

CELEBRATING



Immaculate Heart News

Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar:
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Monday 7 November

Fortitude Day
Year 5 Fire Brigade Visit

Tuesday 8 November

Year 9 Outdoor Ed excursion
IHC Netball Social Night

Wednesday 9 November

Years 7 to 10 Gravity Discovery Centre
Incursion

Thursday 10 November

Music Assembly

Friday 11 November

Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday 14 November

Years 9 to 11 Exam Week

Friday 18 November
Staff Day - Pupil Free Day

School Fee Payment Reminder

Payment of school fees in a timely manner is pivotal to the functioning of the College. Please ensure that all accounts are settled by the due date.

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The end of year is fast approaching and fees are almost due. Please make sure that invoices are paid by the due dates. Note: bus fees are not deducted from Direct Debit payments.
Accounts Department



100th ANNIVERSARY
"The Way, the Truth and the Life"
John 14:6

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Message from the Principal's Desk

Mrs Sammantha Da Luz

Dear IHC community

All Saints and All Souls comprise the two-day celebration of the Communion of Saints – those who are with God in heaven and those who are on their way to heaven. On the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity. It is a day to venerate all the holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. A day later, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), the Church remembers and prays for the faithful departed: our brothers and sisters who have died marked with the sign of faith. Particularly, we pray for all the souls in purgatory (The Basilica, 2022).



It was so lovely to see so many of our students celebrating this Solemnity by dressing up as Saints for our College Mass on Tuesday 1 November. It was a timely reminder for us all to emulate these holy men and women through our actions and devotion to the faith, just as they had done in their lives. Praying through them (Saints) for all departed souls, especially those in purgatory is something we can all do, not just on those days, but for the month of November. Just as October was our month of devotions to Our Lady, November is marked especially for all our deceased and for those who need our prayers the most. This is where any and all our prayers can work miracles.



November is also the month where the administration is generally very active in the interviewing and appointing of new staff to the college as well as finalising all course offerings for the Senior School. I hope to be able to announce all staff movements very soon, once all appointments have been confirmed. I appreciate your patience in this, as we are planning some very exciting developments and laying the foundations for some critical changes that will enable our college to truly flourish. This includes a new staffing restructure, improved facilities and a new Master Plan, which will be shared with the whole school community in the spirit of transparency and renewed confidence for future growth.

This week, the staff held a magnificent afternoon tea to celebrate the beautiful and exciting event of impending motherhood for Mrs Tran and the joyful addition for the Shuker family. We also congratulate Miss Carroll and Mr Alivojvodic upon their engagement! So much love and blessings are given to all concerned at this very incredible and special moment in all their lives.

The Year 10s recently completed their Mock Interviews with industry specialists from mining, education, hospitality, policing and local government to name a few. The students definitely impressed their interviewers and were able to practice their skills which will come in handy as they organise work placements/traineeships and/or apply for Certificate courses at various registered training organisations (RTOs), in preparation for 2023. Thank you to Mrs Hannd and Ms Stevens for organising and coordinating the event, all invited interviewers and to the Student Council for making delicious coffees for the invited guests. I also extend my thanks to Mrs Knight in leading our course selection interviews for Year 10 and 11 students currently; it certainly has been a hive of activity and my apologies to anyone trying to get an appointment with me right now as we attempt to consolidate all future pathways for our students. A very busy yet exciting time for the College at the moment.

Through all of this, the whole staff continue to work hard to ensure that all program requirements are met and that policies are followed. We require our families' support in ensuring that this is also met; recent letters or SEQTA notices to the home upholding the college's uniform policy is also part of that ongoing process, as are the behavioural notifications. Where possible, the restorative process is applied but not every situation can be viewed as a strictly 'black or white' situation. I would encourage parents to always make contact with their child's teachers directly first. If teachers are unaware of what is going on, or that there may be concerns, then they are unable to address the issue, concern or conflict. I know our teaching staff would welcome this direct contact should you have any concerns or questions regarding their children.

As the Year 11s prepare to finish their school year in the next few weeks, I would like to leave a quote here: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us" (Ralph Waldo Emerson). We cannot control external factors, but we can choose how we react to them. By focusing upon what is within us, we interrogate our choices - for good, not bad and from a kind place. Having returned from retreat with most of the Year 11 students recently, I can safely say that they are an impressive group of young individuals who have so much more to give to the world. We look forward to seeing most of you back for 2023 and for those departing IHC next year, don't forget who you are and where you come from because it characterises you distinctly and will hold you in good stead for life.

God bless!

NIPSSA Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 27 October, 39 of IHC's finest athletes travelled to Kingsway Little Athletics Centre to race, throw and jump against the best competitors that the northern independent schools had to offer. Our students were not only motivated by their drive to win, but by IHC's brand new Interschool singlets which looked fantastic. We were very proud to have some fantastic overall individual results on the day, with the following students finishing in the top 5 of their respective year groups overall; Ellyse Cassidy finishing 5th, Flynn Batten finishing 5th, Astasia Gooch coming 3rd and Charlotte Oakley finishing 2nd. Overall, IHC placed 7th which is an improvement from 2021!

A spectacular day was had by all, who relished the chance to challenge themselves against some of the best athletes in the northern suburbs. Congratulations to the IHC Interschool Team!



This week, we have celebrated two special days of Remembrance within our school – that of All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls Day on November 2. It is a time for us to recognise all members of our community, especially those who have gone before us. Students had the opportunity to dress up as a significant saint on Tuesday, and throughout the month of November, remembrance reflections will take place in the Church during Theology – allowing students to remember loved ones and to pray for them.

In this month of remembrance, let us reflect on how we play a significant role in people's lives and to recognise the impact that others have been to us:

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ.

And for all souls who have gone before us,

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Amen.



Year 10 Mock Interviews

On Wednesday 2 November the Careers class faced one of the biggest challenges of the year, Year 10 Mock Interviews!

Students spent the first four weeks of this term preparing for this special day where we welcomed fifteen community members with professional experience and backgrounds from various industries. These volunteers gave up their time to interview two students each as if they were hoping to secure an entry level position with their 'company'. Each interviewer provided a score and feedback to our students in the areas of communication skills, presence, and self-confidence/attitude. Average score given across the cohort was 52 out of a possible 60 marks.

The resounding response was, “I would hire them”! Interviewers were impressed with the calibre of student readiness and loved their maturity to handle themselves in such circumstances.

Our gratitude is given to the following professionals who made this learning opportunity possible:

- Alison Reliti – Shire of Chittering
- Shelia Van den Heever and Tylah Edwards – Tronox
- Clare Asphar – Psychology
- Dave Harnett – Gingin Police
- Dann Westlake – Military services
- Sam Murray – Defence & Emergency Services
- Mark Campbell – Management

