From the Principal

Welcome to the 2015 school year. A very special welcome to our Year 7 students and the 35 Years 8 - 11 students and their families, who have joined our school community.

We are very fortunate to welcome a talented group of new staff members:

- Mrs Nancy Bonfiglio Deputy Principal
- Ms Emily Bakker Science Teacher
- Ms Tammy Brankstone Drama Teacher
- Mr Edward Bryant Head of Library
- Ms Francesca Christie Music Teacher
- Ms Chante du Randt AFL Trainee Assistant for Physical Education and Sport
- Ms Janet Flematti Home Economics Coordinator
- Mr Michael Geddes Mathematics Teacher
- Mr Declan Hogan Building and Maintenance
- Ms Nancy Lo Biundo Society and Environment Teacher
- Mr Patrick McHale Design and Technology Teacher
- Mr Craig Mecham Religious Education and Art Teacher (Term 1)
- Ms Rachael Thomson Home Economics Teacher
- Ms Katriese Wilder Society and Environment Teacher
- Mr Tim Warren Design and Technology Teacher

A number of our staff have new roles in the College:

- Ms Adele Baker Head of Society and Environment
- Mr Trevor Bastow Head of Design and Technology for 2016
- Ms Jess Stylianou Head of English for 2016
- Miss Kylie Malam Head of Performing Arts
- Mr Devin Martin Head of Sport for all year groups
- Mrs Sally Bone Canteen Assistant
- Mrs Shirley Nolan Administration Assistant

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We congratulate all our new staff on their appointments and our existing staff for their appointment to new positions and wish them personal and professional success, and offer them the support of the College community in their new roles.

We welcome back Ms Mery Babic and Mr Ray Metcalfe to school this term after undertaking long service leave in Term 4.

**Congratulations to the Class of 2014**

The IMCC community celebrates the excellent achievement of all 2014 Year 12 students. Significant results were:

- 100% of students achieved Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) graduation.
- 97% of students who applied were offered university placements.
- 95% of students who studied a VET Cert II or higher were successful.

We congratulate the following students on their outstanding achievements:

- Hayley James  **WACE Certificate of Commendation** for achieving at least ten A grades in Year 11 and 12 courses and Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).
- Orianne Brown  92.55 ATAR

**Irene McCormack Catholic College Board AGM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Irene McCormack Catholic College Board will be held at the College on **Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 6pm**.

Parents wishing to attend the AGM and/or nominate for the Board are invited to email Mrs Kim Boscarino, Board Secretary, at admin@imcc.wa.edu.au by **Friday 20th February 2015**.

**College Building Projects**

Over the Christmas and New Year holidays, while most students and staff have had a well-deserved rest, our Grounds and Maintenance, Design and Technology, Uniform Shop staff and IT technicians have been working hard to complete projects for the expanding needs of the College.

With an additional 80 students and 5 teachers this year, the College has undertaken the following projects:

- 5 temporary classrooms, landscaping and locker areas.
- Re-location of the Uniform Shop, close to the Bradman Avenue Car Park.
- Refurbishment of the former Uniform Shop as a Science teachers Preparation Area.
- Development of a Building and Construction Shed for Design and Technology.
- Upgrade of the College IT network including the Wi-Fi capacity.
We thank the following staff for their tireless efforts to prepare the College for the start of the school year:

Grounds and Maintenance: Mr Harry Fairclough, Mr David Englebrecht, Mr Jim Gullen, Mr Declan Hogan and Mr Matt Wiltshire.
Design and Technology: Mr Trevor Bastow, Mr Dave Williams and Mr Tony Richmond.
IT Staff: Mr Robi Boscarino, Mr Jackson Howlett and Mr Robert Bryce.
Uniform Shop: Mrs Lyn Waite and Mrs Leanne O'Connell.

All the works have been supervised by Mr Liam Rafferty and Mr Andrew Mawby, the College Business Manager.

A number of our teachers have relocated work areas. It has been impressive to witness the goodwill and industrious way that all these teachers have undertaken this work.

The planning for the College Gymnasium, with music and dance facilities is proceeding well.

20 Building companies registered for the tender process, which will be finalised this month. Work is expected to commence on the building in late March. We look forward to keeping you updated with the work during the year.

2016 Year 7 Academic Scholarship


Year 7 2015

Our Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They looked very smart in their new uniforms, and were very excited and enthusiastic. I look forward to a great year ahead with them all.

Meet The Care Teacher Night

On Monday, 9th February at 7pm we will be conducting a “Meet the Care Teacher Night” in the College Library. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the Care Teacher who will be the first point of call for students and parents alike during their time at IMCC.

Mrs Michelle Smith
Dean of Year 7
Parking

Last year we introduced the system where Year 7 and 8 students being picked up would be collected from the Lower Car Park. This helps split the volume of traffic exiting the College.

In the mornings, we use both the Upper and Lower Car Parks as a “Kiss and Drive”. So please do not park in the bays, but just drive through and drop off.

In the afternoon it is essential that parents park. Parents have found that arriving early and reversing into a car bay is the safest way to facilitate an exit after collecting their child.

Please refer to the attached map to help with the traffic flow. This will be explained again to the new Year 7 parents next week at the Parent Evening.

Kind regards,

Mr John Power
Dean of Year 8
Year 11 and 12 Achievement Review

In order to support the academic progress of students, Mr Rafferty (Dean Year 12), Mrs Pearce (Dean Year 11) and myself will be speaking to students in the coming weeks to ensure that they are fulfilling their academic potential in their chosen pathway. We encourage all of our students to follow a revision schedule that offers a balance of study and alternate programmes.

Mrs Nancy Bonfiglio
Deputy Principal

Would you like your child to undertake a Sacrament this year?

As in previous years, Irene McCormack Catholic College will be preparing students to receive a Sacrament through its Sacramental Program. This program caters for students who have been unable to previously receive their Sacraments during primary school.

If you would your child to undertake either the Sacrament of Baptism or Reconciliation this year, please contact me via e-mail on Krishnan.Kym@imcc.wa.edu.au or through the College Reception before 12th February. Please detail your child’s name, previous Sacraments received, year level and care group. The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be offered later this year. A further newsletter article will appear during this time for any parents who would like to express their interest.

Sacramental classes will be run during class time and will occur one to two times a week. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or through the school. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Miss Kym Krishnan
Youth Minister

Rite Journey at IMCC transforming lives

An Australian education initiative that is capturing the imagination of educators from around the world commences again at IMCC this year.

The year-long program - known as The Rite Journey - is implemented for all Year 9 students from the beginning of the school year. IMCC is one of only a handful of schools in WA to be providing this exciting initiative to its students.

In a culture where adolescence often stretches from 9 to 29 years of age IMCC utilises The Rite Journey to assist its students as they begin to make their transition in to a healthy, respectful and responsible young adulthood.

"The program, which is taught in single sex classes with a same gender teacher, explores with Year 9 students the essence of being a man or woman in our society and includes special acknowledgement and celebration of students' transition into beginning adulthood. This seems to be one thing that our culture is not doing particularly well, allowing time for men to sit and chat with boys about being a good man, or having women sit with girls and discuss womanhood", Mr Lines said.

Steve Biddulph, author of 'Raising Boys' says The Rite Journey (for boys) is "one of the most exciting and well conceived ideas in boys' education for a very long time".
"It brings together the key concerns of initiating boys into fine young men, with its focus on the pressing concerns of safety, dealing with emotions, values, responsibility, and self awareness. Nothing I have seen is so comprehensive, sustained over time, and potentially so life-changing for the boys involved," Mr Biddulph said.

Maggie Hamilton, author of 'What's Happening to our Girls' says, "The Rite Journey offers girls a profound, intricate, and imaginative journey. It feeds their inner self, allowing them to get to know themselves, and to start to shape their future."

The Rite Journey has been introduced into the curriculum in 60 schools across Australia, New Zealand, UK and South Korea, and Mr Lines is training his first school in Antwerp, Belgium in May this year. Kevin O'Sullivan, the head of a NZ school which began implementing the program in 2010 reflects "The Rite Journey is the most stunning educational initiative I have seen in my 35 years of teaching".

For more information: www.theritejourney.com.au
Contact: Andrew Lines, Creator 'The Rite Journey', andrew@theritejourney.com.au
0432 603 655

Ms Debbie White          Mr John Swindells
Dean of Year 9            Dean of Campus Ministry

Get involved in the Music Department!

The following opportunities are just some of the things you can be involved in in the Music Department. See Miss Malam, Miss Christie or Mrs Richardson for more information and to sign up for auditions!

Swing Band Lead Vocalist: Auditions held in Week 3
Year 7 Rock Band: Auditions held in Week 3
Barbershop: Ongoing

Fancy learning to play an awesome, shiny brass instrument!!!
Why not take up lessons on the trumpet, trombone or euphonium! Pop into the music office to receive an enrolment form. What are you waiting for?

Miss Kylie Malam
Head of Performing Arts

Dance News

2015 Extra curricular Dance at IMCC

There are many wonderful opportunities for students to get involved in extra-curricular dance activities this year at the College. Including Cheerleading and both Junior and Senior Dance Teams.

Cheerleading

Welcome to the 2015 Cheerleading season! Cheerleading is new to the College this year and we are very excited to have our first team called the Hurricanes! Tryouts for the team will be held on Thursday, 12th February from 3:30-5:00pm in the Dance Room.
Students from Years 7-12 are welcome to attend. Information has been advertised via posters around the College, as well as in the daily notices.

The Hurricanes will not only perform at school events, but will also compete at the ‘Stars N Stripes' Cheerleading Competition in November. If you are one of the 20 successful students in auditions, each session is compulsory as cheerleading is a team sport! You will be able to purchase your very own IMCC Hurricanes singlet to wear to training each week, and when competing, will be provided with a Hurricanes Uniform.

To be eligible to audition, students must place their names on the sign up sheet located in the English Office. They will then be given a note, which must be signed and handed to Miss Harte before the audition date. Hope to see you there!

IMCC Junior Dance Team

The IMCC Junior Dance Team is a team of students from Years 7 and 8, rehearsing on Tuesday afternoons to learn dance skills and a routine that will be performed at many events throughout the year. To be part of the Junior Team, there will be casual auditions held on TUESDAY: WEEK 2 from 3.15pm - 4.15pm in the Dance Room. The style of dance is hip hop/jazz and all Year 7 and 8 students can attend - no experience necessary!

The Dance Team will perform at:
- Year 7 and 8 end of year assemblies.
- Orientation Day (Term 4).
- Catholic Performing Arts Festival (held at the Perth Convention Centre in Term 3).
- Carnivale (Term 3).
- Sounds at Sunset (Term 4).
- Escape Festival (Term 4).
- 2015 Dance Night (Term 4).

For any other information please see posters around the College, as well as the daily notices.

IMCC Senior Dance Team

The Senior Dance Team at the College is offered to students in Years 9 – 12. Auditions to be part of the team are on FRIDAY: WEEK 2 from 7.30am – 8.20am in the Dance Room. The style of dance this year will be a little different to last year’s ‘Gatsby’ inspired routine, and will be a lyrical/contemporary piece.

The Senior Dance Team will perform at:
- Catholic Performing Arts Festival (held at the Perth Convention Center in Term 3).
- Carnivale (Term 3)
- Sounds at Sunset (Term 4)
- Escape Festival (Term 4)
- 2015 Dance Night (Term 4)

Miss Sinead Harte
Dance Teacher
Helping your Child Cope with Back-to-School Anxiety

Anxious feelings are normal and expected during times of change. This is especially true for children and teens starting or returning to school.

Look after the basics

Nobody copes well when they are tired or hungry. Anxious children often forget to eat, don’t feel hungry and don’t get enough sleep.

Encourage your child to share his or her fears.

Ask your child what is making him or her worried. Tell your child that it is normal to have concerns. During the first few weeks of school, set up a regular time and place to talk. Some children feel most comfortable in a private space with your undivided attention (such as right before bed, or during mealtime). Teens often welcome some sort of distraction to cut the intensity of their worries and feelings (e.g. talking while driving in the car or taking a walk).

Avoid giving reassurance - instead, problem-solve and plan!

Children and young people often seek reassurance that bad things won’t happen in order to reduce their worry. Do not reassure them with “Don’t worry!” or “Everything will be fine!” Instead, encourage your child to think of ways to solve his or her problem. For example, “If (the worst) happens, what could you do?” or “Let’s think of some ways you could handle that situation.” This gives you the opportunity to coach your child on how to cope with (and interpret) both real and imagined scary situations. You will also be giving your child the tools he or she needs to cope with an unexpected situation that might arise.

More next week.

Mrs Dianne Bridge
College Psychologist

Career Services

The Career Services Department is located in the Career Centre in the Library and provides resources, information and advice to students, parents and teachers. Career Services incorporates personal career development, vocational education and training, and career counselling. Mrs Cammy Lindsay coordinates the VET in Schools programs, including opportunities in workplace learning and training qualifications. Ms Tonkin is the Department Coordinator and Career Counsellor.

News snippets for students and parents are published weekly here in the McCormack News, and a detailed newsletter is published at the beginning of each month. Many opportunities advertised are open to students from Year 7 to Year 12 and to the general public, while other events are targeted to specific year groups.

It has been an exciting start to 2015 as the class of 2014 received their academic results and offers of a place to either university, TAFE or employment. I have received a lot of positive feedback and sighs of contented relief, from students who are moving onto their post school pathways.
It takes time for a young person to explore different career pathways and it is important to make time to investigate as many options as possible over the high school years. These opportunities start now and are detailed in the Career Services Newsletter, including the following opportunities:

**Vocational Education and Training - VET**

**Employers Required**

We are currently creating a database of Employers who may be interested in taking on IMCC students in Year 11 or 12 for work experience. Work experience is an enriching experience for our students, as they gain valuable work skills and learn about the industry. We ensure the students are job ready and undergo a student induction. IMCC also provides Work Experience Insurance.

At present we are looking for two electrical placements and a metals fabrication placement. If you would like more information or would like students to attend your workplace please contact Mrs Lindsay on Lindsay.cammy@imcc.wa.edu.au.

**CareerLink Students**

All CareerLink Students will be attending a student induction on Tuesday, 10th February at ECU Joondalup. A bus will take the students to and from the venue. A permission slip has been sent home and needs to be returned as soon as possible.

CareerLink students will be beginning work experience or attending their training course from Tuesday, 17th February. If CareerLink has not informed your child about their work experience placement or training course please contact Mrs Lindsay.

**Outside VET Training Courses**

If your child is enrolled in an outside VET training course with Polytechnic West or West Coast Institute of Training, please note that the start date varies. Individual students have been contacted and informed about their start date. If you have any enquiries please contact Mrs Cammy Lindsay.

**Mrs Cammy Lindsay**
VET Coordinator

**Student Identifier Account**

This year, those students undertaking a Training Course (Certificate Course) as part of their studies at IMCC are required to register a Unique Student Identifier (USI) account. This will take place during class in the first weeks of school. A USI is a reference number made up of a code that provides students with access to their USI account. The USI account will be linked to the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Data Collection, allowing students to see all of their training results from all providers, including completed training units and qualifications.

The USI will make it easier for students to find and collate their VET achievements into a single authenticated transcript. It will also ensure that students' VET records are not lost. The USI is available online and at no cost to the student. For more information please refer to the website: www.usi.gov.au.

**Mrs Nancy Bonfiglio**
Deputy Principal
Career Events and Opportunities

Please refer to the Career Services Newsletter for full details and how to register.

- **Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award** - Applications from Year 12 students close shortly. Applications from Year 11 students open next term.
- **Defence GAP Year Information Session** - Tuesday, 10th February Application.
- **Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session** - Monday, 16th February.
- **Women in the Navy Information Session** - Tuesday, 17th February.
- **Police Entry Information Session** - Book now for April 2015, as February and March sessions are fully booked.
- **Psychology and Social Science Information Evening** - Edith Cowan University, Wednesday, 17th February.
- **Royal Aviation Club of WA (RACWA) Young Eagles Program** - For 10-16 year olds interested in aviation.

To make an appointment, please email Tonkin.chris@imcc.wa.edu.au.

Ms Chris Tonkin
Careers Coordinator

CAS Sport

Students who wish to take part in Coastal Associated Sport (CAS) this Term will have an opportunity to sign up this week. CAS sport is played on Tuesday afternoons for Year 10-12 students and Wednesday afternoons for Year 8-12 students. Year 7 students have an opportunity to play CAS in Term 2.

We compete against a number of schools in the CAS competition such as; Peter Moyes Anglican College, Prendiville Catholic College, Lake Joondalup Baptist College, St Stephen’s School Carramar, St Stephen’s School Duncraig and St Marks Anglican College.

The sports on offer this term are;

- Year 8 Girls Basketball
- Year 8/9 Girls Touch Rugby
- Year 8/9 Girls Tennis
- Year 9 Girls Basketball
- Year 8 Boys Basketball
- Year 8/9 Boys Tennis
- Year 8/9 Boys Cricket
- Year 9 Boys Basketball
- Year 10/11/12 Girls Volleyball
- Year 10/11/12 Girls Touch Rugby
- Year 10/11/12 Girls Basketball
- Year 10/11/12 Boys Basketball
- Year 10/11/12 Boys Volleyball

Tryouts for the teams will take place in Week 2 with students from Years 10, 11 and 12 trying out on Tuesday afternoon and the Year 8 and 9 students on Wednesday afternoon from 3.15pm-4.15pm. Students who are successful in obtaining a place on a team will be given more information from their coach regarding training times and days. Fixtures are attached.
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Mr Devin Martin
Head of Sport
Canteen

We would love to see volunteer helpers in the canteen. Please contact the Canteen Manager on 9562 2435 to join the team. I look forward to hearing from you.

Please see our Daily and Weekly Menus below.

Mrs Wendy Duncan
Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

Welcome back everyone. I would like to advise all parents and students that the Uniform Shop has moved to the front of the school.

A huge thank you to all our parents who assisted in the Uniform Shop during the holidays and at the start of the Term. The time they have given up to help has resulted in the Uniform Shop operating more smoothly. Thank you to Dot Carr, Di Kelly, Kerrie Carter, Shelley Siakia, Anita Smith, Tana Burton, Amanda Brazier, Maria Exon, Jo Stockwell, Michelle Davies, Kathy Pardoe and Kirsty Menzies.
Blazers will be compulsory for all students in 2015. Blazers can be collected during opening hours from now until the start of Term 2. This year, students in Years 7 to 10 will require blazers so please come in early to beat the rush. Blazers collected early may be exchanged if needed before Term 2. Please contact the Uniform Shop to discuss if required. Blazers are $162.

Girls and boys socks have finally arrived. Anyone who has placed an order, please call in to collect them. Soccer kits will be available in the Uniform Shop from Week 3.

If you have any concerns regarding the sizing of any uniform item, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure orders are received in time. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact me and discuss this matter.

Summer uniform consists of:
Boys – grey shorts, marle grey socks, summer white short-sleeved shirts and cap/bucket hat.
Girls – dress, summer socks and cap/bucket hat.

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

Mrs Lyn Waite
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Community News

St Andrew's Music Ministry invite all students from age 7 upwards to join the Parish Junior Choir to perform at events throughout the year.
For more information please contact Mel Leedham 0419 024 655.

North Coast Rangers Christian Football Club seeking new players.
Games played Saturdays. Registration Day 14th February 2015 10.30am - 2.30pm.
For more information visit http://www.northcoastrangerscfc.com.au/

Butler Netcall Club Registration Day – 14th February at Irene McCormack Catholic College
9.00am – 12.00pm.
For more information contact Nicole 0439 722 844 president@butlernetballclub.com

507 Army Cadet Unit (Joondalup) recruiting now. Friday nights 6.45pm – 10.00pm at Belridge Senior High School.
For more information contact Captain (AAC) Jackie Parks 0419 041 606, fourparks@bigpond.com

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal