From the Principal

Rite Journey Calling and Departure Ceremony

On Thursday, 19th February our College was privileged to hold the Year 9 Rite Journey ‘Calling and Departure’ ceremony.

Staff, parents and students arrived from 6am and we quickly had hundreds of people sitting in the undercroft witnessing an inspiring ceremony.

The whole essence of the ceremony was calling Year 9 students to journey into adulthood with permission and support from parents. There were a few tears, lots of hugs and influential statements shared by our Year 9 community, all concluding in a shared breakfast and conversation.

Student & Family Personal Details Form

Thank you to those families who have returned the form by the deadline of 25th February. Those families who haven’t done so are asked to please return the form as a matter of urgency.

Parish Weekend Mass Times

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Thank you to Ms Debbie White, Dean of Year 9, the students, parents and staff who gave up a ‘sleep in’ to ensure our Year 9 students received the necessary community support and understanding as they develop into young adults of the future.

As Pope Francis quoted recently “It takes a village to raise a child”, the Rite Journey Program supporting parents and students in this truly amazing year of discovery.

**Gymnasium and Oval Development**

Work has commenced this week on the east side of the College on an extension to the oval area and the provision for a temporary entrance for a drive off Headingly Crescent for the gymnasium construction vehicles. There has also been a clearing of the embankment near Lukin Drive. This work should be completed by the end of March. We thank Broadtrans Earthmoving and our College grounds staff for the work.

Also this week the College Architects Parry and Rosenthal distributed the Gymnasium, Music and Dance building tender documents to companies. The tender will close on 17th March, with the Building contract completed by early April.

**Extra-Curricular Opportunities for Students**

Irene McCormack Catholic College students are fortunate to have the opportunities to develop their skills and talents in a diverse range of extra-curricular activities. In this edition of The McCormack Messenger there is reference to Music, both choral and instrumental, CAS sport and swimming, and the Law Society Mock Trials. Added to participation in these activities, our students benefit from the opportunity to develop friendships with students who have similar interests and the teacher and coach’s expertise and pastoral care.

This week Deans of Year will meet with students who could make a valuable contribution to our teams and groups, to remind them of their responsibilities and the value of the opportunities presented to them.

**Open Day – Tuesday, 24th March, 2015**

An excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to experience the College during a school day. Guided tours at 9.00am and 1.30pm. Bookings are essential. To book please contact 9562 2400 or email admin@imcc.wa.edu.au.
2016 Year 7 Academic Scholarship


Year 7 Religious Education Excursion

As part of the Religious Education in Year 7 and by way of assisting new students to establish an identity with the College ethos, an excursion to the South Perth Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart is undertaken. This is where Irene McCormack lived and worked for part of her time while teaching in Western Australian Schools.

The background information is invaluable in appreciating the challenges faced by Irene. It also gives us insight into the life of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, a woman who inspired Irene to follow her vocation.

Our Year 7 students enjoyed the visit and learnt about the person Irene was. Their behavior over all three days was excellent.

Mr Kevin O’Brien  
Head of Religious Education

Law Society Mock Trials

This week Year 10-12 students started training for the Mock Trials held by the Law Society. The students are provided with case material and have the opportunity to act out the case in the Supreme Courts, Perth in front of a Judge. With the assistance of a local solicitor, the team has managed to get a great head start on preparations.
We wish them the best of luck for their first round competition on Monday 16th March at 6pm in the Supreme Courts against Willeton Senior High School. Spectators are very welcome, but please be seated by 5.45pm.

Mrs Adele Baker  
Head of Society & Environment

**Session One: Peer Support Program**

On Thursday, 19th February Year 7 students met with their Peer Support Leaders for the first time. The transition from primary to high school can sometimes be a very intimidating experience and the Year 11 students have dedicated themselves towards easing their adjustment, and establishing a comfortable and safe environment.

Introductions were made using a variety of methods like games or just simple conversation. Leaders were able to establish a connection with their group as they exchanged interests and experiences of College life so far. Positive feedback was received from all students involved and both year groups are looking forward to forming friendships over the course of the year.

Mariah Abad  
Peer Support Leader, Year 11

**Year 12 Ball**

On 20th February, the Year 12 students came together to celebrate their Ball at Joondalup Resort. With the theme being Great Gatsby, all the girls looked stunning and the boys looked very handsome. Sara Bramwell and Gary Pryer were the 2015 Belle and Beau of the Ball.
The night consisted of lots of dancing and fun, in addition to a delicious meal. Overall, it was an awesome night. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in organising a fantastic evening.

Year 12 Ball Committee

Music

Sounds at Sunset

Sounds at Sunset is back again. Any students who would like to perform on stage are encouraged to complete an application form. Applications close Friday, 6th March, with the auditions being held in Week 6.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through the Music office.

Sounds at Sunset: Thursday 19th March, 6:30pm Pre-Concert, 7:00pm Concert starts.

Miss Kylie Malam
Head of Performing Arts
Focus on: Brass Ensemble

Irene McCormack dedicates a large portion of its time and effort into our strong College Music Department, which allows students of all ages and abilities to have a go and to try new things or develop their skills.

The College has many groups and ensembles which allow students to come together as a group and play music, developing new techniques and confidence, working towards performing on stage. One of IMCC’s ensembles, the Brass Ensemble, taken by Mr Harries, consists of students from Years 7 to 12. The Ensemble practice and perform at events such as Sounds at Sunset, hosted in Terms 1 and 4.

Carmelo Alvaro, Year 12 student and Ensemble leader says that the group’s weekly Tuesday morning rehearsals and practice regime have paid off, as they prepare for their first performance in a few weeks. Carmelo says he is dedicated to his Ensemble and enjoys the ability to work with others who share the same musical enthusiasm. He has been in the group for several years and would encourage any brass musicians to consider joining the ensemble.

Thomas Walsh
Music Captain

Year 7 Society & Environment
Junior Archaeologists in a Past Crusade!

More excited than Indiana Jones when he found the Holy Grail, our Year 7 students enthusiastically engaged in an archaeological dig on February 24th in their Society and Environment classes.

The dig incursion was run by Archae-Aus, a group of Australian Archaeologists who specialise in giving high school students the opportunity to learn from professional, Australian-trained archaeologists.

Students were given two scenarios to work through. One scenario involved them imagining they were working in the finds tent after a day of excavation and had the job of sorting findings, and then analysing and documenting the most interesting artefact. The second scenario was to excavate a sample container, identify any artefacts, and to sort them, analyse and document the most interesting artefact. Artefacts ranged from Indigenous stone tools through to pots, horseshoes and other materials left by early European settlers.
We would like to thank Lucy Sinclair and her team of archaeologists who came out to teach our Year 7 students about archaeology. We look forward to reading the students’ reports analysing their findings in the coming week.

Mrs Adele Baker
Head of Society & Environment

Round 2 CAS Results v Prendiville Catholic College

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Next week we play St Marks Anglican College

Year 10, 11 and 12 play at IMCC on Tuesday afternoon.
Year 8/9 Girls play at IMCC on Wednesday afternoon.
Year 8/9 Boys play at St Marks on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Devin Martin
Head of Sport
Career Services

Ertech Students

On Thursday, 19th February our Year 12 Ertech Students were provided with official Ertech uniforms. This year Jack Fincken, Tiernan Towe, and Taylor Trutwein will attend the Ertech Construction Academy twice a week, and work towards a Certificate II in Civil Construction and obtaining a ticket on an earth-moving machine.

Ertech students undergo “live works” at Tamala Park and also learn the theory and practical elements of civil construction. In 2014, all three IMCC Ertech students were offered a full-time position with Ertech.

Ertech are currently taking enrolments for Year 11 students interested in Civil Construction.

Please contact Mrs Gallen gallen.erin@imcc.wa.edu.au for details.

Unique Student Identifier for VET Students

All students who are studying a VET Certificate whether at IMCC or offsite must have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Teachers have been asking students to bring in or take a photo of their medicare, birth certificate or passport – so students can apply for USI online in class.

Can you please ensure your child has gained a USI and assist them in providing the correct identification. The USI will be provided to the training organisation. For more information please see www.usi.gov.au

Psychology and Social Science Information Evening for Year 10, 11, 12 students

For students interested in learning more about Psychology, Counselling, Youth Work, Social Science, Speech Pathology and Social Work.
When: Wednesday, 17 March 6.00pm
Where: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus. Register for this event at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=c%2fBrvhUuKRZ5SE2bSe32ew%3d%3d

Ms Chris Tonkin
Careers Coordinator

Courses for Parents and Students Available this Term

- Body Boost - Body Image issues in Girls aged 12-14 years – Course for Girls.
- Boundaries for Teens – Course for Parents.
- Parent/Carer Support Group Meeting.
See below for information on 3 Free Course being run in our region by Headspace.

Headspace is the national youth mental health foundation. Headspace offers free support to young people who are going through a rough time. Help for parents and carers is also offered. See http://www.headspace.org.au/

Mrs Dianne Bridge
College Psychologist

Uniform Shop

Soccer kits are now ready for purchase at the Uniform Shop.

Blazers are compulsory for all students in 2015. The majority of blazer stock is ready for collection, with the remainder arriving by 15th March. Please contact the Uniform Shop to discuss if required. Blazers are $162. It is advisable for students to retry their blazers before purchasing. This year, students in Years 7 to 10 will require blazers, so please come in early to beat the rush.

Any students with an uncollected sock order please visit to the 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 time. It usually takes 8 to 9 weeks for a special order to be done.

Over the next few weeks we suggest that all students try on their winter uniform.

Winter uniform consists of:

Boys - trousers, plain black school belt, tie, dark grey socks and summer white short-sleeved shirts.
Girls - skirt, white short-sleeved shirt, tie and summer socks or tights.

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

We are in desperate need for volunteers for March and during the Term 1 holiday times. If you can spare a couple of hours, please contact the Uniform Shop. No experience is necessary.

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

*Mrs Lyn Waite*  
*Uniform Shop Coordinator*

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**Community News**

Clarkson Library Open Day – Celebrating 10 Years in the Community.  
Saturday, 21st March. Lots of all Day Activities.

Seasons for Growth. An adult grief and loss program. Wednesday 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April, 7.00 - 9.30pm at Mater Dei College, Edgewater. Contact Sr Margaret Kane rsj 9440 3914 margk2@bigpond.net.au.

Seasons for Growth, Companion Training for the Young People’s Program, Primary & Secondary Levels. Wednesday 22nd & 23rd April (8.30am – 4.00pm) at Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth. Register online www.goodgrief.org.au – training.

Australian Sports Camps. Learn and develop your skills with a terrific three day coaching experience for players of all standards aged 6-17. Camps available in Western Australia include, netball, soccer, rugby, football, basketball and hockey. For more details visit australiansportscamps.com.au

Leeuwin Youth Explorer Voyage. 7 Day Program aimed at 14-25 year olds.  
Voyage spaces still available 12th-18th March, 31st May - 8th June and 13th - 19th June.  
For more information contact office@sailleeuwin.com, 9430 4105 www.sailleeuwin.com

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*Mrs Robert Marshall*  
*Principal*