



IMMACULATE HEART NEWS

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MRS L HUGHES

Message from the Principal's Desk

Mrs Samantha Da Luz

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this newsletter in icy Sydney where I have been spending time with Church leaders who have been working and discerning hard on the Synod for Synodality with the Council of Bishops and Pope Francis. It has been a very enlightening weekend filled with encouraging news about the direction of our Church in identifying the challenges that our modern-day society faces in a very unsettled landscape of worldwide conflicts. We keep all our church leaders, especially Pope Francis and selected Lay advisors in our prayers as they continue to discuss and recommend upon real issues and matters that will inform the next Papal Encyclical.

Before I left for Sydney, I met with our hardworking P&F Committee who is making great progress with their playground improvement plan. They will inform you of some particular dates during which we hope you will be available to help us prepare the area before the installation of new equipment. With our wonderful groundsman Mr Bryce Middleton, we are planning an extension and upgrade to our riding track in ELC, some more Monkey Bars and a swing set.

At that same meeting, I also discussed in greater detail about the College's Master Plan and the most imminent projects we are working towards, especially once we know the outcome of our recent Capital Grants Funding application. The Board and I continue to work closely together to ensure that we are in a strong position to continue to improve our educational facilities, as well as finish off previous building projects in full.

With the speed of building developments surrounding us in the area, we are conscious of adding to the services of our college and the upgrading of our facilities as our numbers grow. I would like to thank all staff who have weathered the many changes thus far and continue to go above and beyond for our students, each and every day. They make Immaculate Heart College a very special place indeed.

Along with building and remodelling projects, the college is also undergoing a big transition with some of our school information systems. As of 2025, SEQTA will no longer be in use. TASS (The Alpha School System) is being widely used with other independent colleges and schools and is currently being integrated with all our other systems to deliver a more streamlined and user-friendly school accounts, student data and records platform from 2025 onwards. We will keep you updated once the parent portal is finalised.

With the Athletics Carnival coming up and lots of incursions and excursions occurring, we have lots to look forward to and experience in our school calendar. I hope our students don't lose sight of their educational goals too, especially our Year 12s who are now in their final term of formal schooling. With less than two months to go, it's full steam ahead now.

I look forward to seeing our families on campus during our many college events coming up soon and to share in the joy and achievements of our students at those times when a community comes together to celebrate and participate. On that note of community, I would like to share a small quote from my weekend which relates to the differences between unity and harmony. "Unity is where we all work together as a whole to achieve the same goal/outcome; harmony relates to all our individual elements coming together in pleasing relation to one another." I wish you all a harmonious week, filled with much success and happiness as we continue our learning journeys together.

Take good care until next time. God bless.

Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar:
<http://incwaeuau/calendar/>

Week 3

Mon 29 Jul: Year 3 Egg & Chick Hatching Incursion
Wed 31 Jul: Secondary School Immunisations
Wed 31 Jul: Wear Green and Gold Day
Thu 1 Aug: Primary School Assembly - Year 5
Fri 2 Aug: Years 7 to 12 Mass
Fri 2 Aug: Governor's Prayer Breakfast
Fri 2 Aug: Old McDonald's Travelling Farm - Kindy
Fri 2 Aug: Educate by Nature - Years 1 and 2
Fri 2 Aug: Dash Racing Simulator - Mechanical Students

Week 4

Tue 6 Aug: Anne Hamersley Dental Screening for pre-approved PP, Year 3 and Year 6 students
Wed 7 Aug: Australian Mathematics Competition
Thu 8 Aug: Secondary School Assembly
Fri 9 Aug: Years 3 to 6 Mass
Fri 9 Aug: Educate by Nature - Years 1 and 2

Week 5

Science Week
Thu 15 Aug: Feast of the Assumption - Mass
Thu 15 Aug: Years 3 and 3/4 Kings Park Excursion
Thu 15 Aug: Primary School In-house Assembly
Fri 16 Aug: Athletics Carnival



From the Heart

Week 2 of Term 3 is jam packed with an array of saintly feast days such as St Mary Magdalene on Monday, St James on Thursday and the parents of Our Lady, Saints Joachim and Anne on Friday. However, whilst we should remember to pray to them in this week, this reflection will not be focusing on their lives. The focus of this reflection will be on the wonderful students of this College. They are all saints in the making. Each student has a unique story to tell; they all come from various backgrounds and experiences. One thing they all have in common is that they attend Immaculate Heart College. No specific students are going to be mentioned, but their behaviour will be described.



Consider first, the many students who pick up litter so as to keep our beautiful College campus tidy. These students don't win any prizes for doing this. They never drop litter themselves; they pick up litter that someone else has dropped. Such behaviour is very impressive, it is a perfect example of the virtue of justice: doing the right thing by our neighbour. Then there are the many students who exhibit the virtue of temperance by being self-controlled at our College Mass. These students show respect for this sacred time in the school week; they are quiet when they need to be, and they participate in the prayers and hymns when required. What about students who work hard in all their Learning Areas? The true measure of a student is not when he or she is doing something they enjoy, but when they show the fortitude required to do the best they can when doing something they don't enjoy. Teachers really appreciate such students. Finally, the prudent students. They are the ones who conduct themselves in a mature manner when no-one else is watching. They have as much fun as anyone else, but they behave appropriately without damaging College property or misbehaving on the bus. No-one notices their good behaviour, except God, of course. It is to these anonymous unsung heroes that Immaculate Heart College owes a debt of gratitude.

Mr Paul Kelly
Head of Theology, Faith and Liturgy

Educate by Nature

Miss Price, Mrs Cutler & Mrs Westlake

The Year 1 and 2 students have been selected for Nature lessons every Friday in Term 3, which has been an incredible experience so far. Last Friday, we explored the nature reserve, admiring the colours of the bushland and discovering the creek. The students were thrilled to observe the running water and cross the brook with a little help. There were smiles all around, and everyone is eagerly looking forward to our next adventure!



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October program

Wed 25 Sep to Fri 4 Oct 2024

Lessons: 8 days (45 minutes each)

Cost: Single \$32.00* Family \$85.50*

Enrolments close: Wednesday 14 August 2024

Locations: Check website

October short program

Mon 30 Sep to Fri 4 Oct 2024

Lessons: 5 days (35 minutes each)

Cost: Single \$16.50* Family \$43.50*

Enrolments close: Wednesday 14 August 2024

Locations: Check website