



Immaculate Heart College

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Dear Parents/Guardians

2021 INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to Immaculate Heart College, both returning families and those new to our College community. This letter explains the 'Information Pack' for 2021 which contains various documents that should serve to assist parents in their preparation for the new academic year.

Included in the **2021 Information Pack** are the following documents:

- This Covering Letter
- 2021 College Calendar
- IHC Commencement Dates for 2021 (inclusive of opening dates and times of Reception for the new academic year, Orientation Morning for new students and commencement dates for Pre-Kindergarten through to Year 12 students)
- 2021 College Uniform Information
- 2021 IHC Schedule of Fees & Financial Information
- 2021 Booklists and related information (for ordering/purchase of booklist items for Pre-primary to Year 11 students)
- Laptop Information and 2021 CEWA Laptop Flyer (applicable to Years 3 -12 students)
- IHC Parents and Friends Association Letter and Membership Form
- Qkr! Online Canteen Ordering System flyer

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

New Students

An **Orientation Morning** has been planned for all new students, including Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. This will take place on **Friday 29 January from 9.00am to 10.30am**. 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 2020* document for further information.



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Pre Kindy and Kindergarten Students

Pre-Kindergarten students attend school on the following days during the year: Mondays and Thursdays. Pre-Kindergarten students will commence the academic year on **Monday 1 February** for a half day, from 9.00am -12.00pm. Thereafter, attendance for Pre-Kindergarten students is for half a day up to, and including Thursday 11 February. **Full-time attendance commences on Monday 15 February**, from 9.00am to 3.10pm.

Kindergarten students attend school on the following days during the year: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Kindergarten students will commence the academic year on **Tuesday 2 February**. Parents can deliver their children to the Kindergarten from 8.45am onwards, for a 9.00am start.

Pre Primary – Year 12 students

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 12 will commence the new academic year on Monday 1 February 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 2021 College Calendar, with term dates, is included in this Information Pack.

Please refer to the document titled **College Uniform Information 2020** in this Pack for details on the school's uniform requirements. Most IHC uniform items are purchased from our supplier, Lowes, in Ellenbrook.

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.

As a **Nut Aware School**, IHC seeks to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community. The College is committed to responsible and achievable management practices in reducing foreseeable risks associated with the support of students with anaphylaxis within the school environment. **Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school that contain any nuts or nut products. This includes peanut butter and Nutella.** Students are encouraged not to share food, eating utensils or containers, and to practice appropriate hand-washing and food hygiene behaviours.



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The College Canteen (The Canteen @ IHC) is currently open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Orders can be conveniently placed through the Qkr! App on your smart device. Alternatively, orders written on a paper bag can be placed in the red lunch boxes located in Reception and directly next to the Canteen. Kindergarten to Year 2 students are required to pre-order recess via this same method, however Year 3 to Year 11 students may purchase a variety of healthy snacks from the Canteen at Recess on Wednesdays and Fridays without pre-ordering. The College Canteen adheres to the 'Traffic Light' promoted by the **WA School Canteen Association Inc.** (WASCA), which encourages more 'green' foods; therefore, you are assured healthy, predominantly freshly made menu options.

As a **Waste Wise School**, the college has undertaken 'Waste-Free Thursday'. On Thursdays, we ask that your child's lunch contain as few items as possible that must be thrown away. Ideally, your child's lunch will only contain items that will be eaten, composted or recycled. The Waste-Free Thursday Challenge is one of the College's sustainability education initiatives so that students will have a better understanding of how we can take action to reduce our waste and ideally promote healthy eating.

The weekly whole-school Mass takes place in the Multipurpose Hall until such time as the Divine Mercy Church is completed. Students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will attend weekly Mass on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 9.45am. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 will attend weekly Mass on Friday mornings from 9.00am to 9.45am.

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 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).



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College Timetable

Due to changes brought about by COVID in 2020, the College currently operates on a staggered Timetable, to ensure allowances are made at break times for physical distancing and cleaning. The College day begins at 8.45am for Pastoral Care Group (PCG). The Early Learning Centre and Years 3 to 6 students break for Morning Recess between 10.45 – 11.05am, and lunch time runs from 1.05 – 1.45pm. High School students (Years 7-12) break for Morning Recess between 10.05 – 10.25am, with lunchtime at 12.25 – 1.05pm. The College day ends at 3.10pm. *These times are subject to change, as Department of Education guidelines dictate.*

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

Meika Gough
Principal