



Immaculate Heart College

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Dear Parents and Carers

2022 INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to Immaculate Heart College, both returning families and those new to our College community. This letter explains the *Information pack for 2022* which contains various documents that should serve to assist parents in their preparation for the new academic year.

Included in the **2022 Information Pack** are the following documents:

- This covering letter
- 2022 College Calendar
- IHC commencement dates for 2022 (inclusive of opening dates and times of College Administration for the new academic year, orientation morning for new students and commencement dates for Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 students)
- 2022 Timetable for primary and secondary students, reflecting new times
- 2022 College Uniform Information
- 2022 Financial Information and Agreement Forms (including Schedule of Fees)
- 2022 Booklists
- Laptop information (for Years 3 -12 students)
- Qkr!™ Online canteen ordering system flyer

Please also note the following key points:

New Students

An **Orientation Morning** has been planned for all new students to the College. This will take place on **Tuesday 25 January** from **9.00am to 10.30am**. Parents are asked to bring their children to the College, gathering at the College Hall by 9.00am. Students do not wear school uniform on this day. Please see the *Commencement Dates for 2022* document for further information.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students

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,



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leading students confidently towards compulsory education in Pre-Primary and the Australian Curriculum (AC).

Pre-Kindergarten students attend school on the following days during the year: Mondays and Thursdays. Pre-Kindergarten students commence the academic year on **Thursday 27 January** for a half day, from 8.45am – 12.00pm. Thereafter, attendance for Pre-Kindergarten students is for half a day up to, and including Monday 7 February. Full-time attendance commences on Thursday 10 February, from 8.45am – 3.00pm.

Kindergarten students attend school on the following days during the year: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Kindergarten students will commence the academic year on **Friday 28 January**. Parents can deliver their children to the Kindergarten room from 8.45 onwards for a 9.00am start.

Pre-Primary – Year 12 students

Pre-Primary is the first 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 Thursday 27 January at 8.30am.** Students can arrive at the school from 8.15am onwards, for an 8.30am start. The school days ends at 3.15pm. The 2022 College Calendar, with term dates, is included in this *Information Pack*.

Please refer to the document titled **College Uniform Information 2022** in this pack for the details on the College'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 and 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 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. More details on ordering process, the menu, and days for Primary and Secondary will follow next year.

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



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management practices in reducing foreseeable risks associated with the support of students with anaphylaxis within the school environment. **Parents and carers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains any nuts or nut products. This includes peanut butter and Nutella.** Students are encouraged not to share food, eating utensils or containers, and to practise appropriate hand-washing and food hygiene behaviours.

College Mass takes place weekly for all students, Pre-Primary to Year 12, on Friday mornings, from 9.20 – 10.20am, in the Divine Mercy Church (adjacent to the College). Parents as well as parishioners are welcome to attend, with important Feast/Mass days celebrated throughout the year.

Assemblies are held on Thursday mornings at 9.00am. Please refer to the IHC Website Calendar or SEQTA Engage for Parent Assembly dates throughout the year.

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 the break times for physical distancing and cleaning. The College day begins at 8.30am for Pastoral Care Group (PCG). The Early Learning Centre and primary school students break for Morning Recess between 11.15 and 11.35am, and lunch time runs from 1.05 to 1.35pm. Secondary students (Year 7-12) break for Morning Recess between 10.25 and 10.45am, with lunch time from 12.25 to 12.55pm. *These times are subject to change as Department of Education guidelines dictate.*

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

This three week break is subject to SCSA-mandated exam schedules and is negotiable, from year to year, around these dates – it is not guaranteed to always be at the end of the published WA Department of Education holiday dates.

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

Mrs Meika Gough
Principal