



Message from the Interim Principal

Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis

Dear Parents and Carers of Immaculate Heart College

At Week 5, we are almost at the half-way point of Term One and have, thankfully, managed to remain COVID-free to now. The following safety measures will ensure that our College stays safe for as long as possible.

COVID-19 Safety Measures

As you are aware, I sent a letter on Monday 21 February to the parents and carers of the primary school and secondary school respectively, stating the following:

- the need for teachers and staff in our school to wear masks indoors, unless exempt;
- for students in the secondary school to wear masks indoors, including getting to school on public transport or rideshare, unless exempt; and
- for primary school students not being required to wear a mask; however, it is encouraged that parents can choose for their child to wear a mask indoors.

On the matter of exemption, the school requires medical evidence to support the claim that their child is exempt from having to wear a mask.

Other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to COVID-19, and as received by the College, can be found [here](#).

This Week's Assembly

The Year 4 students will be holding their Assembly virtually on Thursday 24 February. This means that they will be presenting their items in class to their peers and that these items will be filmed, the recording of which will be uploaded to SEQTA for parents and carers to view. The same process will apply to Merit Certificates, which will be issued class by class whilst being filmed.

Mass

This week's Mass will be attended by the Year 5 cohort. The following arrangements will apply:

- Period 1 on Friday 25 February will be for Year 5 students only;
- Masks for all staff, as well as COVID-mandated spacing will be applicable in the church;
- Parishioners will have been asked to attend the afternoon Mass;
- Holy Communion or a Blessing is totally optional for everyone.

Parents and carers, please discuss the matter of receiving Holy Communion or a Blessing with your child/children so that they are aware of what they will do on Friday.

Behaviour and the Virtue of Respect

Some unsavoury behaviour has crept in at the half-way mark in some small quarters of the school and these isolated incidents have been addressed immediately by the relevant staff members, including Ms Skye Hannnd and myself. I have taken the opportunity to address students in their class or individually about the overriding virtue of respect at Immaculate Heart College and have honed in on what that looks like in day-to-day practice at the College. The key message that has been disseminated to the students is that they need to respect themselves and that if they abide by that measure, they will inadvertently check their behaviour so that their persona is respectable in the eyes of their peers and teachers, and their good reputation remains intact. By respecting themselves, they are then in a position to respect others. The rule that I have presented to the secondary school students is: "Respect people, property and place". We have discussed the implications of this rule and the message is becoming clearer to the students.

Parents and carers, if you can support us by discussing the meaning and implications of this rule, it would be appreciated.

Deputy Principal

On Tuesday 22 February, the tenure of Deputy Principal, Mrs Susan Shaw at the College, ended officially. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Shaw for her work done in 2021 to provide mentoring and support to the Principal, Mrs Meika Gough, and for her hand-over to me earlier this year in my role as Interim Principal.

Mrs Shaw was an integral part of the smooth operations at the College last year, including helping to secure Re-registration for the College. Sue came to us with a wealth of experience as a school leader and was selfless in sharing her expertise with Mrs Gough and with the staff. I am confident that my thanks to Sue are also inclusive of those of the parent body of Immaculate Heart College.



Immaculate Heart News

Save the Dates

Monday 28 February

Presentation Leadership Speeches (in house only)

Tuesday 1 March

Shrove Tuesday

OLNA Round 1 - Writing

Wednesday 2 March

Ash Wednesday

Swimming Trial - Primary and Secondary School

Friday 4 March

Secondary School Swimming Carnival

Monday 7 March

Labour Day

Wednesday 9 March

OLNA Round 1 - Reading

Thursday 10 March

OLAN Round 1 - Catch-up

Friday 11 March

Primary School Swimming Carnival

Assemblies - Thursdays

Week 5 - 24 Feb - Year 4

Week 7 - 10 March - ELC Choir

As parents cannot access the College grounds, assemblies will be recorded and uploaded to Seqta.

Message from the Co-Founder and Director

Mrs Doris Anastasiades

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Staff, Parents, Carers and Students of Immaculate Heart College. Welcome back to school after, hopefully, a restful holiday.

In December last year, we unfortunately lost Mrs Meika Gough, our Principal, due to personal reasons. We are very grateful to Meika for her hard work over the last twelve months or so.

As you know, Mrs Susan Shaw also left us. Susan joined us initially for only a short time and we appreciate all her help and expertise while she was here.

We welcome back Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis as Interim Principal. We thank her for offering to help while we are looking for a new Principal. We hope that the extra work load that she has taken on is not too much and that you all will give her the support and any help that you can.

I wish you all a happy and productive year!

God bless you.

Bike Club

Mr Jordan D'Andrilli

Last week our Run/Bike club kicked off with 41 students making the decision to take up the healthy habit of starting their Wednesday or Friday morning with a run or bike ride! 21 of those students also made the commitment to try and achieve a total of 100km throughout the year by joining the 100k Club. It is not too late to join if you want to get fitter and healthier in 2022 and have lots of fun doing it.

Of course, a massive thank you to all of the group leaders who volunteered their mornings to help enhance the health and well-being of themselves and the college.



Student Council Address

Zane Houston - Student Leadership Team - Editor

Since their election, this year's Secondary School Student Council have been busy actioning items, pondering over events, and all in all, striving to make a change in the high school. One of these projects has materialised as the 'blue box' to be located in the hall, a place where you can have your say about what you would like to see the council do, or what you think could make school life just that little bit better.

To better their roles as leaders, and to learn important skills on the topic, the council will be attending the Perth Secondary Youth Leadership Conference on Tuesday 15 March at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, an event designed to craft a generation of leaders, and which will aid them as they complete this year as student councillors.

Secondly, the council is happy to inform that they will be operating their stand at the IHC Secondary School Swimming Carnival, selling Mrs Grove's handmade, much beloved keychains (which are the newest fashion craze if I do say so myself). You'd better get in fast on the day, as these are best sellers. The money will circulate through the council, which will enable them to better give back to the student body.

Finally, I would like to say on behalf of the student leadership body, we are happy to listen to what you have to say. If you ever feel unheard as a student, come, and speak to one of us and we'll listen and give you the necessary voice.



It's time to get ready for the IHC 2022 Swimming Carnival!

ON SALE NOW: half-price, brand new swimwear!

Speedo Girls' Racing Bathers – Just \$40

Speedo Boys' Racing Jammers - Just \$30

See Mrs Hannnd to check sizes and to purchase. Don't miss out on this bargain!