



ISSUE 1 · WEEK 2 TERM 1

IMMACULATE HEART NEWS

SERENA SMITH – YEAR 10 MEDIA

Message from the Principal's Desk

Mrs Samantha Da Luz

Dear IHC community

I trust you have all settled in well to the regular pace and routine of the new school year. How wonderful to see so many new faces and to also welcome back our students to IHC! There is definitely an air of excitement and determination to set and achieve some personal goals this year. The college has started the year with student enrolments numbering over 400. It paves the way for building developments to occur sooner rather than later in order to accommodate our growing numbers. Unfortunately, building times have delayed all our planned projects thus far as we try and wait patiently for the green light.

What we can address however, are the maintenance and landscaping plans around our college to ensure that we continue to take good care of our current facilities and to better reflect the beautiful environment in which we are situated.

I was hoping to showcase all our new staff and/or current staff in new roles in this edition of the newsletter but they have all been incredibly busy and a tad camera-shy, so I will start with just one this week! You can also visit our [Facebook Page](#) to view our new staff profiles.



Mrs Kim Hughes is not a new face to our college, however, she has successfully won the role of Year 7-9 Program Coordinator & Data Management for our college. Mrs Hughes predominantly teaches in the Year 7 and 8 classes and brings with her a wealth of experience from the public education sector. Mrs Hughes is the main contact for all our online assessments and testing and additionally, forms part of our Senior Leadership Team.

Secondary School Uniform Reminders: There are several occasions of when the sports uniform is to be worn during the week: a) when PE classes are scheduled and b) when sports carnivals or events are scheduled throughout the calendar. Some Secondary students however, are choosing to wear their sports uniforms for their Performing Arts, Design & Technology and Outdoor Education classes. Please let me remind you all that full school uniform is required to be worn on those days when you have those classes; it becomes a Workplace Health and Safety issue when you are only wearing sneakers and not the leather shoe in the workshop for example. Outdoor Education also has a lot of theory components to be studied and only when practical activities have been scheduled, students will be informed as to when to wear their sports uniform. If the full school uniform is sufficient to play basketball or soccer in during recess and lunchtimes, then it is also suitable to be worn for all other learning areas. Continual breaches of our uniform policy will be escalated to the various Heads of School to address. There may be provision to change into and out of your sports uniform for specific activities; however, this MUST be agreed to beforehand with the relevant classroom teacher and Head of School.

We would like to also reinforce to all Secondary students about the wearing of our full formal uniform at main college events (which includes our ties and blazers during Terms 2 & 3). These events include (but are not limited to) our **College Mass** each week as well as **Feast Day celebrations** and **Awards Assemblies**. Girls are reminded that stockings or tights are a part of that formal school uniform for Terms 2 & 3. In Terms 1 & 4, our summer formal uniform is also stressed for the above occasions. If PE is scheduled on that day, you may then change into your Sports uniform AFTER our college event. Your adherence to this policy is greatly appreciated as it reinforces our school pride and showcases our strong college identity to the wider community.

I hope that students have all been able to speak to someone different each day as per my first day challenge. If not, this Friday's Year 7 excursion will be a good opportunity to do so. The Year 7 students are out to Camp Kerem in a team building/retreat day where we hope that some lifelong friendships will be forged. Please contact Mrs Hughes for any queries.

Until next time, God bless.

Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar:

<http://ihc.wa.edu.au/calendar/>

Friday 10 February

Run Club begins - 8:00am (every Friday)
Year 7 Day Camp - Kerem Adventure Park
Cor Maria Youth Group - 4:00pm (every Friday)

Monday 13 February

Application process for Secondary School Leaders begins

Wednesday 15 February

Year 10 Parent Information Night - 6:00pm

Thursday 16 February

Secondary School Swimming Carnival

Monday 20 February

Applications for Secondary School Leaders due

Wednesday 22 February

Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 February

OLNA Writing - Year 11 and 12

Monday 27 Feb to Friday 10 March

Primary School Swimming Lessons begin (no swimming on Friday 3 March)

Monday 6 March

Labour Day Public Holiday - College Closed

Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 March

OLNA Numeracy and Reading - Year 11 and 12

Friday 17 March

Years 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival

Assemblies Term 1

Tuesday 14 February - Secondary School
Tuesday 28 February - Secondary School
Tuesday 7 March - Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 28 March - Secondary School
Tuesday 4 April - Year 4

5th Week in Ordinary Time

There are some interesting Feast Days this week. All of them tell the story of young people who lived amazingly heroic lives in spite of terrible suffering. Hopefully, reading these short descriptions, will inspire us all during this school week.

On Monday, we remembered St Paul Miki and his companions who were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1597 during one of the worst persecutions of the Church. Many of Paul's martyred companions were young people who showed great fortitude.



On Wednesday, we honoured St Josephine Bakhita. After living the life of a slave in Africa, she was liberated by an Italian family. Her story is one of great suffering in childhood but, by God's grace, she was able to derive good out of her earlier experiences. As a result of the care she received from nuns in Italy, Josephine became a nun herself in 1893. She later wrote of her gratitude for these women: "They introduced me to that God who from childhood I had felt in my heart without knowing who He was."

Finally, on Saturday 11 February, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It's an amazing story of a young, poor French girl called Bernadette Soubirous who suffers from asthma. Her family live in a derelict prison in one room with one window that overlooks a dung heap. Her father is imprisoned because he tries to steal firewood so his children don't freeze. It is to this young girl, with all those problems, that Our Lady appeared in 1858.

Mr Paul Kelly - Head of Theology, Faith and Liturgy

Year 6 Leadership Ministries

Mrs Cath Hall - Head of Primary

This year we have restructured our student leadership program. Rather than selecting a small group of leaders to represent all students throughout the year, we have decided to give all of our Year 6 students the opportunity to experience multiple leadership roles. Students will then rotate through these Ministries each term allowing all students to be trained in a multi-faceted leadership approach. Each Ministry has an allocated teacher leader who will mentor, facilitate meetings and liaise with students within the roles.

The Student Leadership Ministries of 2023

- Sports Ministry - Catherine Hall and Daniel Martin
- Assembly and Sustainability Ministry - Nino Raju
- Christian Service Ministry - Paul Kelly and Thomas Brennan
- Peer Support and Engagement Ministry - Bianca McLaughlin

The Student Ministries will elect two leaders for the term, these student leaders will be given a leadership badge to allow them to be recognised within the school community.

The traditional process of Head Boy and Head Girl will be honoured and kept as in previous years. Keep an eye out for the Year 6 Newsletters if this process interests you!

ATTENTION Yr 7-12 students!
You are warmly invited to the

COR MARIA

YOUTH GROUP

Where:
Immaculate Heart College Hall

When: Every Friday of school term

Time: 4pm - 6pm

What: Games! Food! Talks!
Fellowship!

Cost: Gold coin donation

Light snacks provided. (BYO water bottle)

NB: Parent/Guardian must complete the accompanying application form



Infinite Arts SKETCH Lab

Mondays 4 - 6pm
Starting 6 Feb 2023.

Perth's most Inspirational art studio presents: "Sketch Lab". A place where kids ages 8 to 16 can create, design, draw, and ultimately bring their fantastic ideas to life! This 2-hour class is offered weekly and delivered by professional artist Will Huntley. Perfect for both after school and those that are homeschooled. But "drop-ins" are always welcome! Each week will have a new theme but we will also be building skills such as anatomy, shading, design, line weight, perspective, and much more!

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