



Ignatius Park College Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

The Ignatius Park College Community would like to humbly acknowledge the Wulgurukaba peoples on whose land our College is located, as well as the Bindal peoples on whose land many of us live and travel across daily. We respectfully thank the elders of this traditional land both past and present for guiding us through the journey of time to where we are today. This spiritual and cultural journey is significant in allowing the freedoms our society has today. As a community we reflect on the history of Australia and its First Nations peoples and ask all elders to guide us to a promising and enriching future. As a community we will continue to develop our minds to be respectful and learn from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders as well as all people who make up this country of Australia.

Over the past week I have sent several letters to all families regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). I know this may seem to be information overload, but we have been vigilant in keeping parents and caregivers updated on the changes that are occurring daily. On 15 March, the Federal Government, in concert with State and Territory governments, advised that schools should remain open and that, in fact, broad closure of schools may be counter-productive at this point.

The College will continue to liaise with the relevant health authorities as well as continuing to develop our internal contingency processes. I do reiterate the importance of a strong and consistent message regarding personal hygiene. I ask parents and caregivers to reinforce the message about washing hands, not sharing water bottles, covering coughs and sneezes and disposing of tissues once they are used. There are soap dispensers in the student toilets and hand sanitisers in every classroom. Students have been advised of this and asked to ensure that they wash their hands throughout the day. Charts have been placed around the College to remind students of correct hygiene protocol. I also ask parents and caregivers to monitor their sons' health and, if necessary, keep them at home if they have fevers or temperatures. In a letter from 10 March that was sent to all parents, we stated we would be initiating our "symptom zero tolerance threshold" which is to ensure that students who exhibit any one of the symptoms listed below, refrain from attending school.

These zero tolerance symptoms are:

- Fever at or above 37.3 degrees Celsius
- Sore Throat
- Continuous cough or sneezing, and
- Extreme nasal congestion

Reminder: if your son arrives at school with the above symptoms, we will contact the parents/caregivers and ask you to collect them from the school. It is disappointing that there have been some students arriving to school unwell or parents being reluctant to collect their son. Our symptom zero tolerance threshold policy is to ensure the health and safety of all members of the College community and this is everyone's responsibility. The College would advise that any student who is unwell seeks medical advice. I would ask if parents and caregivers could continue to be very proactive in isolating their sons if they showed flu-like symptoms which will assist us in managing the current situation. Below is a flow chart that parents may find useful in the College's approach will students who are unwell.

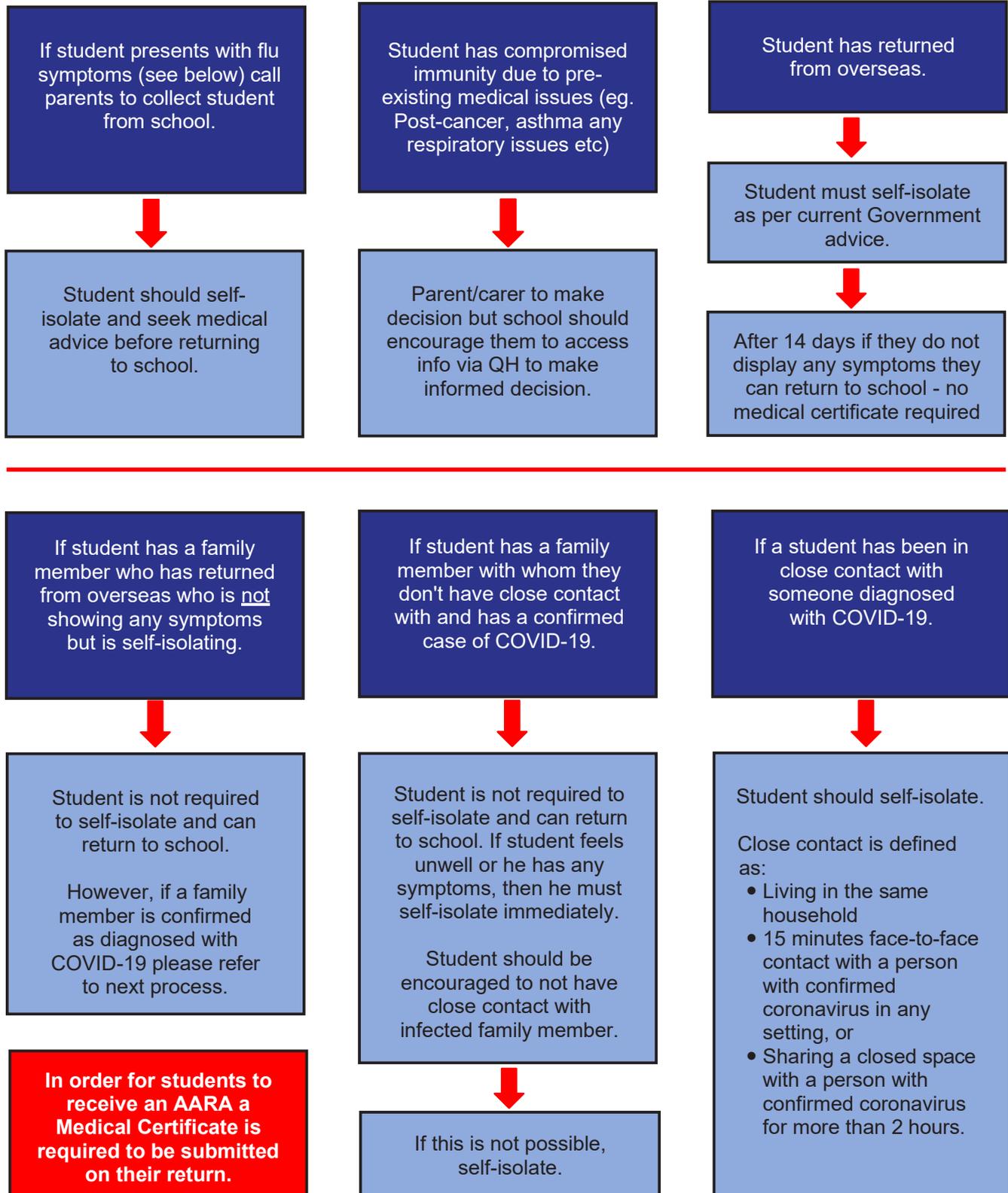


A Catholic Secondary College in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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.



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Isolation Chart for Students



From the Principal (continued)

This week the Australian Government has announced that all organised, non-essential mass gatherings attended by more than 500 people must be cancelled. As you are aware, the College has either postponed or cancelled events that were scheduled this term. We will reassess other events in Term 2 that will be dependent on changes to regulations by government authorities. All parents should have received a letter from Mr Brendan Stewart this week outlining the activities that have been modified (to ensure reduced numbers and social distancing) or have been postponed/cancelled.

Also, you would have received an email from Mrs Allison Elcoate outlining that if the College has a short-term closure, we will continue to provide learning opportunities for students via the STILE Learning Platform and many of the student textbooks in the senior school are available through Box of Books. Students are advised to use email and the class discussion tab in STILE to ask any questions about set activities and their learning. These will be monitored in an ongoing capacity by teachers during school hours. Parents and caregivers are reminded that we are asking all students and families to check that they can access STILE from their home tonight between 7.00 and 7.30pm and log into STILE and complete two (2) questions from home on their BYOD laptops. Please refer to the email on how to log on and the process to follow. Should you experience any issues with accessing STILE, please email studentaccess@ipc.qld.edu.au providing as much detail as possible of any issues. The College's IT team will begin contacting families on Friday to address any problems.

Please note: the EREA Code of Conduct regarding all online interactions with students. Communication will only be via College email, STILE or Student Cafe. Such communications are recorded, logged and can be accessed by the College's IT staff and College Leadership Team, providing a safe space for staff and students' professional interactions. Where teachers provide video lessons online, these will be one-way where the students can see and hear the teacher, however, the teacher cannot see them. These lessons will have a text-based chat available for students to interact with and ask questions of the teacher.

Dr Wayne Tinsey, EREA Executive Director completes 13 years of outstanding service at the end of 2020. Wayne has been a visionary leader and been dedicated to the founding of the mission of the EREA and has been courageously stewarding our ongoing commitment to the education of the young people in our care across Australia. The EREA Board and the Council of EREA have appointed Dr Craig Wattam, current Principal of St Patrick's College Strathfield, to the role of Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia. Craig will commence in the role at the start of 2021. We congratulate Craig on his appointment and look forward to his leadership and visiting our College next year.

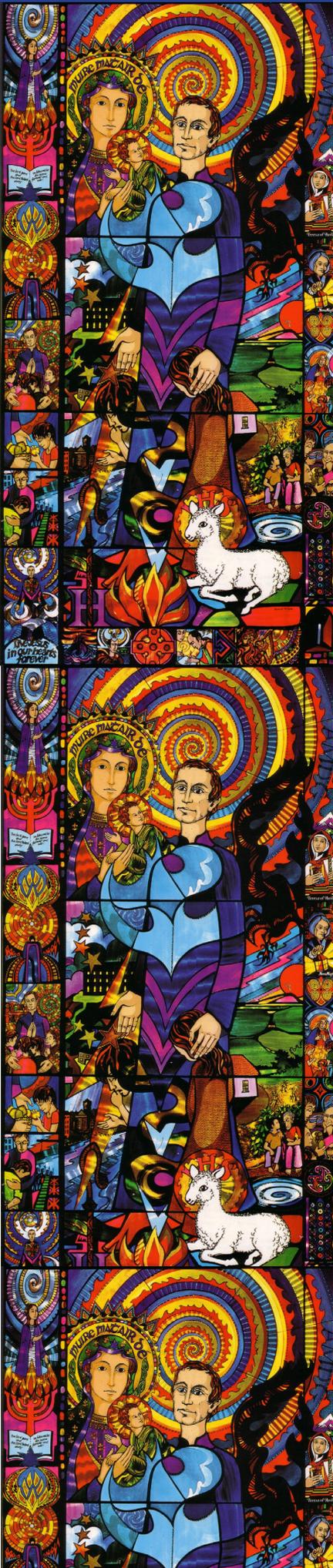
This week is a special time where we appreciate the abundance of cultures, we share amongst one another as we celebrate Harmony Week (15-21 March). Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all, regardless of cultural or linguistic backgrounds. Our Touchstone inclusive community calls us to acknowledge how our country is made up of people from many different places on earth, the ways in which we can be similar and the ways in which we are unique; but ultimately, the way in which we are all part of God's creation. Harmony Week reminds us to be proud of who we are and a strong sense of belonging and identity. Belonging acknowledges interdependence with others and the importance of relationships. At Ignatius Park College, our relationships are underpinned by our call to love one another. With the current climate of the world today, it is important to take the time to remember this and centre ourselves. In the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 13:7-8 we are reminded that love 'bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.'

Pope Francis last Sunday took a brief walking pilgrimage in the city of Rome and prayed for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic during a surprise visit to both the Basilica of St. Mary Major and a cross that traversed Rome during a 16th century plague. The Pope went to the Basilica to visit the icon of Salus Populi Romani, Mary Protection of the Roman People, to invoke her prayers against the Coronavirus pandemic affecting Italy and the world. The Pope this year will be celebrating Easter Mass without a congregation at the Vatican. May we keep in our prayers and thoughts the people affected by this virus and hopefully the discovery of a vaccine that can minimise the spread globally.

Live Jesus in our Hearts. Forever.

Shaun Clarke





Identity and Mission

Prayer for a pandemic

Creator God, may we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who much choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go. May we who are losing our margin money remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home. When we are afraid, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, help us find ways to be Your loving embrace to our neighbours. AMEN



Third Week of Lent

Project Compassion, Week 3, brings you the story of Barry, a Gamilaroi man originally from western NSW. Barry is a father of four and he embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may have been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Your support of Project compassion can help build a brighter future for people like Barry through the Red Dust Healing program.

Let's Go Further, Together! Watch Barry's story on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8plgPnQThQ>



Cancellations

Unfortunately, our Faith in Action programs have been cancelled. We will not be running our weekly Aitkenvale Breakfast Club, Brooklea or Holy Spirit Reading Group visits until further notice. This also means the Toast Room is on hold. We can't wait until our service programs can begin again!

A further cancellation is our full school/large group Masses and Liturgies. We will be creative in our approach, so your son does not miss out on our formal, spiritual formation opportunities.

Upcoming Events

- Mass in Our Lady of the Mount Chapel – every Wednesday morning 8.00am
- Stations of the Cross (2 versions) – class groups, Thursday 2 April

Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

Tips to maintain a healthy headspace during this time:

What an extremely challenging time this is for all of us. The use of words “unprecedented” and “crisis” and “pandemic” can be frightening. It comes as no surprise that this would be impacting on our children and our own mental health.

It is extremely important that we care for our mental health as much as our physical health. Headspace have a handy checklist that is a great reminder about how to look after ourselves in the coming days and months.

- Be mindful of exposure to information through stories, traditional and social media. It can be helpful to take a break from the 24-hour news cycle.
- Do things that make you feel physically and emotionally safe, and be with those who are helpful to your wellbeing.
- Engage in activities that promote a sense of calm and feeling grounded (use of alcohol and other drugs can be counterproductive with this).
- Our 7 tips for a healthy headspace demonstrate simple and effective things that can help people to create and maintain a healthy headspace, irrespective of whether they have been affected by COVID-19 or not.
- It can help to talk with a trusted adult if it all feels a bit much.

These 7 tips for a healthy headspace (see below) is extremely useful for our children but also for ourselves.

Danielle Charge | Student Counsellor



World's Greatest Shave

On Friday, 13 March, Ignatius Park College joined the many other schools and businesses around Australia for the World's Greatest Shave. The students shaved, coloured or waxed their hair to help raise vital money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The 45 students and staff that raised a minimum of \$300 each had their moment in front of a packed Edmund Rice Hall on Friday. At present, all involved have raised an astonishingly awesome \$18,000. Huge pats on the back to a couple of little champions in Oliver Catt, Keanou O'Callaghan-Fletcher and Joseph and Isaac Wood who each raised over \$1,000. Thank you to all involved who put their hair on the line, to anyone who came along to show their support and of course to all that donated. Whether big or small, every cent helps us to get closer to finding a cure and bringing some much needed relief to families this disease affects. If anyone would like to make any further donations, you are able to until the end of May. Many thanks for the support.

Gian Guerra | Cultural Coordinator



The Spirit of the Anzac Competition

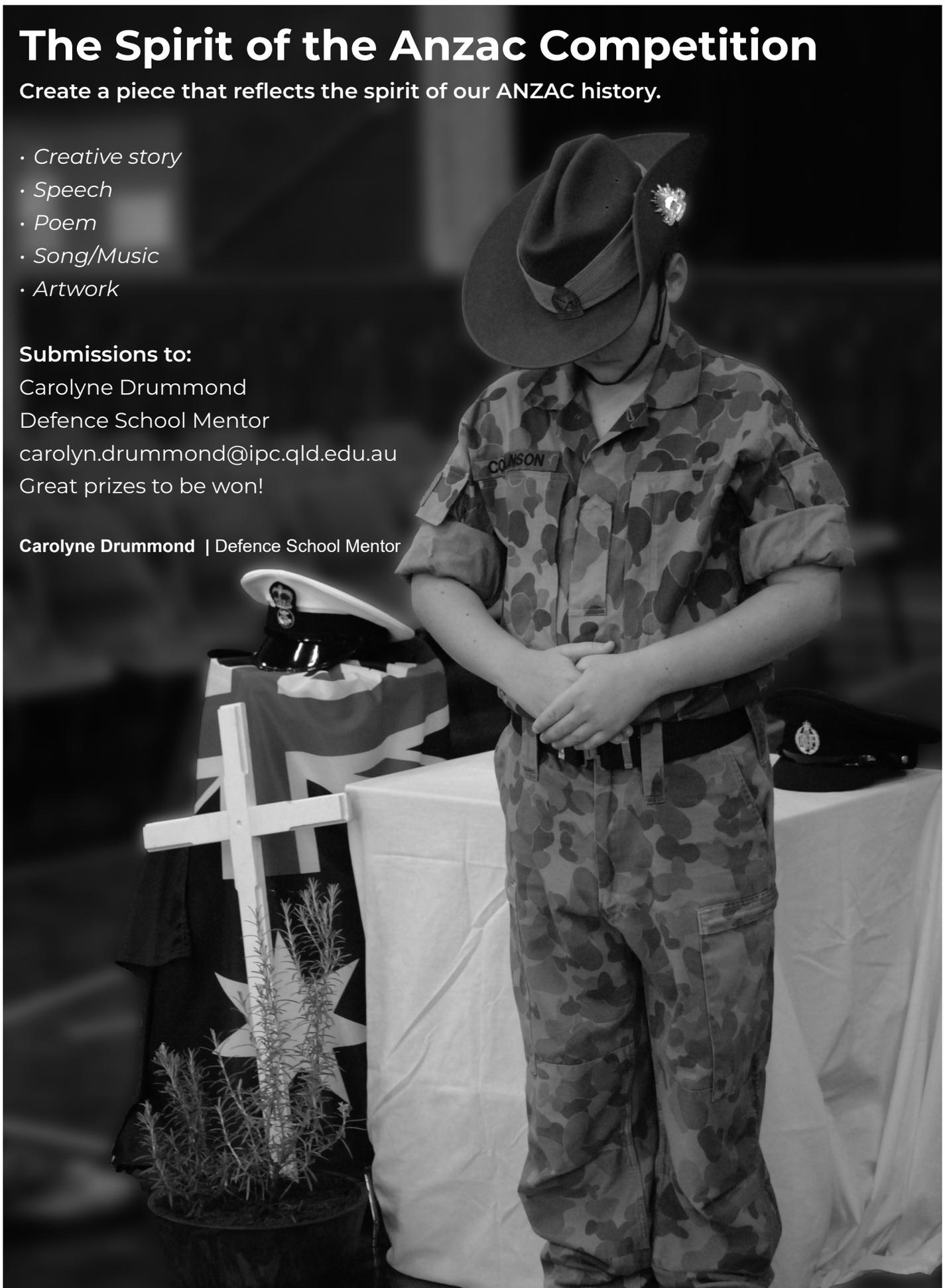
Create a piece that reflects the spirit of our ANZAC history.

- Creative story
- Speech
- Poem
- Song/Music
- Artwork

Submissions to:

Carolyne Drummond
Defence School Mentor
carolyn.drummond@ipc.qld.edu.au
Great prizes to be won!

Carolyne Drummond | Defence School Mentor



Basketball

Basketball – Northern Trials

Congratulations to all the boys that were selected in the Open Northern Basketball team.

Charlton Bird, Joe Brosnan, Jake McAuliffe, Koby Owens and Marshall Wilson.

All of the Ignatius Park Boys that trialed put in a fantastic effort and are to be commended on their sportsmanship.

Gary Hughes | Teacher

Rugby Union

Congratulations to Jayvan Scarf who was selected in the NQ U18 Rugby Union team at trials yesterday and to Alex Bombaderi who is a shadow.

Qld Championships, if they go ahead, will be at Ballymore in Brisbane in May.

Recently the 1st XV and U15 Rugby Union teams travelled to Rockhampton to play in their annual tournament. It was a great weekend with both teams performing exceptionally well on and off the field.

The U15s ended up with two wins and a draw:

- Defeated Emerald 17 to 5 and Rocky Grammar Red 15 to 12
- Drew with Rocky Grammar Yellow – scoring two tries in the final quarter to level the scores at 24 all

The 1st XV also performed very well with one win, one draw and a loss:

- Narrow loss to Rocky Grammar 12 to 5
- Drew with Saint Brendan's Yeppoon 17 all
- Defeated Marist College Emerald 15 to 5

Special mention goes to Ethan Woods who was named IPC's player of the tournament.

Mark Moxon | Teacher



TSSS Swimming Carnival

After a tight struggle the College Swimming team retained the Townsville Secondary Schools A Grade Swimming Championship.

Ignatius Park won the 12 years, 13 years and 16 years title, came second in the 14 years and 15 years and third in the 17 years and 18 years and claimed the overall winners title.

Special mention goes to Aiden Freeman, James Stephan, and Fionn O'Seighin who on very short notice replaced team members who became unavailable. They were competitive and contributed to the culture of the team and the College.

The successful team was as follows

12 years - Carter Koitka, Riley, Cat Kerr, Euan Roberts, Jackson Hatchard, Carter Isaac

13 years - Lincoln Burrowes Blake Koitka, Owen Myers, Nicholas Barr, Maddy Mancuso

14 years - Matthew Lynch, Hayden Munro, Ben Hatchard, Vincent Micale, Jai Duxbury

15 years – Kym Nuth, Drew Roberts, Zac Bennett, Kasey Julien, Stuart Carter, Reece Foley

16 years - Jacob Fowler, Hayden Vignale, Max Gough, Darcy Cussen, Noah Lau

17 years - Brandon Pearce, William Bennett, Corey Baker, James Stephan, Aiden Freeman

Open - Nick Pearce, Caleb Cheeseman, Isaac Truett, Kieran Truett, Fionn O'Seighin

John Alloway | Program Leader - Sport

Toast Room closed

We, as a school, want to protect all members of our community, including the elderly. The Toast Room is normally manned by elderly volunteers and, as such, we have decided to discontinue the Toast Room until further notice.

Please let your sons know to eat a hearty breakfast before they arrive at school.

Kay O'Connor | Tuckshop Convenor

NYSF Applications Open

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM!

Year 11 students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) are now invited to apply for the upcoming Year 12 Program held annually in January in either Brisbane or Canberra.

For more information and to apply go to www.nysf.edu.au

Applications close 14 June.

Annette Gregory | Science Laboratory Assistant

STEM LAB VISITS • LECTURES • SITE TOURS • WORKSHOPS • SOCIAL EVENTS

National Youth Science Forum
NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM
APPLICATIONS OPEN

Cancellations

The following activities have been cancelled until further notice:

- Faith in Action
- Toast Room
- Debating
- DaVinci Decathlon
- Rugby Union games and Rugby League games
- Years 7/8 Basketball games
- Training – Water Polo, Basketball, Years 7, 8, 9, Rugby League

A decision was made by the Department of Education Central Office and QLD School Sport to cancel ALL school sport events. This includes district, regional, state, national, interstate and international competitions, effective from 17 March.

- ALL District Trials
- ALL Regional Trials
- ALL Interschool 'Block Sport' fixtures

Community

Creativity and Spirituality

The Light in Life

"When you regain a sense of your life as a journey of discovery, you return to rhythm with yourself. When you take the time to travel with reverence, a richer life unfolds before you."
John O'Donohue.

Marg and Brianne invite you to take the time to reflect on your life, reflect on the journey that has been and explore the hopes and dreams for the future. In celebration of these reflections and to honour the journey we will decorate a 'Milestone' candle.

The House of Prayer and Spirituality
17 Thomas St, Pimlico
Sunday 29th March 11am – 3:30pm
\$25 which includes materials and lunch
RSVP 25th March for materials & catering arrangements
Ph: 4728 9861
houseofprayer@tsv.catholic.org.au

