

Year 8 Reflections



Foundation Year
2002

ABOUT MY YEAR AT SCHOOL!

ABOUT MY SELF=-

Hello everyone, my name is Amie Marie Pajer I am 13 years old and was born in Adelaide in Queen Victoria Hospital on the 8-2-89! I love to hang out with my friends on the weekend. My favourite place to be is probably at a party or with my friends (mostly Tiffany). My hobbies are dancing, listening to music, playing volleyball and going to the shops. When I grow up I would like to be a child care worker because I love kids!

PRIMARY SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL=-

I use to go to Mindarie Primary School but now I go to Irene McCormack Catholic College as you all know! It was a very big shock going from primary school to high school because you could do whatever you really wanted without getting in trouble at Mindarie, but now if you just talk in class you will get told off and even a detention sometimes. I can remember that in first term and second term, I would get a detention once a week for talking in class but now I have learnt my lesson and haven't even got an detention for the whole term!

FRIENDS=-

At the beginning of the year Cassie and I had a strong friendship we used to go everywhere together. It was like "Where is Amie?" and then people used to say, "With Cassie" or the other way around. Then in term three Cassie and I had an argument. Ever since that, we haven't been best friends or even close. I wish sometimes, it could go back to how it was but now I am really happy because Tiffany and I are best friends and are always together even after school and always on the weekends. She is such a nice friend to me she is always there if I need her and will always come to me and if she is upset. She knows I am always going to be there for her if she needs me! Oh yeh, I nearly forgot the teachers. They are great here. They are so nice, kind, caring and loving if at any time you need help or you are sad they are here for you!

NOW AT THE NEW SCHOOL=-

It is going really good at the new school. It is so nice here. You feel all new and fresh. It was so fun moving school and I was so excited. Anyway that's enough from me. You are probably thinking stop talking Amie I am bored now so I better go now *love always Amie Pajer*

Reflection on the year

At Irene McCormack this year has been a challenging and difficult experience, but a good experience.....

I wasn't at Irene McCormack all year because I used to go to Clarkson. I didn't like it there so I moved schools to Irene McCormack. I remember the first day very well. I was really nervous because I didn't know hardly anyone but I did know Jake, Cassie, Sean, Ben Hubbard, Lizel, Sharni, Rachel, Ashleigh Parker, and Teagan a bit but still, I didn't know many people in my class. So, it was hard !

On the first day I didn't know that you had to stand up in the morning and greet the teacher. Everyone was standing up but I was sitting down I was so embarrassed. On the first day I hung around with Cassie Lambert and other people. I was nervous because I didn't know who I was going to hang around with.

This year has been good because I have made close friends who are very caring and nice. They hug in the mornings which never happened in Clarkson. My friends at Clarkson weren't as caring. I've made more friends here then I ever had at Clarkson. A really good thing that happened to me is this year is that I have a very close best friend Cassie. I can tell her anything and I know that she wouldn't tell anyone else. If I'm upset I can always go to her and talk to her she has been and always will be a very close friend and a good friend. I really wanted to be in Cassie's class but I still see her at recess and lunch and in the week we see each other and the weekends. Not only have I made friends who are girls but I have also made good friends with the guys such as Caylem, who are caring, nice, and supportive. So I've had a pretty good year. The things I like about Cassie is that she's a good friend, pretty, a good dancer, kind, happy, funny, good to be with and many more things.

This year I have found out that the expectations for homework are very high. If you don't do your homework you get a lunchtime detention and three lunch times means you get a after school detention and THEN.. you get a Saturday detention. At Clarkson it was so different. You never get a Saturday detention or an after school detention.

In conclusion I have had a good year at this school and I have met some really good friends who I am looking forward to seeing when I come back next year.

By Laura Leslie

MY REFLECTION

I HAVE BEEN AT IRENE MCCORMACK CATHOLIC COLLEGE SINCE THE START OF TERM 4. ON THE FIRST DAY I WAS NERVOUS BUT WHEN I SAW MY FRIENDS FROM LAST YEAR I WAS OK WITH THINGS. IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO KNOW ALL THE PEOPLE AND I STILL HAVE TROUBLE REMEMBERING THEIR NAMES.

*BUT WHEN I CAME HERE I THOUGHT THAT THE TEACHERS WERE STRICT, BUT THEIR NOT AS STRICT AS PEOPLE SAY, I THINK IT'S NOT STRICT AT ALL.
WHEN I FIRST WENT TO SCHOOL ON THE 2ND DAY THEY HAD SPORT AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. THEN BEN TOLD ME WHAT TO DO AND THEN I WAS OK.*

I WAS HAVING FUN AND I THOUGHT THIS SCHOOL WAS BETTER THAN CLARKSON HIGH, EVEN THOUGH I HAD A LOT OF FRIENDS THERE BUT I DO HERE ANY WAY'. NOW I AM GETTING BETTER AT MY WRITING BECAUSE WE HAVE TO WRITE A LOT. I HAVE BETTER COMPUTER SKILLS THANKS TO MRS HUNT. I HAVE CAUGHT UP WITH A LOT OF FRIENDS THAT I HAVE NOT SEEN FOR A LONG TIME. BUT SINCE I HAVE MOVED SCHOOLS I HAVE MEET A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE AND NOW I'M FRIENDS WITH THEM.

I THINK I HAVE GOT A LOT BETTER IN MY BEHAVIOUR, SCHOOL WORK AND HOMEWORK AND I HAVE NOT GONE HOME ANGRY LIKE I USED TO.

BY JASON SHEPHERD

REFLECTION

INTRO: I think that at first, when I came to school I did not like the environment. I like the school now and the people here. I am getting used to it and fitting in with the people too.

FIRST DAY: On my first day I was shy and did not want to talk to anyone. When I first came I knew Adele, Tam, Caylem, Cameron, Amie, Terri- Ann, Zion, Ashley, Fraser, and Tiffany. But I did not hang around with them much. Now I have got used to them and talk to them more than before.

PRIMARY TO SEC: When I was at primary school, we did not do the things that we do now and I think that the things we do now are much better. I love doing the cooking. Primary school makes you feel like a little kid but high school makes you feel like you are older and I feel proud of it.

RELATIONSHIPS: At the school I made friends with a group of people and they were really friendly and kind. Then I thought that I would try to hang around some other people so I did and I still hang around with them and they have been my best friends in the whole school. They tell me things that I should know that people say about me and I really like them. The teachers are the best teachers I have ever had in all of the schools that I have been to.

BY ANNA

School Year Reflection

This year has been an exciting year. I had just moved over from Sydney to live in Perth and I didn't like it, it was so hot. It was still the school holidays and I didn't have many friends. Anyway, the day had come and it was time for school. My first day at Irene McCormack Catholic College.

School in shops?? yea "Where's the shops?" Well its term two and I've had about a thousand detentions. Ok, what to talk about, school, there were not many facilities. For instance, we had to play in a car park at lunch time and recess.

But that all changed when we moved into the new school. The new school was not as I had expected it to be. Well, it was and it wasn't. For instance I thought that the 2 classes would be mixed with each other in the lessons but they weren't too bad.

It has turned out to be a good year. After all, Ive made friends except for all the detentions. I hope next year will be as good as this year.

I think that I have changed a lot because before I went to this school I had a negative attitude about school and now I am little more positive.

By: Ryan Campbell

Top Secret

year 8's eye's only

This is a story basically about my life in year 8

At the start of the year I only knew a few friends but near the end of the year I had lots of friend's and had lots of fun with them.

On orientation day for us I went in a group with Lyndsay & Fraser and I would ask Fraser for the answers and then Fraser would ask Lyndsy. We finished the test and went out side and played on Lyndsay's scooter.

At the start of the year I had lots of detentions and was always in trouble for one thing or another but near the end I turned good and didn't get into so much trouble and I had much more fun...

By Liam McKenna

MY REFLECTION

My time at Irene McCormack Catholic College is very different then my time in primary school...

I had just recently started at Irene McCormack Catholic College. It has been a very different experience from when I was in year seven. In year seven, I was in the ACT (Canberra) and was in high school then so then I came to Perth and year seven was primary school which I found strange. This school is only the second Catholic school I have been to and it has been a really big change for me.

Coming to Western Australia and starting at a second new school through the year has been nerve racking for me since I have only experienced two Catholic Schools in my life. I find that Catholic schools are a lot more strict then public schools. I have enjoyed going to Catholic schools but I find the uniform irritating to wear.

When I came to Irene McCormack everyone was being really friendly. I also found the teachers all very friendly. The people at Irene McCormack have very different attitudes but are all really nice. I have a few friends at the moment but I am still trying to get to know all the students that go to this school.

Although I miss all my other friends in Canberra and at Mercy College, I am beginning to love my friends here like I love my friends in Canberra and at Mercy. I find some of the religion work difficult because I am not Catholic but I am getting the hang of what the work is about and how to do it. I am also settling in more and finding it easier to be myself.

by Shara Young

About the New School !!!

2002 was great year at Irene McCormack C.C because.....

It was a great year at Irene McCormack Catholic College because the year eights were the first in the school and not only that it was our first year in high school. That made it even better.

Miss Cole, Mr Borg, Mr Rafter and Mrs Hunt were always great teachers and they would always try and care for us and try to make all our activities fun. Mrs Surman was a great lady even though we hardly got to see her.

All of the year eights from 2002 were all great but there were some girls who were a bit weird but I really didn't care because that's just them. They probably liked being a weirdo and just wanted to show off but hopefully they will change. I could be a bit weird sometimes but I really couldn't help it (only sometimes)!!

It was a pretty sad that some people left our school for all different reasons. I was kind of hoping for them to come back and see us again but they didn't end up coming back.

In fourth term it was really fun because we had our school carnival. The school carnival was so fun but it could have been better if there were more people there. The week after the sports carnival, we got to move into our new school. It was the building that all of the year eights had been waiting for ever since first term.

Well... I don't have nothing else to say, I just hope we could all see each other some day and keep in touch with each other.

By Cassie Hampton

*** ABOUT THIS YEAR! ***

WHEN I FIRST STARTED HERE=

Starting at Irene McCormack Catholic College has been really fun. I have learnt a lot of things such as what you have to do at mass, about God and how he created us and many more things! I use to go to ST Stephens but I didn't really like it there because the students were a bit mean to me, I started here half way through term 4.

I have found that it is the best high school I have been to because I know the teachers will help me at all times and the students are really nice to be around!

ABOUT MY FRIENDS=

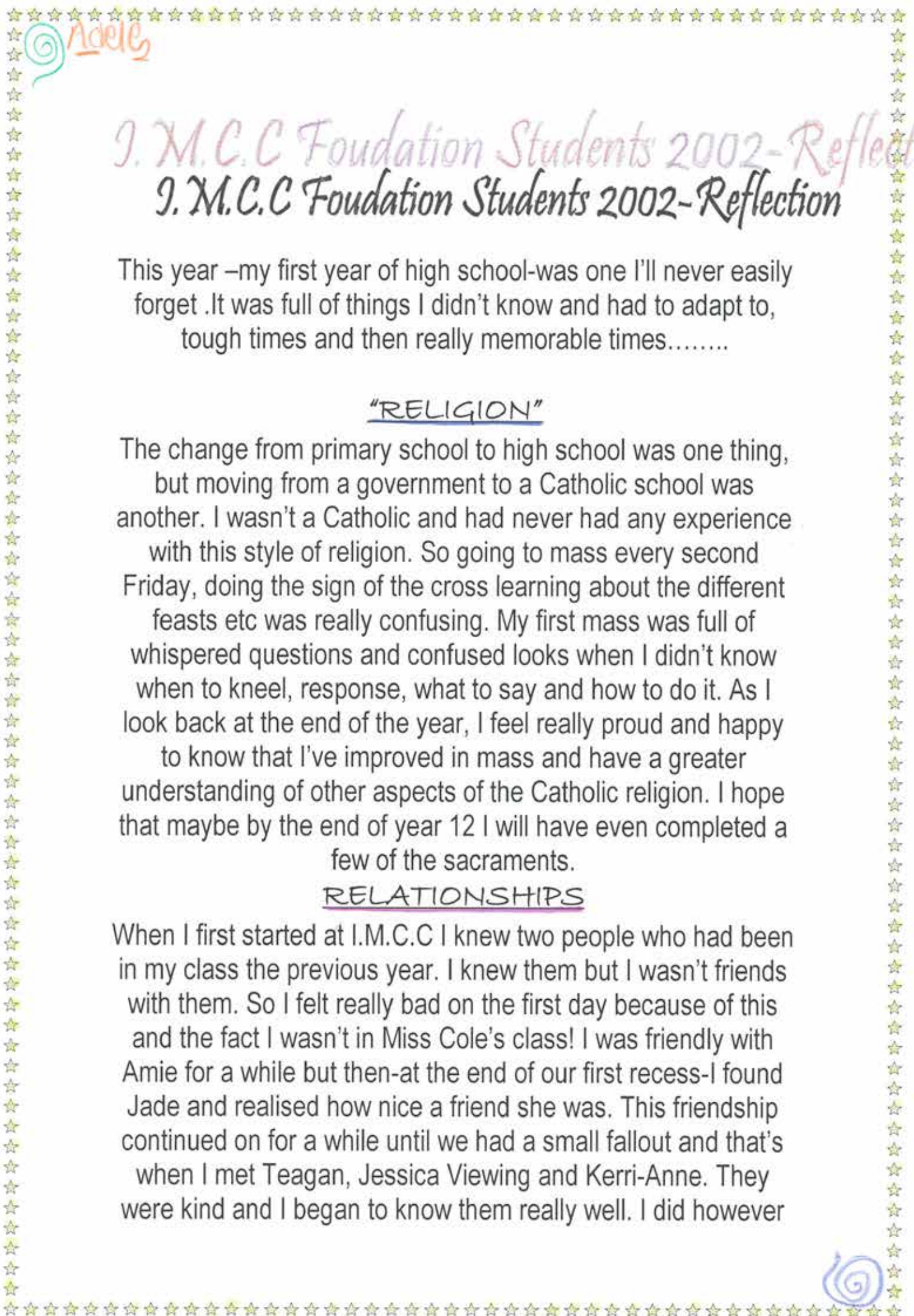
I have made some really good friends that care about me, They are always here for me if I am up set and if I am struggling with my work. When I first came to the school I didn't really know anyone apart from the people who use to go to Mindarie Primary School with me. They are Amie, Terri-ann, Tiffany, Nicole, Ashley, Zion, Abby and Frazer. Lisa has been a really caring person to me, when it looks like I am upset she is always in front of me trying to make me feel a lot better and it works!

ABOUT THE TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL=

At the start when I first came to this school, I thought to my self the school is a bit strict maybe because Mr Rafter wanted to have the school perfect and not have anything bad about it, Now I am used to it a bit more than when I first started I see why it is like that now! Miss Cole is so nice and caring she is always here for me if I am ever up set with anything; Mr Borg is a really kind teacher and loves his religion, Mrs Hunt is a really cool person to be around and I know in side she really cares about us all here, Mr Rafter really cares about the school and doesn't want any bad people here to hurt us, also lucky last Mrs Surman is a really nice secretary and can be really funny sometimes and she always looks out for us kids a lot!

NOW AT THE NEW SCHOOL=

I am really happy to be in this new school it is so nice and new it makes me really fresh when I come to school everyday. It's great here! Anyway I better go now before I make you bored love you always, Sarah P.S thanks everyone who has been here for me through the whole time I have been at the school!



I.M.C.C Foudation Students 2002-Reflection

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This year –my first year of high school–was one I'll never easily forget .It was full of things I didn't know and had to adapt to, tough times and then really memorable times.....

"RELIGION"

The change from primary school to high school was one thing, but moving from a government to a Catholic school was another. I wasn't a Catholic and had never had any experience with this style of religion. So going to mass every second Friday, doing the sign of the cross learning about the different feasts etc was really confusing. My first mass was full of whispered questions and confused looks when I didn't know when to kneel, response, what to say and how to do it. As I look back at the end of the year, I feel really proud and happy to know that I've improved in mass and have a greater understanding of other aspects of the Catholic religion. I hope that maybe by the end of year 12 I will have even completed a few of the sacraments.

RELATIONSHIPS

When I first started at I.M.C.C I knew two people who had been in my class the previous year. I knew them but I wasn't friends with them. So I felt really bad on the first day because of this and the fact I wasn't in Miss Cole's class! I was friendly with Amie for a while but then–at the end of our first recess–I found Jade and realised how nice a friend she was. This friendship continued on for a while until we had a small fallout and that's when I met Teagan, Jessica Viewing and Kerri-Anne. They were kind and I began to know them really well. I did however

feel left out when Jess had some personal problems and ran away from school with Teagan. A while later we made up, Jess ended up leaving the school and since then they've been the friends I've hung around with. Jade is also still a great friend of mine.

MOVING DAY

The move up to our new school was highly anticipated by everyone and especially me! We were told to wear old clothes as we would be working hard moving boxes and cleaning up. It was a great atmosphere as people were moved to and from the old and new school, unpacking and packing, arranging and getting to know our whereabouts (it certainly was a lot bigger than the other offices!) We had pizza for lunch and it was soon back to work. The next day we had our first lessons in the new school -it finally felt right! I think the school is really groovy and modern.

IRENE MCCORMACK DAY

This was when we remembered Irene's death. We started the day with a mass where Irene's brother made a really nice speech (I think he was crying!) We then had a nice morning tea and cake. Later on we did activities on Irene and went to various schools to tell the story. In the afternoon we played lawn bowls with the people at the R.A.A.F Estate (it was boring) and I couldn't get the hang of it!

Overall, I feel really privileged to have been a part of the foundation students of I.M.C.C .It's been an interesting and great experience and next year I'm sure will be quite a bit different!



Year 8 Reflection

Starting off, coming to a brand new school. Not knowing hardly anyone. Trying to fit in! It was different, there's no other word that comes to mind.

When I started I thought the school was stupid, because we were in shops. I was like yeah, right then. After a while I got used to it and I also got used to people saying "Where's that?" or "You are taught in shops?" I don't know how many times I was asked that but it was certainly a lot. My first friend was Teagan. Slowly we drifted apart. Then came Mandy and Stacey and I hung out with them for ages. I got close to everyone.

Um, detentions laugh out loud! I had so many detentions but I never got an arvo (afternoon detention) Yeah! Unlike some people! Lots of people got me in trouble and one person in particular but anyway. I always got detentions for maths and science. Almost every lunch-time I was in the main room eating my noodles. Oh yeah, there was a noodle phase almost everyone everyday had a cup or bowl of 2 minute noodles. Whoa they were so popular.
Braised Beef Rules!

The land sales office, HA!! I was teased so much about that by my family everyday it would be "Are you going to sell a house today?" or something else. Then there was the best movie in the world, "The Emperor's New Groove". Mandy, Stacey, Terri, Nikki and I all loved that movie we spent many lunch times in the computer room watching "The Emperors New Groove" over and over again!

When I grow up I want to be a veterinary nurse or write. I think that would be an awesome job. School, well the first time I got my report it was really bad. Then Miss Cole told me to pull my finger out. Now my grades have improved and I feel much better. I have learnt many things including self control, respect, tolerance and heaps more. We also had this great play called "Hooked" it was about drugs and peer pressure. It was loud and really funny. The humour kept me interested and the 3 people put on a great performance.

I had a great year, a fun year. It was really good. I am glad I came to this school otherwise I would not have met such wonderful people. It was a shock when I first came here everything was new... and strange. I reached the new school, not wanting to sit on the chairs or walk on the paving in case I wrecked something. But now it's our school which we will be passing on to the new year eights.

By Jessica Burton

2002 reflection!

2002 was a good year for me because I moved into a new school with many great friends.

I have learnt more about God and Jesus and I have learnt that they were good. I learnt that Jesus was sent down from heaven to earth because he was on a mission to make people see what the meaning of life is. I believe that my ability to spell has improved and I can read better as well. I have learnt heaps about history and Jesus and God and I feel great about it. I have been more caring for others and I have been there for them when they have needed me at times. I felt happy with my self because of joy that has been inside of me. I have grown taller by heaps compares to Ashley that is my twin brother weigh 43kg now and I have lots of scars all over my body and have got a lot of pimples and I feel great about the way I look.

Before the people in "Hooked" that came to school I thought that drugs and smoking was cool. I used to say that drugs and smoking was a cool thing because heaps of people did it. But when the act came to school it had opened up my eyes. It showed me that none of that was good, like smoking, syringes, drugs etc... All of these things had side effects to it. Like losing your voice, damage lungs and eats away the middle of your nose. Drugs could destroy your life such as your sports career. I feel stupid for thinking about it, and I now know that it is bad. I will not take any thing like that.

Romeo and Juliet was a movie about two star cross lovers. Before I saw Romeo and Juliet I thought that it was boring but then I saw it again it all made sense. Miss Campbell let us play Romeo and Juliet and I got to play Romeo in the fight scene where I got to kill Tybalt and that was Ryan at first but then he broke his arm no he's skateboard then Jason Shepherd got the part on the day. We also got to see the older day movie and the modern day movie I feel that the whole play was good and it made me feel good.

When we got to go to the carnival it was cold and windy and it was a good day to start off. I was in Mackillop group and I think our group was the best out of the whole factions. The day that we practice was the day that I came in the biathlon which is an event that you have to do things and we did the swimming and the running. There was the making the best sandcastle, tugger war, volleyball, biathlon, sprints, swimming races. The other carnival happened at the arena and there was the shot put, long jump, triple jump, 200m, 400m and 100m and tunnel ball and our group came 1st as usual because we rule and we were the best. I felt that we were the best and I felt great about my efforts that I put into the group.

Over all I think that my year at Irene Mc Cormack Catholic College has been great for me. I felt good about my self because of the effort that I put into of the school, friends and my school work.

By zion

My first year at Irene McCormack Catholic College!

I can still remember my first day of year 8 at Irene McCormack Catholic College. We started in a Brighton Real Estate Office and moved to our new school in the beginning of term 4.

I think that primary school is so different to high school. A good thing about primary school is that you can do a lot more stuff and the consequences aren't as harsh as they are in high school. In high school you can make more friends because you're not with the same people all the time so you make more friends.

I left all my friends when I came to Irene McCormack Catholic College. I only knew the people who went to Clarkson Primary. They are Cassie H, Jason B, Ebony, Lisa, Ashy and Teagan. At first I hung with Cassie but I made heaps of new friends.

I don't think I'll ever forget about the old school, there are so many memories there! Sometimes it got really crowded where ever you went other people were already there.

I remember how we had to fight to get on the computers all the time because there were only six and every one wanted to get on. We always played soccer and four-square on the car park in front of the classrooms. At lunch time we always put music on in Miss Cole's room. For sport we had to walk all the way to the park to play sport.

I have learnt so much this year from the teachers. Mr Borg has taught us heaps about God even though I'm not interested in Religion. Miss Cole has taught all about other countries in LOTE and it's been heaps of fun. I have leaned so much about Shakespeare with Mrs Campbell I liked doing the Final scene for our play.

The new school is great. I like that one wall in each classroom is painted with a bright colour it stop the school looking boring and makes it look modern. It's great how we have every thing we need like a proper science lab, classrooms, art room and basketball/netball courts and were getting and oval soon. Now we have a proper library with heaps of computers so we don't have to fight over them any more.

Overall I have enjoyed year 8 at Irene McCormack it's been great! I've made heaps of friends and don't want to change school any more. I've had heaps of fun this year and the students and teachers are nice and they care for you.

By Anita

My First year at big School

My first year at Irene Mc Cormack has been everything... Funny, Sad, Embarrassing, Annoying, Tragic and Just about every emotion invented.

I will never forget my relationships with my best buddies and how they started. Firstly Cassie L. before we even saw each other on the first day at school WE HATED EACH OTHER!!! Until suddenly one day late March, early April we started hanging around together and became friends. I will always remember a game we used to play called 'the shoe.' This was played almost every recess and lunch in Miss Coles class. We would chase each other around with Cassie's school shoe on the end of a broomstick and ran around screaming. O the memories...

Next is Jake, we didn't know each other at the beginning of the year and then started liking each other, got together for a while and are now best friends. I won't babble on about too many people so I will leave it at Ebony which is my other best bud! At the beginning of the year we were really close like sisters but throughout the year had a lot and I mean a lot of fights. We both realised we really stupid for fighting and now we are really close friends again.

This Paragraph should be a shorty. Teachers. Mr Borg, Miss Cole, Mrs Hunt and Mr Rafter. At the beginning of the school year I really liked Mr Borg and thought he was the greatest teacher ever. Mrs Hales, this is quite a different story, nothing more needs to be said! Mr Rafter seems to have good morals and visions but I wish he would smile a bit more often. Miss Cole, at the beginning of the school year- to be honest, I didn't really like Miss Cole an awful lot but as the year went on I found out that she is a really good teacher and a nice person. Mrs Hunt will always be one of my favourite teachers, she joined us half way during the year and helped me a lot and taught me a lot about life.

In conclusion to my year at Irene Mc Cormack Catholic College, I have realized that our teachers are really strict, mean, don't listen and expect to much, naa just jokin! They are hard to please though. Overall my first year at big school has been really good thanks to my parents, teachers and my friends who help me get through the tough times.

By Lisa H!

Year 8 Reflection

INTRO

The first year at Irene McCormack has surprisingly been a year I'll remember for a long, long time.

I came to Irene McCormack during the third week, of first term. I was so scared coming to a new school especially coming from a public school to a Catholic school. I thought it would be a huge school, but to my surprise it was a Land Sales office. I still remember my first thoughts were OH MY GOSH are we at the right place? After about a week or two of being I was completely settled in.

Everyone was so nice to me. I made friends really quickly. I knew a few people like Tiff, Jessica, Jessica .V, Ben .M., Zak and Stacey my best friend in the whole world besides my mum. During the year I made some really close friends. If I was to name them all I would be here forever. I also think the teachers are really wicked cool. I've had a few rough times at this school with friend ships but were very easily fixed. They weren't actual fights just disagreements. Otherwise friendships here were better than ever.

For me coping with the rules at Irene McCormack was quite difficult simply because I've never had to tuck in my shirt or tie up my hair. It was just little things that I kept forgetting. It was so hard at first. I felt so agro and frustrated with all the rules, well that's what I thought at the time. Now its just a habit. Something I just do as much as it annoys me I guess it's pretty cool. I can remember them a lot more now.

Now it's the end of the year and I can't believe we're nearly in year nine. I've had so many good memories of year 8. Its just gone so very quickly. For me the year has just flown by .I'm going to miss year 8 so much. It's been the best year so far even though I've had a few ups and downs, I love this school. I'm going to miss the Land Sales office though and watching the boys play football and skate in the classroom. And it was great singing and listening to music. But the thing I love the most is the way every body is so friendly and I'm so glad that Miss Cole soon to be Mrs Hales is always going to be our home teacher because even though we have had some tough times, I really like having her as a teacher.

So I guess now all I can say is that Irene McCormack is a great school. As you can see from what I've written, I will never ever forget my first year at Irene McCormack Catholic Collage.

By
Mandy Cooper

2002 Reflection!

When I moved to Irene McCormack Catholic College I came with my old best friend Teagan Henry and my best friend Lisa Henderson. We came with a few of our other friends from Clarkson Primary School. Lisa, Teagan and myself all stuck together for the first 2 or 3 weeks. Through that time I was getting to know other people through group work and conversations. It turned out I was making quite a lot of new friends and Teagan and I drifted apart. She and I had a big fall out and it went on and on until we finally got over it. As I was making friends, I found that I was growing close to this one person, one special person, Ben Hubbard. It was in around term 2 when we became so close we were best friends. Since then he has always been there for me. Also as I made more friends I came across a (at the time I thought) a quite nice and gorgeous guy, Jake. We became quite close and got together. I was close to Lisa at this time, this is when we started our "fights". Well, it turned out Jake fell for Lisa, then me, then her and it just went on and on. He finally stayed with Lisa and we stopped our fighting and are now best friends.

I had quite a lot of friends, until end of term 3 when a rumour went around the school and I had a fall out with Terri-Ann and her "group". I have had soooo many fights and fall outs this year that now I can't even remember what they were about or who they were with. But what do you gotta do?

Now moving from a public primary school to a private high school was a huge change. Also quite a hard one. When everyone got to that school not one person knew what to do, how to act, what's wrong or right act. Then the rules came in, okay pretty hard to get used to, but we g r a d u a l l y

got used to them. Also (no offence) the teachers and principal were pretty hard to get used to and please at that time. But now the teachers are really cool and Miss Cole is really good to talk to.

The uniform was another thing. Hair back, no make-up, no jewellery, shirts in, bla bla bla.

Well another thing I learnt was that if you just go along and play the game and you will stay out of trouble.

WOW! What an improvement! Last year I was at Clarkson Primary School and didn't get taught or given worksheets, projects etc. Therefore I didn't learn all that much and coming to a private high school made it even harder with their high expectations. At the beginning of the year (2002) I was kind of struggling in a few subjects.

But I have now improved. I still have my difficulties but because of the understanding teachers I have had a few pretty good marks on my work that I had never seen.

Overall I have really enjoyed this year at Irene McCormack Catholic College. It has been a lot to me with embarrassment, fights, laughter, sadness and a lot more. I totally love my friends and I hope we can all stick by each other for the rest of our lives. Thank you everyone for making me enjoy this year.

By Ebony Wernicke

Sean's Year 8 Reflection

Well it's the end of 2003 (year 8) and I can't wait until the holidays (NO SCHOOL, awesome). Nah this schools been o.k. most this year.

This school has been a lot different from primary school. When I first came to this school, we were in the shops which had three classrooms (one was the computer room). It was pretty fun because we used to muck around in the in the car park before school and after school. At recess and lunch we used to put the music on full blast and quickly turn it down when the teachers came in. We also used to go to the park nearly everyday and hang out there until we started to get detentions for having our shirts untucked and looking scruffy even at 4.30. They said it was because we were representing the school by wearing the school uniform so we haven't been there since.

The move to this school from the shops has been a lot different. It was cool the day we were moving, not only we got free pizza and wore free dress but got off doing school work for the day. I was a bit exited moving to this school. When we got here, we got to choose our care room and got our lockers. It was pretty funny when the school gave out all the locks for the lockers and everyone tore open the boxes and tried them and they didn't fit so they had to take them back!.

The education at this school is good and I have learnt quite a bit of interesting stuff. You get way too much homework though, by the time you get all your homework from every subject, you have heaps. I'm learning more at this school then in the shops cause we have more subjects like I.T and cooking, and we are also doing more experiments in science because we have the equipment know. It will be better next year because we will have more subjects and teachers.

This school is one of the strictest schools in the world. The amount of detentions I've had for not getting assignments signed, diary's signed, misbehaving, and having my shirt untucked adds up to more than 10 times the amount that I had at primary school. But some of them have been fun like a Saturday detention I had, we got to go on the computers and played games the whole time. I probably deserved some of the detentions I got though (around 2 maybe!). Any way g2g, my hands are getting tired c-ya.

First Students at Irene McCormack 2002 trilogy 1

Hey I'm Zak, a student at Irene McCormack Catholic College for 2002, the first students!!

When I first came to school I only knew three people I felt nervous and strange. I wanted to know more people but I'm shy in new conversation. It was good getting to know people day by day. Soon everyone knew everyone.

The lightning carnival was so embarrassing. Seeing me run would be so funny .I hated it. They forced me to run all the races except 400m .In the final run I came dead last which made me feel stupid. I also got very sunburnt

Playing in the car park in the morning before school was when every one was together having fun. It was fun, relaxing and enjoyable every one was cool.

The park was a place were all stress, tension and worries went away and everything was o.k. . I could kick back and relax and talk to people . Usually we sat on the equipment and talked about life.

The time I had at my school is great . The teachers are cool it has been great beside a few bumps here and there. As a person I think I have matured a great deal.

My first year at Irene McCormack Catholic College!

40 newborn year eights in a Land Sales office. It would never work...

Starting off in a Catholic Foundation class sure was different to Primary school, and my image of High school. It was a day where everyone was in their own small groups from last year. There was the odd giggle and whisper, but mainly we were shy around everyone else. Photo Time! We lined up for the photos, checking out everyone and deciding who was going to be our friends, let me tell you I was scared out of my brain! For the first couple of weeks, I remember it vividly. Everyone hung out with their Year 7 buddies, when we began to trickle slowly into our own groups. We got to know each other, and started sorting out who we were. No one could wait til' the new school was finished.

We were told it would take about 3-4 terms to complete. "Ohhh!" came the reply. We decided to make the most of our time there, so we had fun! We became friendly with Midge and in detention, she would pop over and talk to us. Friendships with each other, the Teachers, Mrs Surman and of course Midge, were deepening, and everyone was finding a spot to fit into at school. I had never felt this cared about in my other years at school. The Teachers do care about you and they want to know what is happening, not just for them, but they actually care. Even the kids do as well, and they talk to you, not just go onto the playground, but we would sit down and talk about our problems, fears and all the gossip. Then we had some problems. Our first student left, and fights were beginning. Still this was not like Primary School.

Everyone had fights or disagreements, but in the end most of them turned out for the best. We felt happy, sad and then happy again. There were rules and expectations, and detentions, but I knew, and so did everyone else that it was for a good reason. Fortunately, with the bad there always comes good. We were taken on free excursions, and we all loved that. We were excited about everything, and a lot was going on in our minds that we couldn't explain. I felt better now-not as scared about High school. I felt excited, since we would be the oldest until Year 12. I guess that's one of the things I was afraid of. The older kids picking on us. Year 8 for me was just like Year 7, except with more homework, and less people. I loved almost everything at the school, and it had been a great year. Even the changes of uniform every Wednesday, and from summer to winter uniform wasn't a bother for me. As each holidays drew nearer, I was very excited and anxious. When 3rd term holidays came up, I was excited as usual, but also very sad, because we would be moving to the new school. At first, I couldn't wait to get out of there, and then I never wanted to leave. My friends and I had a spot near the Brighton Playground, our Territory.

The New school! It was really and truly amazing and new, but still, I was extremely unhappy about moving up there. On that memorable day when we moved to the new school, Rachel (My best friend) was away for one week and one day with the Shingles! She missed out on a fun day of lugging things to the new school, and driving to the school and back from the new school. Too bad not everyone was there, but it was so very fun, and plus it counted towards our community service, Home Base. I really like the new school, but I feel like the Year 8's next year are going to invade our space, and I don't really want them to come! Even though it is going to be weird being in Year 9, I have a feeling everything will turn out just fine.

This year has been a great experience, a year of changes, From the Land Sales Office, to The New School, from Primary to High school. We've made new friends and kept the old. I don't know how we've survived but we have. I am very excited about Graduation and Next Year.

By Ashy Parker

2002 Yearly Reflection

High school wasn't what I expected... You had a lot of responsibilities and expectations wanted from you. Homework was a disaster, I had never had homework or many assignments in year seven, and I just wasn't up to doing that. By term two I was getting the hang of it. When I first came to Irene McCormack Catholic College I didn't believe in God. It was a wreck trying to do the home work sheets and worksheets about God, I just didn't know!!

I thought high school was just going to cruise along just like Primary school, I WAS WRONG!! I had to study and do home work every night to keep up! This school was very strict at first but when I got the hang of it, it was fine. I had never ever had things like Diary Signatures, signatures for Assignments or even having believing about God. When I came to this school I didn't have much knowledge of God, I never went to Mass and I found it really hard to keep up around what we were doing. By third term I had things going, it was easy and I understood what we had to do, except for signatures I still haven't got that sorted!!

At the start of the year I knew only five people, It wasn't long till I made new friends and by second term I had a best bud! I had and still have really good friends. I think only starting with 40 kids has made it easy to know each other. Some of us have become really good friends, such as Jessica Viewing, Kerri-Anne Jeremiah and Me! This year has been more different from Primary school, I have had a good friendship with my Teachers, especially Miss Cole, and Midge in the land sales office. I never had that with my other teachers or other people in the school I liked being only 47 of us. I don't really want the year eights coming in. They make the school look messy!! I thought having only 47 of us was nice and that everyone got one another better.

Before I came to IMCC I never had a relationship with God, I never participated in Church activities until I came to this school. This school has changed me a lot in many ways such as participating in church but I'm still in the progress of discovering God. I had been to another catholic School but I was too young to understand. Now I understand much better than I used to!

This year has been a very fun but nerve racking, I have gained a couple of fun subjects such as LOTE, Science, and of course home Economics.

Some thing's I have enjoyed this year was moving up to the new school (which was real fun), moving to different rooms for different classes with different Teachers and of course making some really nice friends!

In Conclusion I think that this school has changed me a lot. The truth is, if I did go to Clarkson high I would have failed, in a way that Irene McCormack Catholic College has helped me. I'm becoming more independent and more confident within my self. I'm really happy with how things are turning out, with friends, relationships with the teachers and my education.

By Teagan Henry

2002 Irene McCormack Catholic College Refection

By Cameron Rayner

Umm..... Yeah

School at Irene McCormack Catholic College is really different, school in shops was a very weird idea but we survived it!☺ We are happier now we are in the new school. The shops were very large but some how, compact. Soccer in the car park was, squishy. Hiding from teachers was, complicated. Sharing six computers between 40 odd kids, priceless. Well better get on, don't have a clue what I am talking about, I sound like that Master-Card add!

My first day at this school was quite different indeed, all these new faces! All these new people! Will they accept me? All of a sudden I fell into place next to Aaron, some people like Caylem I knew from my previous school. Aaron has to be the big crack up of our school, like the "Turkey on Electric Chair" and "Twin Towers" both incorporated by Aaron, that is how he earned the nickname "Spaza". Caylem is the on who is Happy as Larry one minute and all angry the next minute like he is sitting on pin cushions, but still a good friend.

The homework at this school has been really hard, straight forward hard! That is the best way to put it. It has been quite a struggle to complete the work for the teachers and also, on time. All the assignments have been long and is tougher for us. But then comes the part of the assignment when you have to get it signed☺. The detentions are the worst bit about this school, the policy is the strictest and lamest policies you can think of. Three lunch times lead to an after school, three after schools lead to a Saturday and three Saturdays..... well you can imagine that. Really, no kid will say yes to a Saturday detention!

Playing sport at our school has been always complicated, for example "Concrete Soccer" Concrete soccer the Irene McCormack version of soccer, it has been played in the land sales office car park, it was squishy and hard to play. Also there has been the lightning carnival, in the soccer we went quite well and had very few injuries but on the other hand the net ball had a lot of injuries. The sports carnival at the beach was very fun, In my race I was only one competing, so by elimination, I won.

While every one else was in class, writing hard and studying, we (The Editorial Committee) were up in the library or in the old school, the back room working on the 2002 Irene McCormack Catholic College year book, with Mrs Hunt. Over the time of our school the computers have played a important role in our school. At the land sales office, the computer were in the small room in the middle between Purple and Gold. We used to stay after school to go on the computers to play games, just like recess and lunch.

We all had our good times and our bad times here at out new school, we had our detentions, our trips to St Vinnies and our home base. But we know that we are all looking forward to next year! (I'm being sarcastic).

Year 8 Reflection

A year at Irene McCormack is like...is like...um...something very different...an incredible experience.

When I first started at Irene McCormack I was shaking so much that my knees were nearly knocking. I had always worried about going to high school. When I first pulled up in the car park I felt like being sick. I got out and stood with some friends until our photo shoot. My main concern is that I wouldn't make many friends and that the homework expectations would get the better of me. I started off okay and I became friends with a girl named Tamara. We got along great and that led on to me becoming really good friends with Ashleigh Parker and I have been friends with her ever since. The first three terms went so quickly and before we were at the big school and it is great!

Before I came to IMCC I never really believed in God, but by third term I feel that I have begun to develop a better attitude towards God. Some of my favourite subjects are English, Lote, Art, IT and Home Ec. Which are really interesting and the teachers are really nice. I found the homework expectations hard to come by because I wasn't used to having so much. I got a few detentions and went a bit downhill. By third term I had quite a few really nice friends like: Ashy, Teagan and Kerri and most of the time we get along fine but sometimes we have one of those 'one off' chances where we will have a small fight or a disagreement, but we sort it out.

After three terms in the land sales office we had all become pretty good friends and we all had a good relationship with Midge. I think we all had a really good time in the land sales office and that we will all miss it very much. It was so cool because in our little group of friends we had our own hang out in the Brighton Park which was our little territory for recess and lunch times. I was beginning to adapt well to masses and I had developed a better relationship with God. It was very sad when Tam, Brock, Jess and Codey left but I still see them and they are very happy.

Finally the time came to start packing and I was looking forward so much to the big move over to the new school but a week before, I got shingles and that really stuffed it up for me because I wanted to be a part of the atmosphere and the packing but...sadly I missed out. I was really hoping that I would recover by Monday so I could be there for the move but I missed out. But what made me annoyed is that I found out that I could of come to school for it. The new school is really cool, and I reckon that hat we have all adapted well. I liked orientation day because meeting all the new kids and giving them tours of the school was lots of fun too.

Overall it wasn't bad for my first year of high school but it was very different to what I expected.

By Rachel Cantrill

BEING A FOUNDATION STUDENT AT IRENE MCCORMACK CC...

Being in a foundation school is quite a good experience because of how it feels to be in a little group of students your own age. I've learn something about being in a small school and having not many people. Starting off at Irene McCormack was easy, but then it gets harder and harder. The first time I ever met everyone was the start of the school. I felt so nervous and worried that day. Everyone was so nice and kind of shy (so was I). It was such a cool day, we each sat with people that we knew and ate our lunch.

Throughout my learning stages my personality has changed, because I suddenly realise that high school is going to effect my life in the future! So I decided not to muck around too much anymore, because I wanted to get a good mark on all my subjects and get a good report so I can go far in the future. My behaviour use to be really bad in primary school, but the teachers at Irene McCormack Catholic College helped make my attitude for the better and I'm really glad that I have changed my attitude or else I wouldn't be learning anything at all. The rules are kind of hard to follow because they are so confusing sometimes and other times they are just too hard, but I reckon it's fair because teachers just want us to be disciplined and I know that they care for us. But anyway I don't care about the rules I just want to learn. I've had few detentions over the terms and I know that I deserve them. But sometimes I have had to chuck a psycho because I get really angry.

My friendships with people are very special because my friends mean a lot to me and I am very happy with the amount of friends that I've got. But I've had bad times and good times with my friends, but I forgive and forget the people that I've had fights with. There's always Miss Cole to help us, she's like the only person in the school that helps us with our little girly problems and we really thank her for that. **THANK YOU MISS COLE!!!**

Some of the guys have developed friendships with girls and that's really cool. But I know that our friendship with each other will last forever.

We have had many events happening at our school like free dress day, sports carnivals, pizza day and heaps more. But in week nine were having a graduation mass and dinner and I can't wait. The yr 7's orientation day was kind of weird because, there were so many of them and I didn't know what to say if they asked about the school. Being with them next year will be really unusual. But I hope they will enjoy there high school years at Irene McCormack C.C and have a great learning process.

I'm really looking forward to meeting the new people next year and I hope that they like it here. I think it's going to change our school having more people here. But I hope we all get along.

By: Lizel Dhu

Reflecting as a Foundation Student

Being a foundation student of Irene McCormack has definitely been a great experience.

I started at Irene McCormack in the last term of year eight. I found it hard to fit into the very close friendships between the students. Having around 40 students in the school was very weird coming for Peter Moyes.

At the start of the year I wasn't looking forward to high school, I found it a lot scarier and a lot more serious than Primary School. If I don't enjoy school, I find it really hard to learn. For the first 3 terms of high school I didn't enjoy it, therefore I didn't have an interest in learning. That all changed when I came to Irene McCormack.

Having friends who had already been at Irene McCormack before I started helped me fit into the school a lot easier. My friends introduced me to the other students and they were really easy going, which helped me settle in even more. They made me feel a part of their group and a part of the school. I remember my first day, everyone ran up to me and gave me a hug. That's how the people are at this school, they're all very caring and friendly. We are like one big family. I don't know what I would do without my friends that go to this school, they are the best people!

The teachers have a really close relationship with the students, which I think is a great thing. They don't just teach, they make us think, look at all the options and that's when we learn the most. The teachers also let us learn for ourselves. All of the teachers make the lessons fun and they explain things so we can understand. I find it really easy to approach the teachers for help and they will keep explaining the problem until we understand. They are very patient!!!! (Sometimes) I have to say that the principal, the teachers and all of the staff are pretty cool, they're one of the reasons why our school is a good one.

The rules are very clear and we know what's right and what's wrong. We are all treated fairly and we all have our own responsibility in looking after our school. We all try to keep our school at it's best. If there is a problem at the school the teachers deal with it straight away, we learn our lesson and it doesn't happen again. (Most of the time!) Because of the rules we have, I feel really safe at school and I enjoy my education.

Moving from the "Real Estate" shops to the new school was a very funny experience. I was only at the shops for a few weeks, but it was still sad leaving because I could feel that there were a lot of great memories shared between the students and teachers. It must have been hard learning in the shops because there wasn't all of the equipment needed for some of the subjects. Even though the shops weren't a school building

wise, there was a great school atmosphere. When we moved into the new school it was so big!!! Because there are so few of us and we didn't know our way around the school at first, we looked like little lost ants!! I think our school is great, it has its own individual look. It's really cool how each room has a different coloured wall, that was a great idea. The layout is good because it doesn't take long to get to each class. (That's if you don't take the ramp!!) A lot of people find the ramp annoying, but like Lizels' mum says, "it's exercise!!!"

It's going to be really weird next year with all of the new year eights starting. It's going to be so loud and there will be so many people. I'm really pleased that they're coming to this school because it's a great school. I think it will just take us a while to realise that there's more than 40 students in our school!!

Since I have been at Irene McCormack I feel I have changed into a better person. I have learnt to care more for people and respect them. I've also learnt that it's not what's on the outside but what's on the inside that counts. Because of this I have developed really close relationships between many of my school members. I feel I have become closer to God because at one stage this year, I felt like I had lost my belief in him. I also feel I have gained back many things I had lost, just from being at IMCC.

Attending Irene McCormack has made me open my eyes and see things differently. I have gained more confidence, I have great friendships with everyone and I love to learn again. In the past 3 months I've been at Irene McCormack there have been many ups and downs but it's 3 months I'll never forget!! I don't know what the future holds, but I know one thing's for sure. The bond the foundation students of Irene McCormack have can never be replaced and can never be broken.

♥ ☺ By Abby McCourt ☺ ♥

ABOUT MY YEAR AT SCHOOL!

ABOUT MY SELF=-

Hello everyone, my name is Amie Marie Pajer I am 13 years old and was born in Adelaide in Queen Victoria Hospital on the 8-2-89! I love to hang out with my friends on the weekend. My favourite place to be is probably at a party or with my friends (mostly Tiffany). My hobbies are dancing, listening to music, playing volleyball and going to the shops. When I grow up I would like to be a child care worker because I love kids!

PRIMARY SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL=-

I use to go to Mindarie Primary School but now I go to Irene McCormack Catholic College as you all know! It was a very big shock going from primary school to high school because you could do whatever you really wanted without getting in trouble at Mindarie, but now if you just talk in class you will get told off and even a detention sometimes. I can remember that in first term and second term, I would get a detention once a week for talking in class but now I have learnt my lesson and haven't even got an detention for the whole term!

FRIENDS=-

At the beginning of the year Cassie and I had a strong friendship we used to go everywhere together. It was like "Where is Amie?" and then people used to say, "With Cassie" or the other way around. Then in term three Cassie and I had an argument. Ever since that, we haven't been best friends or even close. I wish sometimes, it could go back to how it was but now I am really happy because Tiffany and I are best friends and are always together even after school and always on the weekends. She is such a nice friend to me she is always there if I need her and will always come to me and if she is upset. She knows I am always going to be there for her if she needs me! Oh yeh, I nearly forgot the teachers. They are great here. They are so nice, kind, caring and loving if at any time you need help or you are sad they are here for you!

NOW AT THE NEW SCHOOL=-

It is going really good at the new school. It is so nice here. You feel all new and fresh. It was so fun moving school and I was so excited. Anyway that's enough from me. You are probably thinking stop talking Amie I am bored now so I better go now *love always Amie Pajer*

Year 8 Reflection

This year has been a really good experience for me, everyone I have met has been really nice to me and nobody puts anyone down, especially the teachers. I have no regrets about coming to IMCC and I don't think I will ever leave.

I think the teachers at this school are the most caring teachers I have ever met. They are always there to lend a helping hand and help you with any problems.

The only thing that bothers me is the rules and amount of pressure that is put on to people here, and I think it is really strict. I actually think the uniform is a bit boring too.

I'm really happy I came to this school, people respect you so much more than they do at Clarkson and as I said I'm going to stay here until my school years are over.

By Stacey S

I.M.C.C

This year at Irene McCormack Catholic College has certainly been a different experience...

The first day at school was pretty nerve wracking because you didn't really know anyone and the only person I knew was Fraser. There were quite a few disadvantages because of the facilities; I mean who has ever heard of a school in shops? At recess and lunch we were stuck in a car park playing soccer. Friendships were hard at the start because you didn't really know anyone and it was hard to trust people.

Education for me has come a long way because at the start of the year I was just cruising along and it just hit me $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year, that school was important and that I've only got four years of schooling left. It took me almost a whole year to realise that education was important...!! thank god for that. Most people were ok with the facilities of the school but I don't think people liked the fact that the school they were in was different, and there was nothing they could do to change it.

One of the highlights for the year was the talent quest. Out of everyone that competed I came second and drew with Mandy. That was pretty fun and we got out of work!! My act was a dance to a song by limp bizkit and was called Rollin. It goes to show that we have a lot of talent in this school. We also had our athletics carnival at the arena in Joondalup. IT WAS SICK. I got a few school records in some of the events. They probably won't stay there very long because of the next group of kids coming into the new school. The lightning carnival was also another highlight as we competed in the soccer competition and won every game. Some of the stars of the competition were Ashley N, Jake and Fraser. Some of the schools we played were St Norbert's, Somerville, Mater Dei, St Stephens and heaps more. After the day was finished the team was so tired.

As the year went on the rules were getting stricter and stricter. By the end of the year if you got a detention for homework or any other reason it would go onto the computer. Geeez that was strict. Three

detentions means that you score an after school. Many people had detentions, arvos, Saturdays and even suspensions. Ok, back to the land sales office. They were the worst looking buildings I've ever seen. The paint on the side of the walls was going all brown and the paint was all peeling off and it looked really poor. The toilets were all smelly and no one ever used them. Something even worse than the toilets was the homework expectations. We had assignments for every subject. My favourite subject was PE but we didn't have many assignments for that particular subject. The teachers were good all year round for me but many people had fights with them. One day they would love them and the next day they would hate them but overall people didn't have that much trouble.

The rules were so strict at the start but you got used to them. We had barely any space to breathe at the new school. We were allowed to do more at the old school and now we couldn't even play on the grass because they were scared that the trees would snap. When we had Mrs. Campbell we had a pretty cool time doing Romeo and Juliet for English. We acted the banquet party and it was one of the most fun activities this year. It sure beats doing work. We had a big cake at the end of term for Mrs. Campbell and it really topped it off because she was a good teacher.

Being a foundation student at Irene McCormack was different but was also one of the most rewarding experiences.

By lyndsay

IN IMCC FIRST YEAR

My first year at IMCC was fun, interesting and challenging.

I enjoyed sport such as soccer volleyball and the swimming carnival. Pizza days were fun and tasted delicious. Different subjects were more challenging than last year.

At the end of 2001 we had a big test day. We met and it was 2:00 pm on a Tuesday. On that the first day I met Fraser and Lisa... Then 5 to 7 weeks later we started

On the first day we started at the school at the shops as our new school was not finished yet.

I remember making funny faces at Lisa and she was shy. I was not nervous at all.

I find year eight work to be better than year seven and now I can not believe I am almost in year nine.

I discovered that there were different students from different places in the world just like me. Fraser has Scottish background and Nicole is from England.

In the beginning I acted out in class everyone started falling a part laughing at me doing funny raps.

At lunch time we used to play soccer in the car park and we had our classes in the shops!! Sometimes we could not hear as loud noises were coming through the shops. A few times Gold and Purple would come together. They were Monday and Wednesdays. I liked that!

One of the school rules is that if you get three lunch time detentions then you get an after school detentions. if you get three after schools that means it becomes a Saturday detention and you start over again. To get a detention teachers write your name on the board as a warning then you get a tick beside your name if you get the second tick then it's a lunchtime detentions. Then if you got three ticks that means see Mr. Rafter.....

Also if you do not do homework you get a lunchtime detention.

Finally I am finished year eight at IMCC. It was best school I been in my life. I really want to go in year nine and learn more about computers and meet new teachers and students.

David Boulton

Reflection as a foundation students

My first day at Irene McCormack... was so nerve racking, I wasn't looking forward to going to a school where I didn't know anyone, but I was looking forward to going to this school because the Principal said we would be the first ones to graduate.

The first day of school I thought was going to be the worst, which it was because I didn't know not one person. To make it worse Mum and Dad had to leave straight away, so I was wandering around by myself. Then later on we all had to get our photos taken which wasn't bad. Then it was finally time to go in, when I heard Miss Cole say "You guys can choose where you sit." I wandered around. Miss Cole then called each persons name to check that we were all here. This girl walked in front of me and asked where we had to put our bags and I said I didn't know then she asked me if I wanted to sit with her and I said o.k. Then she introduced herself and her friends to me, their names were Terri-Ann, Tiffany and Nicole and then I became friends with them.

Term 2 would have probably been my worst term. I was annoyed, frustrated and very tired, all because of homework. In term 2 I didn't do very well. I started off handing in all my assignments and all my homework, I felt good with myself, and then as the term went on, I slowly drifted and started being slack, I was really depressed and got myself into a lot of trouble with my parents and my teachers.

Next year when the year eights come, it is not going to be pleasant, for one thing we will feel that they are intruding and we will feel that there is no space for them because it has just

been us for the last 4 terms. My personal feelings about this, is that I don't really want them to come. Throughout the year we will all fit in together like us year eights did. I don't really mind them coming but it will be crowded at first and there will probably be no where to sit without finding a year eight there, but hopefully we will get used to that.

This term would probably be the best because we moved to the new school which is a nice feeling to be the first kids to use everything in the school. The other thing is that Teagan and I are really close, but sometimes I feel that we argue a bit. We are with each other 24/7 at school, in class we sit together at recess we are together and when I think about it, it has brought us together even closer then we were when we made friends in term 2. I hope we will read this in year 12 and think back to when we had all those good times in the sales office and in the new school.

I think that the year eights have made a really close bond with each other and with the teachers. I have never in my life had a teacher that cares so much for their kids in the class which I value the most in my school and I value my teachers as much as they value me.

♥♥By Kerri-Anne♥♥

Reflecion on the year

This year has been really fun moving from primary school to high school and moving from the shops we had to work in to the new school. It was good because I knew a lot of people that were there.

I met lots of people that I didn't know so I tried to make some more friends and try to get along with the teachers that were there. I didn't like it when we were in the shops because there wasn't any room to do anything because it was so small. At school there were some boring subjects but at recess and lunch we played soccer 'ON THE ROAD'. We didn't even have any grass. We couldn't go on the computer because we kept on getting banned from them so that wasn't very fun.

At the old school we got into trouble a lot by the teachers and people in the school kept on stealing my stationary. The toilets at the old school were really smelly so I went to the toilets in the office.

Our sports days were very fun because sometimes we went on excursions to beaches so we can surf and we also went to the RAFFA Base to play lawn bowls and we went to Hillary's Boat Harbour to do a biathlon.

This has been an interesting start to the new school because we do lots of cool things than we used to do in primary school like we make food in one of our classes. It isn't that

fun in sport now we have moved into our new school because we can't use our oval because the grass is still growing.

Now that I have told you about how my first year at high school has gone I hope the future years will be just as good as this one

By Jason Baronas

Fraser Glennie and the chamber of Irene McCormack

INTRODUCTION:

2002 was a bizarre year for me. I mean going to my first year of high school in a shop, I mean hello. Peoples wakey wakey it's the twenty first century.

RELATIONSHIP:

I've made heaps of friends this year. I only knew about ten before I came here, Now I know about fifty. We've had ups and downs and around and around. The teachers are not the friendliest of people at the beginning I hated them all but now Im starting to like them. The most annoying thing about the teachers is how they give you detention for the most stupid of all reasons e.g. looking at them the wrong way and walking in the cracks in the pavement.

EDUCATION:

I hope I've got dumber that smarter or is it the other way around. Our work has been hard but not as hard as my teacher said it would be last year. I got the impression that I would be doing five hours of homework each night and not have any social life.

LONCH AND RECCES:

Playing on the road was really weird at first We played four square, Soccer and listened to music at the old school. Not to forget being banned from playing rough games such as kill the pill.

THE OLD SCHOOL TOILETS.

The old school toilets were really pongy especially Mr.Borgs which had a real genuine stench.

OLD SCHOOL.

We had Mr.Borgs room, Miss. Cole's, and the computer room. That was all the classrooms, and we had the office where you spent your lunch and recess detentions.

NEW SCHOOL.

I like it here because we have more than two rooms and they are cool colours. But every thing is so far away it takes like twenty minutes to get to science

THE MOVE.

It took a while to move but it had to be fun and we were getting out of the shops.

CONCLUTION.

Over all this year has been the most wackiest year of my life. I hope next year is more fun.

Being a Foundation Student at IMCC

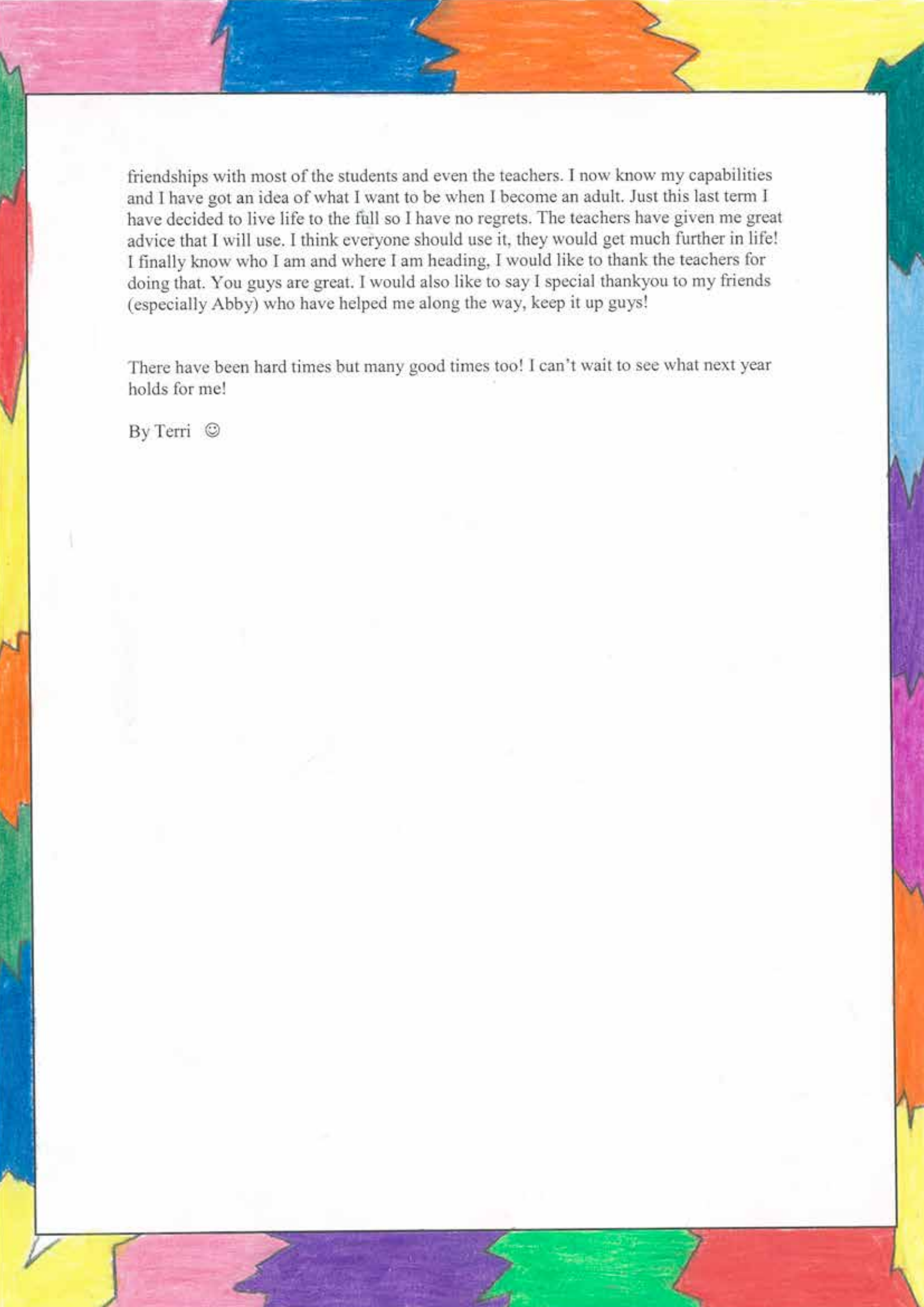
My first year of high school at Irene McCormack Catholic College was a year of my life I'll never forget. From phases like 'The Park' to Shantelles giggling, it has been a fun packed year!

I came to IMCC not really knowing what to expect, I mean being classified as a high school kid is pretty scary. All friendships were slow starting off, but once all the girls started chatting there was no stopping us. All my friendships have changed over time, but all of us have a great bond that no other school would have. You have to understand us sharing that bond; we were in each others faces for the first three terms of school. Friendships started between girls and guys and are still very strong today. Shantelle and Jake, Ebony and Ben H, Nicole and Ben M and how could I forget, Liam and I are all still great friends and share a closeness that is hard to find! I know, I know your probably thinking 'what about fights?' trust me there was plenty of them, but none of them were major enough to split my friends and I apart. I'm glad I have all the friends I have now otherwise I wouldn't have made it through year eight, that's for sure!

The teachers here are great! So what? They hand out rules and give detention, but they care and that's what matters! This year I have had more care than what I would have got last year in primary school. I like the way the teachers will do all that they can to ensure that you learn, even if it means they must spend some of their own time teaching you. That is one of the great things about this school! I think it's a shame that all schools aren't like that, but that's what makes this school special and unique.

All the outings and events that the school have held have been great. I loved them! I think all the events were made so that the students got to know each other and made us have an even closer relationship. One of my favourite events was sport day. I loved that day because I got to share the day with my friends (with no school work) and I got to see every ones talents when it came to sport! I think everyone enjoyed it and hopefully we have another carnival. We have also had events like pizza day, free dress, Irene McCormack day and many others that I enjoyed. I hope that the school develops a school council because I would love to help the school and organise events like these.

I think the most important and deepest thing that has happened this year is the development of myself. I have learnt a lot about myself this year. I have gained great



friendships with most of the students and even the teachers. I now know my capabilities and I have got an idea of what I want to be when I become an adult. Just this last term I have decided to live life to the full so I have no regrets. The teachers have given me great advice that I will use. I think everyone should use it, they would get much further in life! I finally know who I am and where I am heading, I would like to thank the teachers for doing that. You guys are great. I would also like to say I special thankyou to my friends (especially Abby) who have helped me along the way, keep it up guys!

There have been hard times but many good times too! I can't wait to see what next year holds for me!

By Terri ☺

My reflection

This past year has been so much fun and I have grown so much. I have had so many good times.

This past year I have grown very close to all of my friends. I love them all so much. They have helped me grow and they have always been there for me, if it wasn't for them I wouldn't be the way I am today. I think I have made some genuine friends that I will have for life. I hope we never part. I also want to thank Amie, Lisa Ebony and Amba for always being near!!

This year has been great I have had all awesome teachers who have helped me learn so much. I am especially thankful for Miss Cole and Mrs Hunt who have helped me sort out so many of my problems but I have to say I have a great year despite day the teachers are in a bad mood!

The lunches and recesses have been so much fun it just gives us the time to cool down and think about nothing to do with school work Lisa and I have been playing a game called the shoe and Lisa puts one of my shoes on the end of a wooden stick and then she chases me around the classroom with it. We have gotten in trouble a couple of times but it is worth it for all the fun we have had.

This year we have seen Jake fall in love with so many girls it's not even funny but he has stuck with one girl and stolen so many girls' hearts but in the end he is in love with Lisa. When it comes down to it he is an awesome guy with a great personality.

Each Wednesday we all used to go down to the park for sport. I think the park would have been one of the most bonding places of the year everyone used to muck around and giggle, while the teachers would thoroughly be stressing in case something happened to us but at the end of the year the didn't really mind what we were doing we just had to be safe.

I have had a great first year and I want to thank all of my friends for always being here for me and for understanding all of my problems. I want to especially thank Amie (my sister).

By Cassie Lambert.11/12/02

A foundation student at IMCC

This school is a lot different to Wanneroo.

I have had a term at Irene McCormack Catholic College I have met every body and the staff. Andrew was the first person that I met, he is cool and he introduced me to the guys and girls here.

The day that I arrived here at IMCC I thought it was going to be horrible but it wasn't it was really cool. I was stoked to find out that the sports carnival was the next day and that I was in it.

There are only three people in the school that body board, Jake, Ben H and I. they are pretty good as well. I don't really like the uniform here it's a bit boring.

We have started up a band here called 'DeFiAnT' there is Lyndsay, Jake, Ben H, Ashley, Sean, Andrew and I. we play heavy stuff.

I want to come back next year because it's fun at IMCC. But the rules are strict and the detention is for the whole of lunch and for little things, it's so boring.

See you next year.

By Korey Ketteringham

YEAR REFLECTION

2002 WAS A GREAT YEAR . . .

ON MY FIRST DAY I WAS VERY NERVOUS. I HAD BUTTERFLYS IN MY STOMACH ON THE WAY TO THE SHOPS. BUT WHEN WE ARRIVED I FOUND HEAPS OF MY FRIENDS THAT I KNEW FROM THE OTHER SCHOOLS THAT I WENT TO. THE DAY WAS SO MUCH FUN MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND TEACHERS. MY MUM AND I HAD OUR PICTURE IN THE SCHOOL PHOTO, IT WAS GREAT WE ALL HAD SO MUCH FUN.

I'VE HAD SOME FUN TIMES HERE AT I.M.C.C LIKE WHEN WE HAD THE TALENT SHOW. BEN AND I HAD AN ACT CALLED THE MAGICAL ANIMAL SHOW. WE PRETENDED TO BE ANIMALS THAT WERE RETARD OR HAD GOT HIT BY CARS. ALL THE STUDENTS LAUGHTED AT IT.

THE TEACHERS AT THIS SCHOOL ARE COOL BUT AT THE START OF THE YEAR I HATED THEM. I DIDN'T LIKE MISS COLE OR MR BORG I HAD A BAD ATTITUDE TOWARDS EVERYTHING . MY MUM WAS CRYING EVERY DAY BECAUSE I GOT INTO TROUBLE A LOT. I DECIDED TO STOP BEING BAD FOR MY MUM.

MY BEST FRIEND THIS YEAR WAS NICOLE TAYLOR. I BECAME BEST FRIENDS WITH HER BECAUSE OF LIAM. AT THE TIME LIAM LIKED NIKKI SO LIAM DRAGGED ME OVER THERE EVERY DAY .WHEN WE WENT OVER THE WE STARTED TALKING AND BECAME REALLY CLOSE. I ASKED HER IF SHE WOULD BE BEST FRIEND AND WEVE LIKED EACH OTHER EVER SINCE.

I'VE HAD THE BEST YEAR OF MY LIFE. THIS YEAR WAS SO MUCH FUN !

A DOCUMENT BY: BEN MAIN

My Reflection

This past year has been so much fun and I have grown alot this year just been at IMCC because the teachers care for you.

This past year I have made heaps of friends and going to a shop for school each day was fun. When we got up to the new school it was better then being at the shops for most of the year. One thing I liked been in the shops was it was not far to walk to class and it was easy to make friends and when we were at the shops we played in the car park playing soccer and four-square. We had to walk to the park to play sport every Wednesday and it was fun because we got to talk to your friends the way down there.

I have learnt so much this year from Miss Cole, Mr Borg, Mrs Hales, Mrs Campbell and Mr Rafter, like cooking with Mr Rafter I learnt so much from the lesson Lote, Religion, English and S & E.

It wouldn't be fun with out my friends Anita, Cassie.H, Becky, Jade, Ebony, Cassie.I and, Amie My friends have made this year great so I hope we are friends for ever

Amba Drake 11.12.2002

2002 Irene McCormack Catholic College

This year, at this school has changed my attitude towards school in how it is okay to go to school and not boring. I also made lots of friends and the year was great.

MY first day at Irene McCormack Catholic College was very different from my old school. Firstly it was in shops to start with. That was very different. Then there was that the school was so small and there was nowhere to move around. It was like we were jellybeans inside a jar all crammed up inside with nowhere to breath. But it was okay because had lots of friends including Cameron, Caylem and Zak. People came and people left and the school got about 1-2 kids bigger, but it was still fine. That's all I have to say for this one.

It's come down to this Homework and Detentions. Well, homework has never been my favourite, I can tell you! It was like orders to torture your self. We got that much homework I felt like I was coming down with Homeworkology, if there is such a word! The assignments were even worse! We were getting one like every week. One from LOTE, one from English, another from SOSE. It was non-stop. Then if things like homework/assignments were not done you got detention. Even for not signing work was a punishment. Then if that was not enough 3 lunchtimes were an after school and 3 after schools meant a Saturday. After that, well, you don't want to know. Next!

Subjects here are very, very, very different including I.T. and Mass. I like subjects like Maths, LOTE, I.T., Sport, Art and Science. For Maths and Science we have the expert Mr Borg, for English and LOTE we have the sensational Miss Cole and for I.T. we have Mrs Hunt. There are lots of other teachers including Mr Rafter the principal, Miss Hales and Mrs Surman. Final one!

Editorial Committee has been my #1 favourite thing. It is so cool. You get to get out of class and help make up the year book. You also get to know a lot about other people through the profiles. The computers, well, they are a great experience to talk about. It started at the old school where we had 6, not a lot at all, especially when we had to share them between 40 students, think about it. It was like sharing a piece of meat between a pack of wolves, hard.

Overall this year was the best thing that has ever happened to me ever!!!

By Aaron Holt

I.M.C.C

I came to this school in the 3rd term of the year. I was a bit nervous when I came to the school at first. Then I met Lyndsay, Ashley and Jake for the first time. And they showed me around and told me what I can do and what I can not do. And then I met Miss Cole for the first time as well and then I found out that I was in her class with Lyndsay, Ashley and Jake. It was a lot of fun being at a new school. Then came the work and my GOODNESS I have never had so much work in my life. Then Lyndsay, Ashley and Jake introduced me to every one in the school and I have never met so many nice people in my life.

Now I have been at this school for a few weeks now.

It was a lot of fun except for the work but it was ok, I was thinking to my self one day that I wouldn't trade this school for the world, because I have never had so much fun at this school I know it sounds weird but it is TRUE!

I was having the time of my life until I got my first detention for not getting my diary signed (if anyone is reading this get your diary signed) I thought that detention was the worst thing ever but all you have to do is sit there for lunchtime its not that bad. But you miss out on half of what is going on outside so that is the only bad bit, but it is ok, Just get your diary signed. Trust me.

Now I have been at the school for a few months now, and I have got to know a lot of people and got to know them better. And I did not know how alike we are, it is so weird and amazing "huh". Now I have a house down the road from the school and down the road from Jake's house and most of my friends come to my house after school and on the weekends.

By Andrew Van Doorn

2002 Reflection

2002 was a great year for me because...

Friends

When I first came to this school I only knew a few people; Jake, Cassie, Ben, Liam, and Brock. They were my only friends for the first couple of days. Then I met everyone else and I got to know them well. But out of all those people there was one person who stood out to me! That was Eb! She started being nice to me and then something happened and we became best friends. Ever since then we have looked out for each other, helped each other and have just been there when we needed each other.

I was lucky to have my other best friend come to the same school as me, which was Jake. Jake and I have been friends since year 3! So has Sean. All 3 of us used to hang out, bash each other up and throw other peoples things in their RUBBISH BINS! Yeah but anyway, we always have fun, even now. Fun to us is annoying people and jumping in front of cars! We have so much fun doing that.

Moving from Primary to High

Moving from primary school to high school effected me in a big way. At my primary school you could get away with anything. Jake Sean and I always used to fight swear and everything, and all the teachers would do is just sit there and watch. The amount of work we have to do is a change as well. Primary school gave us colouring-in sheets and stupid little crosswords! And this school hands out as many assignments as they possibly can!

People from the different schools are a change as well. At this school because it's so small you can't really have enemies because everyone likes ya! At primary school there would be a fight brewing everyday. It was wicked! I had heaps of fun at primary school! I still like it here but it's a pretty big change to get used to!

Girly friends!

Throughout this time at Irene McCormack Catholic College I have had a little interest in the girls here! The teachers tend to spy and I have always been caught doing something! Luckily nothing serious, I wouldn't dare do that at school. Only in my own time! 😊 And the teachers always know when and who you are going out with, it's like they have undercover people working for them or something! For example, I've been going out with this totally drop dead gorgeous chick Abby, and suddenly out of the blue, Miss Cole starts talking about me going out with Abby and how long we have been together. Its total madness! Nothing is a secret in this school! But its cool, I don't really care.

Talent Quest

Throughout this time we have had some special days where we have got to dress up or do something we enjoyed. But there was one day that stood out for me and Ben Main! That was the talent quest! Ben and I were really hypo that day. We came up with the idea of 'Bens Retarded Animal Farm' but they wouldn't let us so we changed the name. It was now called 'Bens Magical Animal Farm'. They were retarded animals. Retarded animals they had been hit by cars and lawn mowers and some were even in mating season! And it wasn't pretty! Everybody laughed and we had fun!

Over all this year was wicked! I loved it! Bye! 😊

BEN H

Irene McCormack



School this year was a whole new different beginning for me and I was waiting!

FREINDS! AT FIRST

Term 1 was very hard to fit into at first. And not knowing any one was difficult too. There were many weird looking people. I knew some of the people that were coming here because some had been to my school and some were my friends. Some of the weird looking ones and others became my friends. And from this day forward, they are funny, weird; some are cool, good and even kind. We would always get busted in class and would get DETENTION. But we never learnt, and kept doing it in until it finally sunk in our heads.

DETENTION!

At this school it was really strict. Because if you got a lunch time DETENTION like I did for being bad. Every time you got a DETENTION it would be added onto this DETENTION table, scary hu. Every time I did something minor, I would get a lunch time DETENTION with my friend Jake (whuuuuuuuuuuu). I also got arvo's meaning after school DETENTION about 3 times, then I got a Saturday DETENTION. And once I got a suspension for a week for starting a fight. DETENTIONs were fun some times and not, this one time I had a Saturday and the teacher let us play games for the whole time "wicked" hu. So know I hardly get them.

THE PARK!

The park was a cool park because every day after school all my friends would go to this park down the road. All we would do is talk and skateboard etc. But there was also be bad stuff that would go on, we would untuck our t-shirts and sometimes people would complain and we would get DETENTION the next day. So we never went back there (whuuuuuuuuuuu).

ALL ABOUT ME

This last paragraph is all about me and my description.

I'm funny, happy, and smart and like playing sport.

My favourite subject is art, sport, i.t., and cooking.

I am small, short black hair, I have brown eyes and I have tanned skin.

I wear lots of cool clothes and I like talking.

I am very friendly and I will do anything for my friends. And Jake and my favourite word is (whuuuuuuuuuu).

This year has been a different change for me and I have developed in to being a new person and I have learnt a lot. And the teachers have been understanding and great and I have learnt a lot from them.

Thanx for reading my reflection.

By Ashley Newman.11/12/02