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.

Thank you for all Year 7 parents who attended our Information Evening on Wednesday this week. It was wonderful to see the large number of parents, new to our Iggy Park community, who will journey with us over the next six years as their son develops from an ‘Iggy boy’ to an ‘Iggy man.’ I am often asked, ‘Why send your son to an all boys school?’ I have taught in Edmund Rice Schools for over twenty-two years, have sent my own sons to an all-boys school and thoroughly believe that boys excel in an all-boys environment. I believe that each generation must teach the next to advance and improve the world. This is a challenging demand in a world that is changing so rapidly, and our boys need structure and a moral compass to guide them to make correct decisions. Young men make mistakes and it is part of growing up, but it is imperative that we instill in our young men a vision and culture that includes strong values and a respect for one another.

I believe that an all-boys school, such as Iggy Park, allows us to lay those foundations where we understand and celebrate boys, allowing them to unpack their emotions, reveal their inner self and be open to what they are and what they feel, understanding that they learn in different ways and how they best learn. Our EREA Touchstones provide a moral compass to allow our boys to discover and explore their full potential and help them to be balanced and well-rounded individuals who are open and connected to others. It is this connectiveness in boys’ schools that allow us to develop a strong sense of ‘Brotherhood’, to teach the next generation how to improve, to nurture respect, have respect for women and by respecting others to build a better society. I ultimately believe that all boys schools foster brotherhood and lifelong friendship that celebrates honour, loyalty and care for one another that develop relationships that last forever. Boys are an integral part of our future and our role at Iggy Park is to build better men.
This year Ignatius Park College has identified three values that reflect our Iggy Park culture. These values have been developed by our Senior Leaders and will be a guide to our students on how to be authentic to our rich tradition and culture, which is built on our past and the values of Blessed Edmund Rice.

There are three elements to our character of the College.

Men of Integrity – This is not a word we often use but it means being honest and having strong moral principles. It about telling the truth, being honest to ourselves and others and ensuring our words and actions align with our Touchstones. Integrity is about us living our College motto, Seek Truth.

Men of Pride - Pride is a word that we can use often but don’t really understand. Pride is very much the satisfaction we experience with our own achievements. This can include our academic successes, sporting achievements and our own self-esteem and confidence. But it also something we can share and that is pride our culture, our experience together and identity as ‘brothers’ and ‘Iggy boys’, and

Men of Commitment - Commitment is dedication to all the demands of the school and to ourselves. This is one of the hardest values to achieve and asks our students to set strong intentionality - setting goals in their studies, personal life, relationships, sports obligations and career pathways.

Our three values this year are calling our students to reflect on their character as Iggy Men, to be dedicated and committed to their studies but also to shape our future and to take responsibility to leave a positive legacy for others who follow.

This term, our Year 8 students will be trialing a new program entitled, Write that Essay. This is a literacy-based program that supports writing outcomes for students. The program was developed by Dr Ian Hunter and is a unique skill-based approach to the cross-curriculum development of writing ability. In 2016, an average Year 7 boy in Queensland was 26 points below the national average. In that same year, two foundational Brisbane schools adapted the Write that Essay program. Over two years, all students at that school showed accelerated progress, gaining 51 points in writing and doubling the gain for the average Australian student. Boys using the program outperformed all the boys in Queensland by 66 points and outperformed the national average by 34 points. More details will be provided to parents as the program is facilitated in classrooms and further information is available on the Write that Essay website: https://www.writethatessay.org/about-us/

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year, the theme For International Women’s Day is An equal world is an enabled world and challenges us to rethink concepts of stereotypes, to overcome bias and broaden perceptions, not only of women, but ensuring we have a gender equal world that benefits all individuals.

Ignatius Park College, in conjunction with the Breakwater Island Soroptimist Group, will be hosting an International Women’s Day Breakfast on Thursday, 5 March in the Edmund Rice Hall, commencing at 6.30am. Our guest speaker is The Hon. Pru Goward who was a former Cabinet Minister, Sex Discrimination Commissioner and was a pioneering television reporter with the ABC. Pru will give us her insights into the topic Respect for Women, Respect for All. As a College community, this year we have decided to host this breakfast so our young men can be educated, as future leaders within our community, to value equity and respect the contribution of all. The Senior Hospitality students will be preparing and serving breakfast.

All members of our College community are welcomed to attend the breakfast and I would ask you to invite friends and relatives to this significant event. Tickets are available for $50 each and may be purchased singly or in multiple. Tables will seat ten. This will be a nonprofit function and costs will cover both catering and the guest speaker. Any surplus funds will go to the Soroptimist Club to help women in need. Please actively support International Women’s Day by attending the breakfast at Ignatius Park College, standing with the College in solidarity for those who are not treated with equality and respect.

The world is now too small for anything but brotherhood.

Arthur Powell Davies.

Live Jesus Forever in our Heart

Shaun Clarke | Principal
Identity and Mission

Prayer for an Inclusive Community
God, we are a community that comes together to advance education and understanding. We seek the patience of one another as we strive to learn and grow, and the stamina to make a difference in our state, nation and world. We express our thanks for the gifts of life. AMEN

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB)
One advantage of coming to an EREA school is the opportunity to connect with the 238 other Edmund Rice schools worldwide. Ignatius Park College will be involved in many experiences this year. One encounter coming up is for Year 10 students. A few will have the opportunity to go on exchange to another EREA school in Australia. Year 10 students should listen in their Year Level assembly and watch the notices for more details.

Upcoming Identity Events
- Mass in Our Lady of the Mount Chapel – every Wednesday morning 8am
- Holy Spirit reading, Brooklea visits and Aitkenvale Breakfast Club – Beginning Week 3
  Permission Forms required – available from the Identity and Mission Office (Red Door)
- Year 12 Induction – 11.00am Tuesday 11 Feb (Week 3), Edmund Rice Hall
- Toast Room Launch, Shrove Tuesday 25 Feb (Week 5)
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy Wednesday 26 Feb (Week 5)

Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission
Defence
Open Arms is offering a range of lifestyle programs and education workshops to assist serving and ex-serving ADF members as well as their families to live their best life. The programs are available to anyone who has served at least one day in the ADF, as well as their families. Please contact Open Arms to register your interest.

Please feel free to email me at any stage:
carolyne.drummond@ipc.qld.edu.au

Carolyne Drummond | Defence School Mentor

Uniform Shop
Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am to 11am. If you miss the morning rush, please remind your son the Uniform Shop is open during the first break as well.

IPC Swim wear now available! $50 each

Larissa Moule | School Officer - Uniform Shop
Medication - Administration of Medication to Students During School Hours

Should your child be prescribed by their medical practitioner to take medication while at school, we wish to inform you of the current regulations with respect to this matter.

The parent or caregiver must complete the school’s medication form which is available from the College Office and on the school’s website - click here - and follow the guidelines below.

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<td>Must have both an up to date school medication form and an action plan from the relevant doctor. These should be lodged at the school office. (These forms and plans can last for the school year unless there is any change.)</td>
<td>Will be administered by the school office staff.</td>
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<td>Event medication - Prescribed by doctor for</td>
<td>Parent must complete the school’s medication form. This medication must be prescribed by a doctor and have the doctor’s name printed on the label.</td>
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<td>Non-prescription medications</td>
<td>Must be labelled with the student’s name by the pharmacist or accompanied by notification by a doctor.</td>
<td>Will be stored in the school sick bay and administered by office staff in accordance with the dosage written on the container from the pharmacist or notification by the doctor.</td>
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Please Note: This form must be completed each year even if there is no change to the child’s medication.

Students are NOT permitted to administer their own medication at the College.
VET

White Cards
The White Card course (General Construction Safety Induction) will be run through the College in February. This course is compulsory for students enrolled in Certificate I Construction, Certificate II Engineering Pathways and Certificate II Resource and Infrastructure Work Practices and any student doing industry placement in a trade related area. This is a valuable Certificate to have if students think they may ever wish to have work as a tradesman, labourer or trades assistant.

If any other Year 11 or Year 12 students are interested in the completing this course, please see Mrs Owen or Mr Rossiter as soon as possible.

School Based Apprentices
We would like to congratulate the following students on being signed up as school-based apprentices already this year. Having a school-based apprenticeship is a great opportunity for the students to kick-start their careers. They will attend their apprenticeship one day a week, plus the usual industry placement days and any additional days on the holidays that they negotiate with the employer.

We would like the thank the employers for giving the boys this opportunity!

- Barret Deamer (Year 11) Alliance Electrical
- Cash Foster (Year 12) FNQ Mechanical & Fabrication
- Raheem Rolfe (Year 12) Gough Plastics

Grant Rossiter | Program Leader - Vocational Education and Training

ATAR Engineering News
In the final week of Term 4, 2019, the Year 11 (now Year 12) Engineering students visited James Cook University along with students from The Cathedral School. The boys toured the engineering testing facilities and ran experiments involving tensile and compression strength as well as analysing beam and truss structures under various conditions. It was a great opportunity for the boys to retrieve tangible data that they can use in upcoming assessment pieces, and also build networks with The Cathedral School and the University. By 2022, JCU will open brand new engineering testing facilities that rival the best in the country. With strong networks in place, Ignatius Park College hopes to have the opportunity to continue excursions at the University and take advantage of having access to these facilities through the ATAR Engineering subject offered at the College.

Tom Lucas | Teacher
International Women's Day

5 March, 2020

RESPECT FOR WOMEN, RESPECT FOR ALL
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST
AT THE IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE HALL


To show their gratitude and their respect for all, the gentlemen of Ignatius Park College will be preparing and serving a delicious hot breakfast.

Your morning will include discussions with renowned guest speakers, panel debate from peers and students, as well as networking with schools and business communities.

Join us at 6am for a 6:30am start. $50/pp

BOOKNOW visit trybooking.com/597606.
Co-Curricular

Swimming Carnival

Our first College sporting event for the year is next week, the Interhouse Swimming Carnival, at the College pool. Preliminary events are next Thursday in the lesson before lunch for selected students and for the entire school day on Friday. It is a wonderful occasion for the boys, as a House group, in the true spirit of what the College is known for across our community.

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

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

All students require a sport's bag or some small bag (with name on it) to carry and store the following items:

- Towel
- Swimmers
- Hat with a good brim (school hat is fine)
- Shirt (House colours if possible and preferably with collar and sleeves for the sun. No need to buy anything, something old that he has at home)
- Sunscreen – no paint, as it clogs the pool filters
- Lunch (tuckshop is open as an alternative)
- Water bottle (with name on it)
- Definitely no electronic devices, paint or costumes, other than those organised by the House Captains.

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

John Doolan | Deputy Principal (Pastoral)

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THURSDAY PROGRAM: 13 FEBRUARY

Championship – Individual Boys need to report to Pool at 11.35am.

Starting time 11:45pm

- 50m fly 12 year Championship only
- 50m fly 13 year Championship only
- 50m fly 14 year Championship only
- 50m fly 15 year Championship only
- 50m fly 16 year Championship only
- 50m fly Open Championship only

Starting time 12:00pm – 12:35pm

- 50m Backstroke – 12 year Championship & div 1
- 50m Backstroke – 13 year Championship & div 1
- 50m Backstroke – 14 year Championship & div 1
- 50m Backstroke – 15 year Championship & div 1
- 50m Backstroke – 16 year Championship & div 1
- 50m Backstroke – Open Championship & div 1

FRIDAY PROGRAM: 14 FEBRUARY

8:45am Start

- 200m Ind Medley 15 years Championship
- 200m Ind Medley Open Championship

9.00am Start

- 50m Breaststroke 12 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Breaststroke 13 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Breaststroke 14 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Breaststroke 15 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Breaststroke 16 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Breaststroke Open Championship – Standards

Recess 10:40am-11:05am

Start 11:10am - 11:45am

- Medley Relays 4x50 12 years
- Medley Relays 4x50 13 years
- Medley Relays 4x50 14 years
- Medley Relays 4x50 15 years
- Medley Relays 4x50 16 years
- Medley Relays 4x50 Open

11:40am – 1pm

- 50m Freestyle 12 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Freestyle 13 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Freestyle 14 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Freestyle 15 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Freestyle 16 years Championship – Standards
- 50m Freestyle Open Championship – Standards

Lunch 1.10pm – 1:50pm

1:50pm – 2:30pm

- Freestyle Relay 4x50m 12 years
- Freestyle Relay 4x50m 13 years
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- Freestyle Relay 4x50m 16 years
- Freestyle Relay 4x50m Open

2:30pm – 2:35pm

- 6x50m All Age Relay

2:35pm – 2:40

- Mascot Race and / or Student/Staff Relay

Presentations – 2:45pm – 2:50pm

Dismissal – 3:00pm
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**Encourage healthy relationships**

Do all you can to encourage healthy relationships based on respect and common courtesy. Generally, when a relationship is healthy a child feels safe, valued and able to speak up. Unhealthy relationships, such as cliques, are restrictive, one-sided and are full of gossip and criticism.

**Encourage inclusiveness**

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**Encourage friendships with both genders**

If you are in a co-education environment encourage your child to form friendships with both boys and girls. This is particularly valid if your child has siblings of their own gender, or don't have siblings. It's through these early relationships that we gain the confidence to mix with different genders in the later years. Forming friends across genders helps to break down the mystique that sometimes forms, when a child has little contact with the 'other' gender.

**Stay in touch with former classmates and school friends**

Encourage your child to maintain friendships with former classmates and groups outside of school as this helps to insulate against unfriendly behaviour that they may experience with their close social circle.
Upcoming Webinar for Parents

This school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia’s most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents in this school community can attend some fantastic webinars in 2020 at no cost. We’re pleased to let you know about an upcoming webinar.

**Future-proofing your child: 18 March 8–9pm AEDT**

- Watch from any device, any location
- See the expert as they speak
- Catch up recording available

Valued at $37 per person

Making new friends and staying in touch with old classmates

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JUNIOR SQUASH

Starts: Monday February 3rd 2020 5pm – 6.30pm
Ages 5 years to 18 years
ALL GEAR PROVIDED
$5 a session
All new players get their first session FREE!

Where: Townsville Tenpin and fun Centre
101 Bamford Lane, Kirwan, QLD 4815
Contact: Janelle 0402068079
westssquashclub@gmail.com

FROGS TOUCH FOOTBALL CLUB

Hoppy Days to you

Do you want to play Touch Football, the 2020 season is starting

TRAINING
Cranbrook Park
Bergin Road
Wednesday 5th of February 2020 - 5.30 onwards

GRADES
Men’s 1st Grade thru to 5th Grade
Women’s 1st Grade thru to 6th Grade

SEASON STARTS
Sunday 23rd February
Queens Park

Come along and join us – you’ll love it
Frogstouchclub@gmail.com
For more information ring Macca m:0417 714 811

AMADEUS SINGERS

“Townsville’s Community Children’s Choirs”

Are now recruiting for new members!!
All voice types welcome
“COME AND TRY SESSIONS”
Youth Choir - Year 7 - 22 years
Monday, 10th Feb.: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Senior Children’s Choir - Years 3 - 6
Monday, 10th Feb.: 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Junior Children’s Choir - Prep - Year 2
Wednesday, 12th Feb.: 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Townsville Grammar School
1 Brazier Drive, Annandale
Register: www.amadeus-singers.com.au
Contact: Anne (0426 610 291)
SEASON 2020 GIRLS SOCCER

WE ARE ENCOURAGING NEW PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR UNDER 8 / 9 GIRL’S TEAM

MAKE FRIENDS & HAVE FUN
BE PART OF A TEAM
IMPROVE SKILLS & GET FIT
EVERY THURSDAY
5PM – 6PM
@ VICTORIA PARK
SOUTH TOWNSVILLE

PLEASE CONTACT US AT ESTATESFC@GMAIL.COM
PH: PAUL 0421 166 733
OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK
WWW.ESTATESFC.COM.AU

NEW PLAYERS WANTED

We are looking for NEW PLAYERS and GOALKEEPERS to join our Under 12B team. Must be committed to two nights of training.

Training will be Tuesdays and Thursdays
5pm to 6pm
@ Victoria Park
Contact Coach
Eoghan Deegan
0415 559 545