



# Immaculate Heart College

*Through Mary to Jesus: "The Way, the Truth and the Life"*  
*John 14:6*

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Re; 2018 INFORMATION PACK

This covering letter is for existing as well as new families of Immaculate Heart College. It explains the 'Information Pack' for 2018 which contains within it, various documents that should serve to assist parents in their preparation for the new academic year.

Included in the **2018 Information Pack** are the following documents:

- This Covering Letter
- IHC Vision and Mission Statements 2018
- College Calendar 2018
- IHC Commencement Dates for 2018 (inclusive of opening dates and times of Reception for the new academic year, Orientation Morning for new students and commencement dates for Kindergarten through to Year 9 students)
- IHC Timetable for Pre-primary to Year 9, 2018 (Blank Pre-primary to Year 9 Timetable for time allocation of periods)
- College Uniform Information 2018
- IHC Schedule of Fees 2018
- IHC Fee Payment Agreement Form 2018
- Get Involved Form 2018
- IHC Parents and Friends Association
- Qkr! Online Canteen Ordering System
- Booklists 2018 and related information (for ordering/purchase of booklist items for Pre-primary to Year 9 students)
- Kindergarten Handbook 2018 for Kindergarten students only

Further to the above-mentioned items contained within, please note the following key points:

### Kindergarten

An **Orientation Morning** has been planned for all new students, including Kindergarten students. This will take place on **Tuesday 30 January from 9.00am to 11.00am**. Parents are asked to bring their children to the College, gathering at the College's Multipurpose Hall by 9.00am. Students do not wear school uniform on this day. Please see the *Commencement Dates for 2018* document for the Orientation morning agenda.

Kindergarten students attend school on the following days during the year: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The students will commence the academic year on **Wednesday 31 January** for half a day, from 9.00am-12.00pm. Thereafter, attendance for Kindergarten students is for half a day up to and including Friday 9 February. **Full-time attendance commences on Tuesday 13 February**, from 9.00am to 3.10pm. Parents can deliver their children to the Kindergarten from 8.45am onwards for a 9.00am start.

The College uniform for Kindergarten students is the Summer Sports Uniform for Terms 1 and 4, and the Winter Sports Uniform for Terms 2 and 3. This includes the appropriate footwear (sports shoes) and accessories such as the College Bag and Library Bag. A comprehensive booklet regarding the Kindergarten and related requirements is included, where relevant.

#### Pre-primary to Year 9

An **Orientation Morning** has been planned for all new students from Pre-primary to Year 9. This will take place on **Tuesday 30 January from 9.00am to 11.00am**. Parents are asked to bring their children to the College, gathering at the Multipurpose Hall by 9.00am. Students do not wear school uniform on this day. Please see the *Commencement Dates for 2018* document for the Orientation Morning agenda. **Parents and students from Year's 3 – 9 must attend an information evening on 30 January at 7pm, regarding the distribution and implementation of student laptops.**

Pre-primary is a compulsory year of schooling; therefore, the expectation at Immaculate Heart College is that Pre-primary students will attend school daily and in a full-time capacity. **All students from Pre-primary to Year 9 will commence the new academic year on Wednesday 31 January at 8.45am**. Students can arrive at the school from 8.30am onwards for an 8.45am start. The school day ends at 3.10pm. The 2018 College Calendar, with term dates, is included in this Information Pack.

The College uniform for Pre-primary students is the Summer Sports Uniform for Terms 1 and 4, and the Winter Sports Uniform for Terms 2 and 3. This includes the appropriate footwear (sports shoes) and accessories such as the College Bag and Library Bag.

Year 1 to Year 9 students wear the Summer School Uniform in Terms 1 and 4, and the Winter School Uniform during Terms 2 and 3 (**Students from Year's 7, 8 and 9 must wear the College Blazer to and from school each day**). The College Hat, as well as sunscreen, must be worn all year round when outdoors. Students wear the sport uniform on the day they are timetabled for Physical Education.

Please refer to the document titled *College Uniform Information 2018* in this Pack for details on the school's uniform requirements. Most IHC uniform items are purchased from our supplier, Lowes, in Ellenbrook. The *IHC Student Homework Diary 2018* (a compulsory Booklist item for Years 2 to Year 9 students) is also purchased only from the school (parents are invoiced for this item through their School Fees).

Once the school year starts, parents are asked to provide a packed lunch for their children, including a water bottle, as well as healthy snacks for Recess (fruit, vegetables, crackers, etc.). The College has a ***Crunch & Sip*** policy which allows for snacking on fruit and vegetables, and sipping on water in class throughout the course of the day at the teacher's discretion.

The College Canteen (The Canteen @ IHC) is open every Friday. Students must order their lunch by Wednesday, 3.10pm each week. Orders can be placed via the red lunch boxes allocated in the reception and directly next to the Canteen or alternatively through the Qkr! App on your smart device. They may purchase healthy snacks from the Canteen at Recess on Fridays without pre-ordering.

The College Canteen is a member of the ***WA School Canteen Association Inc.*** (WASCA), adhering thus to the 'Traffic Light' system which promotes more 'green' foods; therefore, healthy eating.

The ***School Breakfast Program*** (SBP) is coordinated by college staff and parent volunteers. A basic breakfast is available in the Multipurpose Hall from 8.20am to 8.40am. Good table manners are expected of students. Breakfast is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 9.

The weekly whole-school Mass will continue to take place in the Multipurpose Hall until such time as the Divine Mercy Church is completed. Students from Pre-primary to Year 9 will attend the weekly Mass on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 9.45am.

The Teaching Staff for the relevant year groups for 2018 are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Miss Jacinta Erceg
- Pre Primary: Miss Bianca O'Connor
- Year 1: Mrs Cathy Byrne
- Year 2: Miss Elodie Longbottom
- Year 3: Miss Hasoly Hurtado
- Year 4: Mrs Anne Cullendar
- Year 5: TBA
- Year 6: Mr Nino Raju
- Year 7/8/9: Mr Graham Farmer (Science & Maths)
- Year 7/8/9: Mr Daniel Matthys (English & HASS)
- Year 7/8/9 Design and Technology Teacher: Mr Don McNamee
- Modern Greek: Mr George Anastassiadis
- Physical Education: Mrs Skye Hannd
- Theology Teacher: Mr Mark Aarts
- Education Support Teacher: Mrs Annette Shehan
- Other Staff: To be announced at the start of the new academic year

### College Curriculum

Immaculate Heart College has two focus areas: Academic Excellence and the Catholic Faith. A strong emphasis is placed on both of these areas with the Catholic Faith being integrated into the curriculum due to the College's distinct Catholic ethos.

### ***Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)***

The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) is the cornerstone document that guides the Kindergarten Teaching/Learning Program of the College. Its five principles, approaches to practice, and learning outcomes are adhered to in the everyday teaching and learning experiences of the Kindergarten staff and students. As the overriding framework, it guides planning, programming and practice for the teacher, leading students confidently towards compulsory education in Pre-primary and the new Australian Curriculum (AC). In 2017, the new AC for Kindergarten will be used in conjunction with the EYLF.

### **College Timetable**

A blank IHC Timetable has been included in this Information Pack to show the starting and finishing times of the day, Recess and Lunch times, and time allocations for each of the eight periods per day in Pre-primary to Year 9. The Kindergarten timetable adheres to a later starting time (9.00am) but the same finishing time (3.10pm). However, the Kindergarten timetable structure is more flexible than that of the rest of the school.

**Please take special note of the THREE-WEEK holiday period at the end of Term 2.**

Once again, thank you for enrolling your child/children at Immaculate Heart College. Everyone at the College looks forward to a close working relationship with you for the benefit of your child/children's holistic education.

Yours faithfully

Lucas Hurley  
**Principal**

17 November 2017