Year 12 Retreat ~ Experience New Norcia

For the ninth straight year Irene McCormack Catholic College students travelled to New Norcia for their Year 12 Retreat. New Norcia is fantastic place, rich in history, our Catholic heritage and spirituality. New Norcia has connections too with our Patron, Irene, who worked in the Girls College at St Gertrudes for four years.

This Retreat is an essential Year 12 experience where students were invited to ‘slow down’ and participate in what is a generous program of sharing and increasing students’ awareness of love and God in their lives. The retreat is neither a holiday nor an excursion; it is an intentional stepping out of daily schedules to actively and honestly reflect on our lives, their sense of purpose and their important place in our world.

Special thanks goes to the New Norcian Benedictine Monks, their support staff and our own staff team, which comprised of Mr Andrew Billingsley (Dean of Year 12) and Mr Marshall, Miss Lewy, Miss Babic, Mrs Wagenaar, Mrs Gallen, Miss Sidaway, Miss Du Randt, Miss Krishnan, Miss Ierace, Mr Weeramanthri, Mr Blair, Mr Laing, Mr Bryant, Mr Dymnicki and Mr Summers. The staff played an important role in sharing with and listening to our students as we worked through the valuable program.

Thanks also to our Year 12 Parents and Guardians for their support of their young adult children and the College at this time. Having shared this experience with these wonderful students and staff, our future looks brighter.

Parish Weekend Mass Times

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Irene McCormack Catholic College supported the St Andrew’s Parish Celebrations of Our Lady through the May Flower Festival held during the last week of May.

The initiative led by Deacon Jeffrey and Fr Robert Carrillo was an invitation to strengthen the connection between our Parish Community and it’s Catholic youth, whilst honouring the Mother of God and recognising her many beautiful titles.

Irene McCormack Catholic College joined with Brighton Catholic Primary School to help host Mass at St Andrews Church on Wednesday, 27th May and gathered again for the

Mr John Swindells
Dean of Campus Ministry

St Andrew’s Parish May Flower Festival
Procession from St Andrews Hall to the Church before honouring Mary with flowers and prayers prior to Mass on Sunday, 31st May.

Special thanks to the Year 7 students, Ella Leach, Brenda Amito, Skye Volner, Liam Engelbrecht, Cory Kerns, Ralph Rosita, Bon Miguel Cruz and Zane Westaway, for their participation and representation on both nights during this event. Sonny Eisenhauer, Jak Swan, Jack Delnon and Georgia Ridley also supported this celebration by attending at least one of the Masses in full College uniform. Appreciation also to the families of these students, as well as staff members Miss Kym Krishnan, Mr Summers and Mr Marshall, who joined us in the celebration.

Our faith tells us that many blessings come from recognising the important place of Our Lady and for making time for her and her Son, Jesus. The May Flower Festival did this in a colourful and very respectful way.

Mr John Swindells                          Mrs Michelle Smith
Dean of Campus Ministry                   Dean of Year 7

2016 Timetable Arrangements

In the last year the College has undertaken a significant review of the College curriculum delivery. Significant developments for this year include:

- The broadening of the differentiated or streamed courses for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, and Society and Environment to cater for the range of our students’ learning needs.

- Increasing time for Years 7, 8 and 9 students to devote to ‘elective’ courses, as many students continue with these courses into Years 11 and 12.

- Reverting the start of the academic year to Term 1 for Years 10, 11 and 12.

In 2016 the College will refine timetable organisation by:

- Utilising a five day, Monday to Friday timetable, to facilitate increased routine for students and teachers.
- Programming so that each Year 11 and 12 class will occur each day so that when students miss a day through illness or excursion they will have all of their classes the next day at school, to ensure that students are able to see their teachers about missed work. This programing will also benefit students in other year levels as with the deletion of double periods, classes will be spread and subjects can be studied over more school days of the week. We believe that the benefits of this more regular contact with teachers and the subject matter will have learning benefits for our students.

Thank you again to all Parents for your trust and support of the College as we strive to make the very best use of our resources to better the educational outcomes of the students in our care. The 2016 timetable developments will be explained further at the next year level parent information evenings. If you would like more details please contact the College by email – admin@imcc.wa.edu.au

**Year 12 Student Declaration**

**Parent Information – Online Student Declaration and Permission**

Year 12 students and those students enrolled in a WACE examination in 2015 will be asked to complete the online student declaration and permission. Details of this process have been emailed separately.

The deadline for students to complete this process online is 29th June 2015.

Mr Andrew Billingsley  
Dean of Year 12

**Year 11 RAC Presentation**

On Thursday, 4th June all Year 11 students attended a presentation which focused on the effects of alcohol and drugs whilst driving, and the law relating to these topics. School Drug Education and Road Aware is a State Government strategy which aims to contribute to the health and well-being of young people in Western Australia by supporting schools and the wider community.
Many of our Year 11 students are in the process of attaining their driving licences and some are already licensed drivers. Being well-informed of their responsibilities as drivers is crucial.

A follow-up presentation will be scheduled for Term 4.

Mrs Gillian Pearce
Dean of Year 11

Music News

The IMCC Music Department presents
Recital Night
25th June, 2015
Pre-concert 6.00pm
Concert begins 6.30pm
IMCC Library
Only two weeks to go until our Term 2 music event, Recital Night. Recital Night is a wonderful opportunity for our College Ensembles and soloists to perform their Catholic Performing Arts pieces to an audience.

Recital Night will showcase the leading ensembles such as Swing Band, Barbershop Ensemble, Jazz Band, Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and also includes solo performances from our Year 11 and 12 music students.

Be sure to mark on your calendar Thursday, June 25th as a night not to be missed. The concert will be held in the College Library and is a free event. Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase on the night. See you there!

Miss Kylie Malam
Head of Performing Arts

Cheerleading sleepover

On Friday, 5th June Irene McCormack Catholic College had their first Cheerleading sleepover! 29 students slept at the school overnight in order to build team friendships and trust, and for extra training time.

The students spent six hours training with a Coach from Cheer Aesthetics and worked on tumbling, stunts and choreography for the Team’s competition in November. They achieved some fantastic new stunts during their training time and were also tossed for many new acrobatic tricks.

The students also spent a lot of time bonding with one another through team games. Cheerleading is a team sport which relies on trust and team spirit, so this was very important.

The team will be entered straight into Level 2 for competition, bypassing Level 1 as they are so strong. The students were absolutely fantastic at the sleepover. They were energetic, enthusiastic and disciplined, and I am extremely proud of them all.

Miss Sinead Harte
Dance Coordinator

On behalf of The Hurricanes I would like to thank Miss Harte, Mr Dillon, Miss Malam and Coach Meg for the effort that they put in to make Cheer Camp possible. We have all gelled together so much more as a team and are ready for any challenges! Go HURRICANES!!

Emilee Erikson
Year 10 Student
Perth Wildcats Visits

On Thursday, 4th June Tom Jervis and Sunday Dech from the Perth Wildcats conducted a coaching clinic for our Year 9 2015 CAS Championship Boys and Girls teams.

Tom Jervis stands at an impressive seven feet tall and was part of the Wildcats 2014 NBL Championship winning side, while Sunday Dech is an up and coming development player for the team. Our students completed skill drills and participated in small sided games under the tutelage of the Wildcats’ player.

Students enjoyed being coached by professional athletes who provided perspective on the requirements to reach the elite level in sport. The coaching clinic was a reward for both the Year 9 Boys and Girls teams for winning their respective CAS competitions in Term 1.
CAS Team in Focus – Girls Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 Netball team continues to display great sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership both on the court and off. This team is extremely motivated and enthusiastic towards netball. Although we don’t always win, the girls always have fun and love the game, which is what we aim to gain from CAS team sports.

I hope this playing group continues to play CAS Netball together throughout their College life. The girls should be proud of their competitiveness and teamwork which they continue to demonstrate week after week. Well done to the Year 9 Netball girls, it is a delight to coach and watch you!
Courses for parents

In the Community News section of this week’s newsletter you will see information advertising courses for parents. These courses are coordinated by Headspace - Australia’s National Youth Mental Health Service.

Headspace helps young people (and their parents) in relation to:

- general health
- mental health and counselling
- education, employment and other services
- alcohol and other drug services

These Parent Courses are aimed at the needs of parents of average adolescents, and have been shown to be effective ways to influence the relationships and behaviours of young people.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to call Headspace (9301 8900) or Mrs Dianne Bridge at the College.

Mrs Dianne Bridge
College Psychologist

Uniform Shop

If you have any concerns regarding the sizing of any uniform item or if you need a special order to be made, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure orders are received in plenty of time. It usually takes 8-9 weeks for a special order to be made. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter.
Winter uniform consists of:
Boys - trousers, plain black school belt, tie, blazer, dark grey socks and white short-sleeved shirt.
Girls - skirt, white short-sleeved shirt, tie, blazer and summer socks or tights.
Rain jackets are only to be worn before and after school, and not during the day. Tights are only compulsory for formal occasions and not for everyday wear in winter.

You may purchase scarves ($15) and rain jackets ($92) from the Uniform Shop. Only jumpers (not sport jackets or rain jackets) may be worn with the winter uniform if cold. Tights are $9, and ties are $15.

The Uniform Shop will not be open during the July holidays as there is no change in uniforms. The Uniform Shop will close later this term, with the last trading day on 2nd July, 2015 at 1.30pm. The Uniform Shop will re-open for Term 3 on Thursday, 22nd July at 8.00am.

Term trading hours are:
Tuesday noon – 4pm
Thursday 8am – 11am

Mrs Lyn Waite
Uniform Shop Coordinator

St Andrew’s Parish News

St Andrew’s Catholic Parish Social Committee Winter Dance.
27th June 2015 RAAF Base Hall, Merriwa 7.00pm – 11.00pm.
Tickets available at the back of church after every Mass.
For more information contact mel.l@iinet.net.au

Community News

Ignite Live – Catholic Youth Event
Friday, 19th June at Prendiville Catholic College Performing Arts Centre 7.00pm – 9.00pm.
For more information www.igniteyouth.com/Perth

Headspace Osborne Park, Free Parent Workshop ‘Internet Safety’.
Tuesday, 23rd June 2015, 5.00pm – 6.30pm.
Registrations essential 9208 9555.

Headspace Osborne Park and Centrecare Free Seminar ‘Communicating with your Teen’.
Tuesday, 30th June 2015, 5.00pm – 7.45pm.
Bookings are necessary. Contact 9440 0400.
Catholic Youth Network - Veritas Youth Festival.
July 10th-12th at Santa Maria College, Attadale.
For more information www.veritasperth.com

Headspace Osborne Park, Free Parent Workshop ‘Tuning In To Teens’.
A six session parenting program for parents of teens aged 10-16 years.
August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st and 8th.
Registrations essential.  Contact Tiffany Dowling 92075301.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange seeks volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2015.
For more information contact www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or 1800 500 501.

Relationships Australia Parenting Courses in June 2015.
Held at West Leederville, Fremantle and Gosnells.  Places are limited.
For more information www.wa.relationships.com.au, 9489 6322.

Do you have a child in Year 7, 10 or 12?

...if so, researchers at Edith Cowan University would like to invite you and your child to take part in a study on young people and alcohol.

Irene McCormack Catholic College is taking part in the ‘Supporting Parents to Support Youth’ study being conducted by Edith Cowan University. We invite students in Year 7, 10 and 12, and a parent, to take part in this important research.

What are the researchers trying to find out?
Parents have a key role in reducing adolescent alcohol use and alcohol-related harm, but they need support in this role. By taking part in this research you will be helping us find the best ways to support parents to keep children safe around alcohol. The researchers want to know what parents think and do about alcohol use by young people and what messages young people receive from their parents about alcohol. They also hope to find out how these factors relate to drinking behaviours.

What would I have to do if I take part?
You will be asked to complete an online survey (about 25 minutes long) in Term 2/3. We would also like your child(ren) to complete a survey. Parents who would like to can also participate in a parent discussion about alcohol and young people in Years 2 or 4.

What else do I need to know?
- Your participation in this study is your choice. To let us know your choice regarding your child(ren)’s participation in this study, please go to http://tinyurl.com/5CBXJY.
- We will keep all the information provided confidential. Data will not be linked to your child’s name.
- All participants will be provided with links to information and support services around adolescents and alcohol.

What should I do next?
An information package has been given to your child to bring home, or you can find more details about this important research at http://tinyurl.com/5CBXJY. If you would like to speak to somebody about this study please contact Rebecca Johnson on 9394 6993 or email rebecca.johnson@ecu.edu.au.

This study has been approved by the Edith Cowan University Human Research Ethics Committee.

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal