Even office jobs in marketing, recruitment, admin, or driving your car or ours.

Volunteer roles are often flexible with time and only Monday to Friday, so whether you are available a couple of hours a week or a couple of days a week, we can find a position that's right for you.

Why volunteer?

- You may be new to the area and wanting to meet new people
- You may be retired and have time to give something back to the community
- You have specialist skills you want to use and pass on
- You want to gain some work experience to get a job
- It's fun, and good for your mind, body and spirit!

How do I begin volunteering?

Have a look at comlink.org.au/get-involved/ or call us on 1300 761 011 to organise a meeting with one of our co-ordinators to discuss the possibilities. You can also fill out a **Volunteer Registration Form** and email it to admin@volunteeringqsc.org.au who will arrange your first meeting for you.

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