

semilla 2004



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Respect for Self, Care for Others, Skills for Life



PRAYER SERVICE JUSTICE

Memories of 2004

Semilla – the Peruvian word for 'seed'.

Irene was described by Peruvian villagers as "the seed which will grow, the star which will return".

Our mission at IMCC is to nurture this seed of life.

From the Principal



The third year at the College has presented its own series of innovations and challenges. Most notable of all has been the consolidation of the College curriculum.

A new innovation was the appearance of a school bus. The **ability** to transport students from Two Rocks, Yanchep and Carabooda is a great **advantage** for the College. We are indeed fortunate to have the reliable services of Ken Hansen to provide this connection.

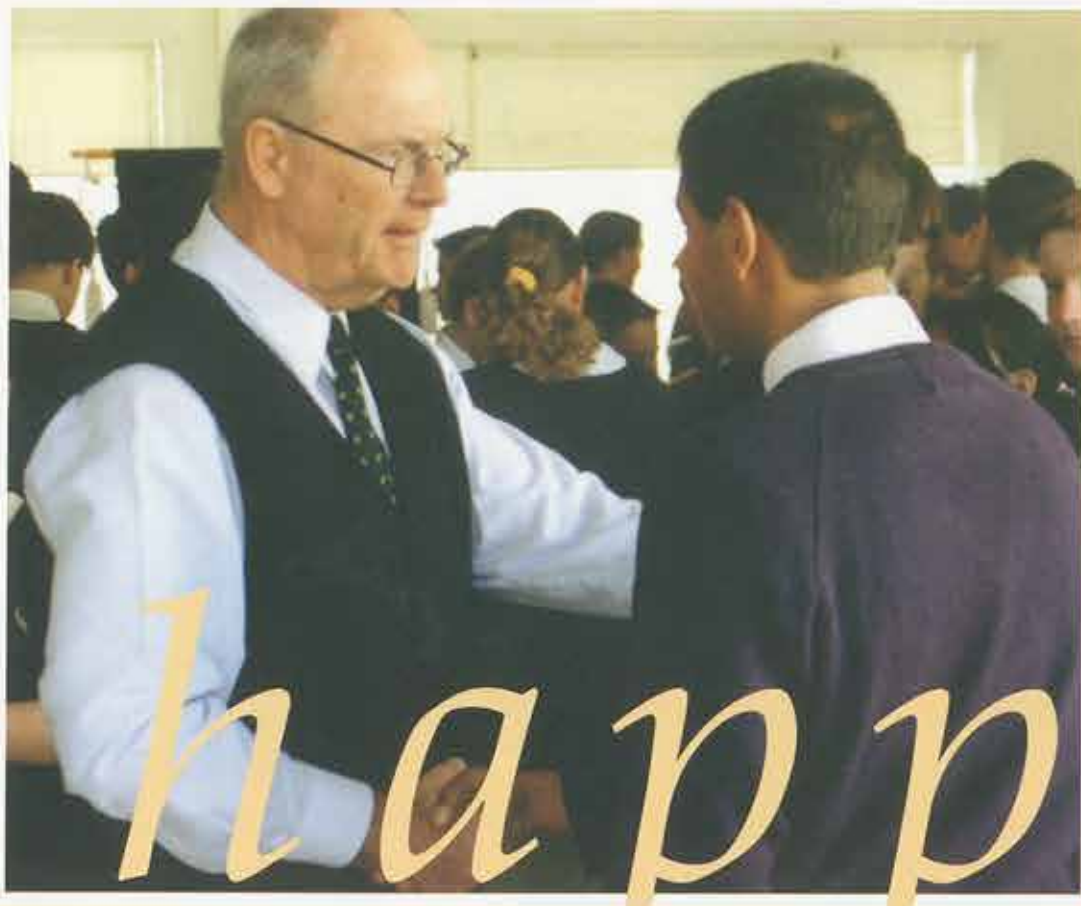
The community, through the Parent Council, has continued towards the much needed provision of a maintenance, machinery and bus shed. This project is the first of many which will galvanize the community in a common **goal**. In Term 1 and again in Term 4 our Parent Council has made an heroic **contribution** of time and resources towards Community Fairs in our local area. Increasingly, parents are recognising the **benefit** in contributing to College fundraising activities.

During this year we have watched in anticipation as the next stage of our building has come to **fruition**. We will continue to host our younger folk at Brighton Catholic Primary while their school is constructed next year.



The pastoral care program at the College which centres on our Care Groups continues to **flourish**. Clearly the close relationships between members of the Group provides a sense of **belonging** among all students.

It has been marvellous to see the spiritual growth in many of our students and an **impressive**



happy

number of them choosing to enter the Catholic faith. The Community Service program and the students retreats have complimented the commitment of many students to the 'On Fire' program generated by Mr Borg and Mr Osman.

Our sporting programs have continued to expand and most importantly the effort and **commitment** to appropriate training and preparation has been commendable. Our participation and performance in whole school carnivals; swimming, athletics and cross-country has been most **impressive**.

Our most senior students, our Year 10s have had to seriously consider their post school career paths and the decision has been made to create two distinct pathways for study: those students wishing to access University; and those wishing to attempt TAFE courses. The latter group will **benefit** from the schools contracting of Career Link as the registered training provider.

We have been **blessed** by having available to us the services of Fr Phillip and Fr Joseph Tran. Both our priests have established and maintained a sense of engagement with our students and increasingly our **College**

masses have taken on a real sense of meaning.

The culture in the College continues to work towards a distinctive form. Our efforts to highlight the '**dignity** of the individual' have taken force in the comparatively tolerant and respectful manner in which people treat each other. Our students have drawn **positive** comment by their easy acceptance of difference in our community and it is fair to say we are largely 'a **happy** place to be'.

Commencing with a Year 8 group of 37 in 2002 each successive intake has increased to the point where we can confidently predict a Year 8 intake in excess of 130 for 2005. My **prayer** is that our ability to accommodate the needs of each student remains our core business.

In closing I want to pay **tribute** to our staff who have regularly gone beyond expectations for the benefit of our students. I will always be grateful for their **dedication** and commitment.





Year Eight

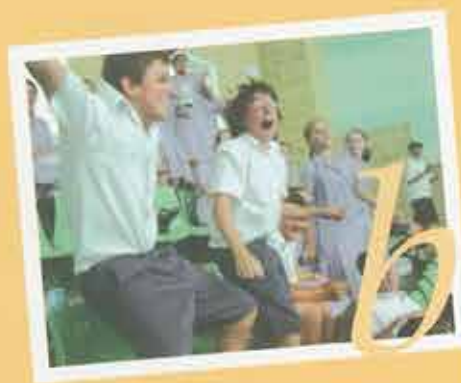


"The year was full of challenges and difficulties, yet we still managed to have a fun year!"

"All the Care Groups are friendly."



friendly



"High school is much **better** than I expected."

"We got **heaps** of homework and assignments."



"We got **involved** in sport, fundraising and lots of socialising."

Year Nine



The Year Nine students have had many **fun** filled days and memories this year. They have all been through a lot of personal change and **growth** and the year has been filled with many **achievements**, as well as embarrassing moments. All these events have brought them closer together as a Year Group.



Highlights throughout the year included Gold winning the Swimming Carnival and Purple winning the Athletics Carnival. Everyone got **involved** and showed that there are many **talented** athletes at Irene McCormack Catholic College.





As a group, the Year Nines are really **establishing** themselves as a **great** group that try to get involved in all school activities and are always **proud** to represent the College. They have participated in countless activities and are getting stronger each term.

involved

Year Ten



Leaders



Excited



Rep

Attentive



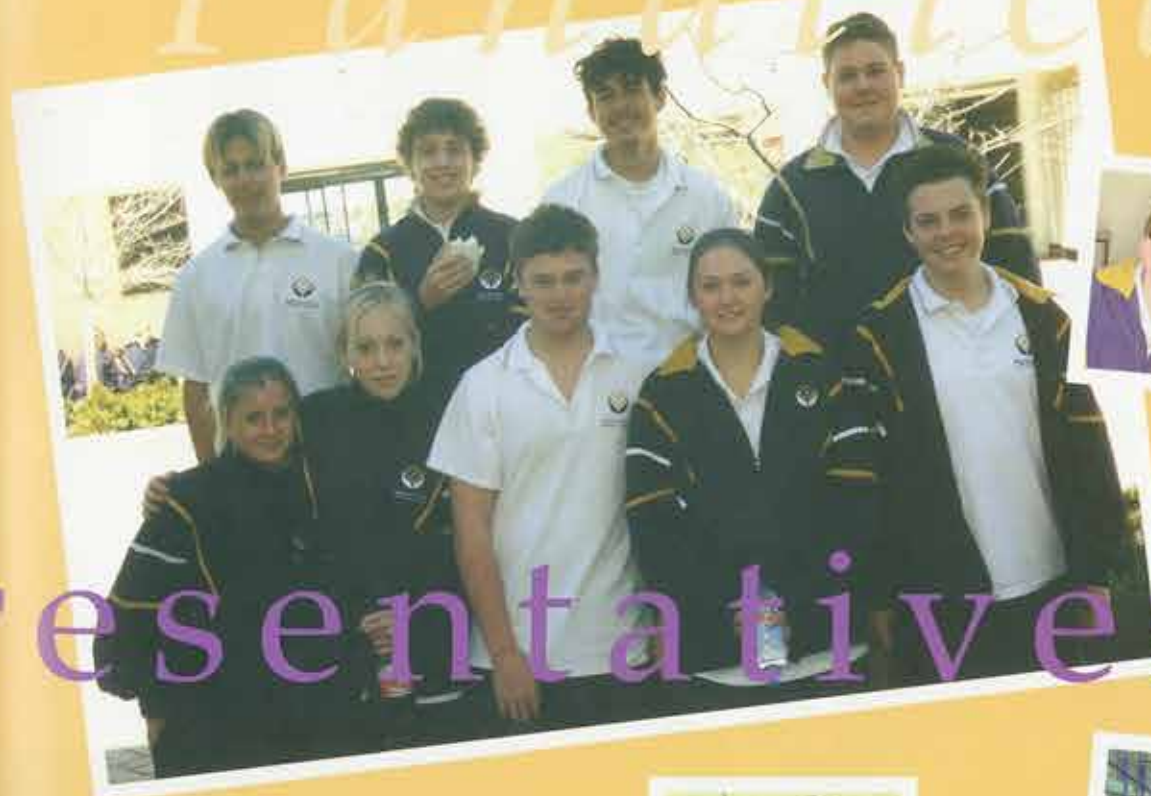
Good Sports



Chefs



Fanatical



representatives



Celebration



Instructors

Take control of your soul.
Matthew 10:38

Whatever you do, work at it with all
your heart, as working for the Lord,
not for men.

Colossians 3:23

religious education



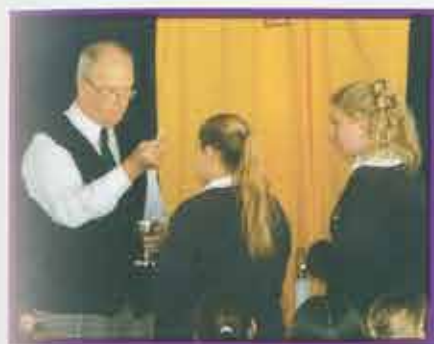
Religious Education lies at the heart of who **we** are as a faith community. It is through our **knowledge** and understanding of who Jesus is that we can come to a place of coming to **truly** know Him.

Our programmes are aimed at **challenging** students to think deeply about our relationship with Jesus and to **reflect** on what it is God may be calling **US** to be and become.

One of the exciting aspects of the RE programme at Irene McCormack Catholic College is the fact that we truly **encourage** our students to put their learning into action. This is seen in a variety of ways which includes sending students out on **mission** to spread the love of Jesus Christ. This has taken the form of Community Service, On Fire evenings, Reflection Days and being **involved** with the Lockridge Parish Youth Mission.



*You'll blossom in the garden of life if
you plant the seed of faith. You are
watered by His love, placed in the
Son and nourished with the Word.*



liturgies



Dear Lord

Help us to live the gospel values
as exemplified by

Irene McCormack.

Assist us in recognising injustice
and finding Irene's **courage**
to act in the face of it.

Give us her **vision** and passion
to serve those in need.

Grant us her openness and serenity
to treat each day as your **gift**
to be **celebrated** and shared.

May we use the words of the College motto:

Prayer, Service
and **Justice,**

as the **guiding** light
for our daily lives.

Amen.



reflection

days

8



The Year 8 Reflection Day provided the chance to think about our **relationship** with God. Great fun was had by students as the Disciples Youth Mission Team led the day in games, **group** sharing and personal **reflection**.

sharing



personal

reflection

day



relationship

God

success



"The DYMT (Disciples Youth Mission Team) were heaps of fun and really made you relax and enjoy yourself!"

great

reflection



day

youth

"It was a great day and it left me feeling fresh and close to God."

reflection

9

The Year Nines went to Sacred Heart College with the Disciples Youth Mission Team for their **Reflection** Day. They played many fun games and had a lot of **discussion** about themselves and where they were at with God in their **lives**. Overall the day was a **success**, and the students left with beaming smiles.

discussion



"I learnt a lot from this day, about myself and others."



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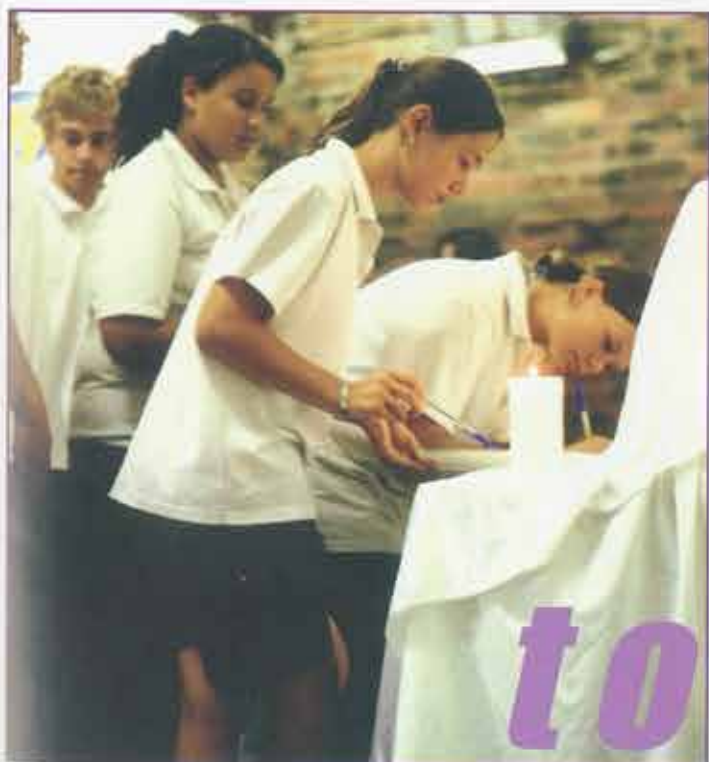
The Year 10 Reflection Day was a day full of fun and games, learning to **respect** one another and entering into a deeper **relationship** with God. It wouldn't have been such a **great** day if it wasn't for the Disciples Youth Mission Team who shared their life experiences, plays and personal testimonies. The stories they shared gave us a chance to **reflect** about life and how God can work in wonderful ways.

We believe that our Reflection Day brought the Year 10 students closer **together** as friends but also in our relationships with God. We would like to thank all the teachers who gave up their time to be with us. We would also like to **thank** everyone else involved in making it such a **memorable** day.

reflect

respect

reflection
day



together

mathematics

The Mathematics Department grew in 2004 as did the activities in Maths. Our Years 8, 9 and 10 students tackled the tests in Maths with much **vigour**! Fraser and Chris G took a while to understand the graphic calculator was not a mobile phone.



Our Year 10 group was exposed to the modern **wonders** of the graphic calculator.

sum fun

Several **brave** students in Years 8, 9 and 10 tackled the Australian Mathematics Competition.



Working **together** enables students to learn from each other, drawing on the strengths of each person.



together



light

Using specialised equipment, students discovered many different **lighting** effects.



flight

Budding pilots rose to the occasion when asked to make and test their very own **helicopters**.

science

Among all the experiments, dissections and discoveries, students have **explored** many different facets of Science, **learning** about our world and the way it works.



dissection

Dissection proved to be quite a challenge for Year Nine students.

fantasy



'Willow' was part of the **fantasy** genre.

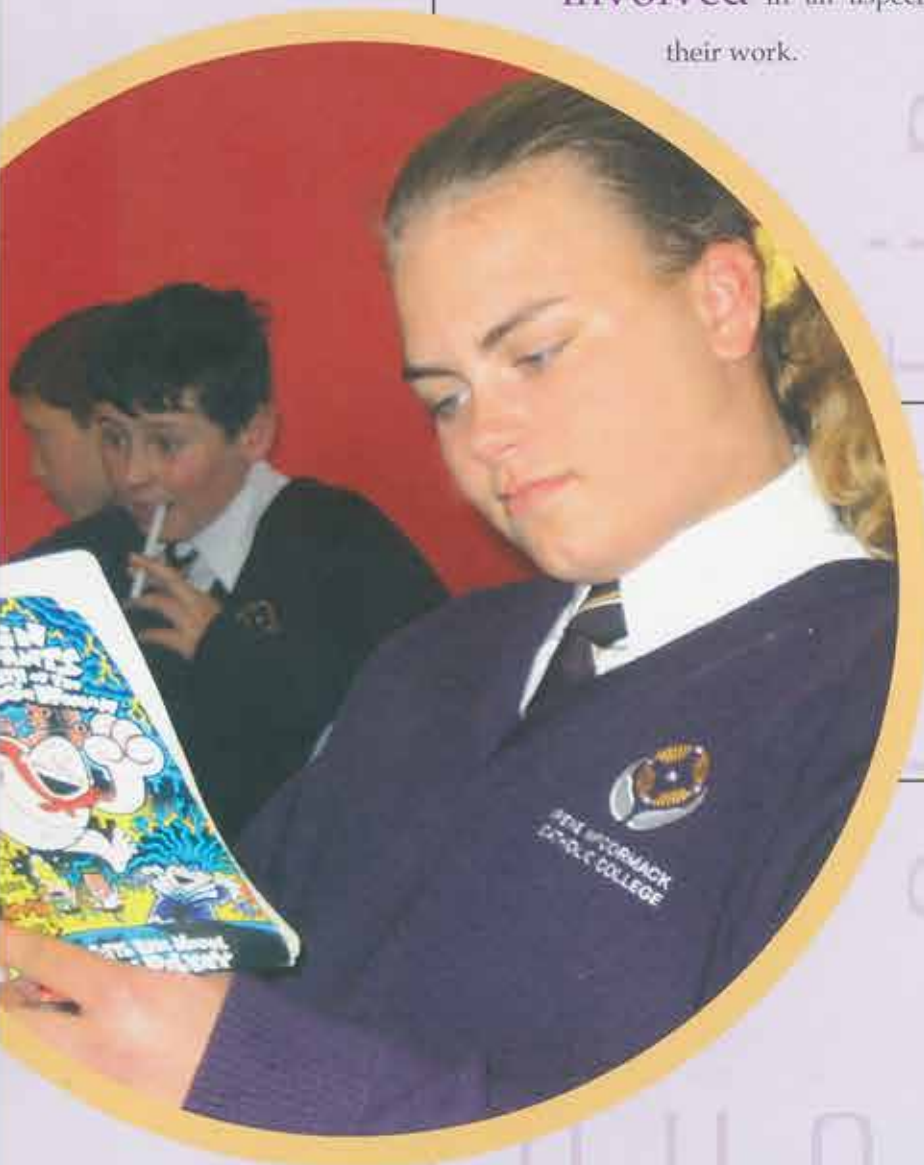


display

english

Students are very keen to **display** their work to others.

There have been many **exciting** projects undertaken in English this year with students getting **involved** in all aspects of their work.



genre



Current film 'Lord of the Rings' provided the motivation for these **genre** drawings.



humanities

This year has been a very busy year in the Society and Environment learning area, with all students participating in a wide variety of activities.



Year Eight students learnt about **mapping** the world.

mapping

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Year Nine students experimented with **landscape painting** during an Indigenous Australian History unit.

painting

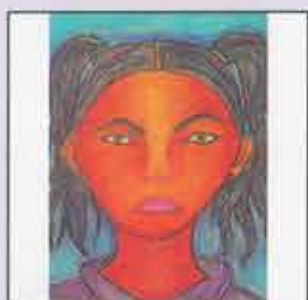
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case study

Year Ten students conducted a case study of the Quinns Beach area, preparing topographic maps, cross-sections and making proposals for sustainable development of the Jindalee estate.



art



colour

Students have used **colour** extremely well in a variety of art works throughout the year.

enjoyment

Students always **enjoy** the challenges of learning new techniques to create art.



drawing

There are many talented students that **draw** extremely well.



portraits



fun

In all areas of art students continue to have **fun**.





websites



skills

Students complete a Certificate I in Computer Skills, enabling them to make good use of the computer.

information technology



email

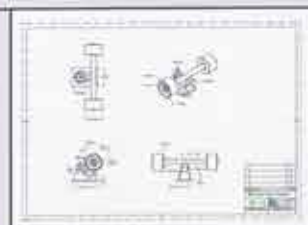
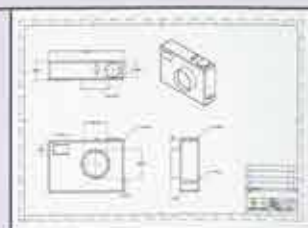
Students learn email 'netiquette' and become proficient in using emails for educational purposes.

In Information Technology this year, our study programme has been increased to be more exciting and interesting. In the fast-changing world of technology, students are able to keep pace by learning computer essentials on modern equipment.





computer aided drawing



design & technology

Under the headings of Investigating, Devising, Producing and Evaluating, students in Design and Technology produce their own creations while having a lot of fun along the way.



woodwork



Students work on many projects throughout the year in **Woodwork**, constructing some very well made products..

food technology

It has been another very **busy** and productive year in Food Technology. All classes have made good progress and have **enjoyed** learning about and preparing a wide range of different foods.



aromas

We are often called the torture class, not for what goes on in the room, but for the **aromas** that make their way out.



fabulous

It has been **fabulous** to hear that so many are using their food preparation **skills** to prepare foods to share with their families.

keen



Students are very **keen** to demonstrate their creative talents.



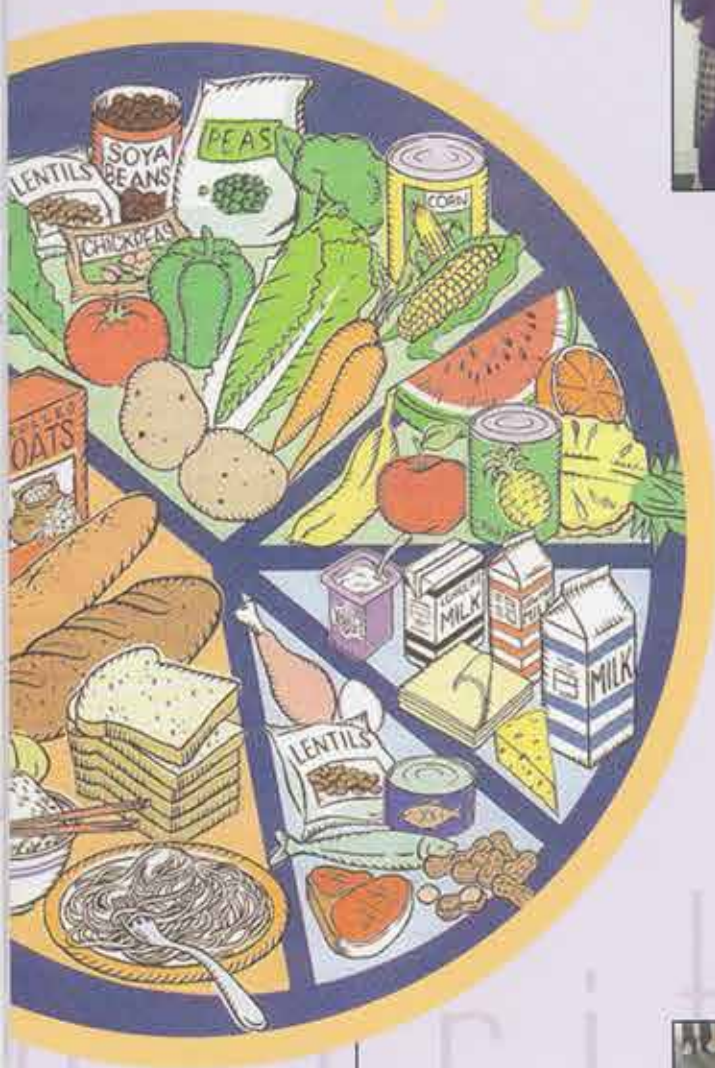
cake decorating

Using the skills they learn at school makes the whole learning process so much more meaningful and **worthwhile**.



health

Health has included many topics this year to not only **improve** our **lifestyle**, but to also **save** lives when there is the threat of losing it.



education

It is essential that **education** continues on important topics such as Nutrition and Saving Lives.

resuscitation

A variety of life saving techniques were demonstrated and students were able to practise these.



nutrition

Students have learnt that good **nutrition** is part of a balanced diet.



future

Students are keen to learn skills for saving lives in the **future**.





drama

Many students come out of their shell in **Drama** when performing one of the many plays.



Students develop their design skills in **CAD** to assist them in producing quality work.

CAD



Students undertake four options throughout the year. These include Drama, CAD, Indonesian and Craft.

options

Students always look forward to **Indonesian** with Mr Goh.

indonesian



craft

Craft allows students to express their personal ideas while creating something for other people to view.





physical education

All students have participated in Physical Education to their fullest capacity. Not only are they committed to training, but determined to do their best at all times. Above all else, every student enjoys what they do.



football

As part of the Year Eight program, there were mixed teams playing Touch Football.



soccer

The Boys and Girls Soccer team were very enthusiastic and trained every week. The Boys Team also won their final game.

The Year Eight and Nine students organised an Inter-house Basketball Competition. They ran it, played it, scored it and most of all enjoyed it.

basketball





cross country

The Cross Country Team did extremely well in the competition. These **achievements** were a result of the six weeks of training prior to the day.





swimming



@ school



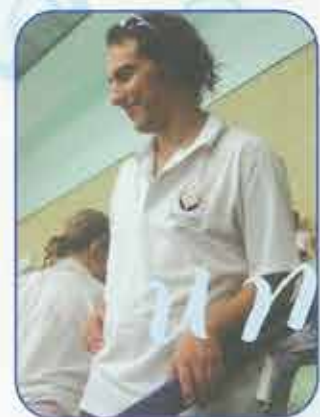
The 2004 Swimming Carnival was a most **successful** day with many students participating to the best of their **ability**. Gold achieved **victory** in the overall competition with Gold also winning the Year 8 Competition. Red stood out during the day for their **cheering**, taking honours for the Spirit Trophy. Well done, though, to all competitors and spectators.





inter-school swimming

In 2004 the Swimming Team achieved an overall result of fourth. A great **improvement** from the previous year and an excellent taste of what is to come. Thanks must be given to the entire PE Staff, the swimming squad and those **students** in the stands whose chants and cheers spurred the **swimmers** home. The finest moment of the day being when the boys Under Fourteens 4 x 100m freestyle relay finished first, beating all other schools by the finest of margins.





athletics

school

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excellent

fantastic



great



What a **fantastic** day it was: great weather and **excellent** participation and support from all! A huge thanks to Mrs Bell for her wonderful organisation of the day. **Congratulations** to Purple who were the overall winners.

athletics

The 2004 A.C.C. Carnival held at Perry lakes was a complete success for all staff and students involved. The **team** from Irene McCormack achieved a sensational third place overall, after achieving a result of eighth in 2003. The level of **participation** and **enjoyment** displayed by the competitors and spectators was exhilarating, and a big **congratulations** must be given to Allysha Murray 9P and Lyndsay Antica 10G who both received runner-up for their age groups.



team

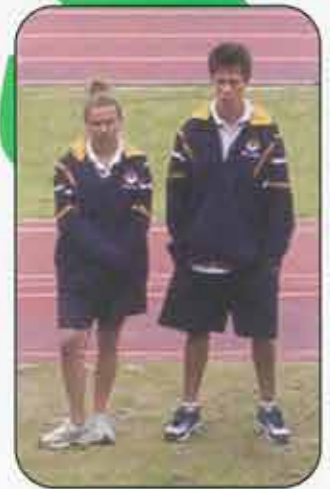
athletics



inter-school

exhilarating

success



fun

youth mission

In February of this year, senior students from IMCC assisted Mr Borg in the running of the Youth Mission in the Lockridge Parish which ran every night for a week.

Our students performed dramas, gave preachings and testimony, played music, served food and **cared** for 60 young people from years 7-12 from surrounding schools.

Our students travelled for over an hour each way and did not return home till after 9pm on these evenings. They were absolutely **amazing** in their generosity of time and sharing of talents.



youth mission

youth

on fire



on fire

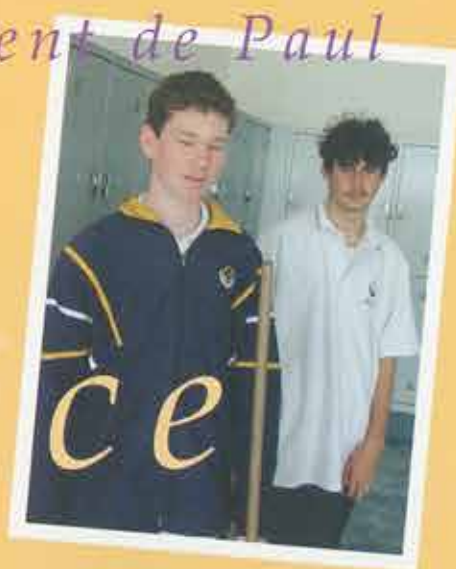
Once a month, our senior students organise a two hour **youth** group after the Saturday night 6pm Mass at St. Andrew's Parish. These are highly **successful** evenings incorporating drama, music, games, food, personal testimonies and heaps of **fun**! Fifty students from IMCC and other schools in the area attend the evenings in what is **truly** a remarkably **unique** mission within the Catholic Church of Perth.

Special **thanks** to Lyndsay Antica, Ben Main, Tiffany Slowiak, Andrew Van Doorn, Shara Young, Adele Hollywood, Kasia McPherson and many others for their many hours of service.



Community Service

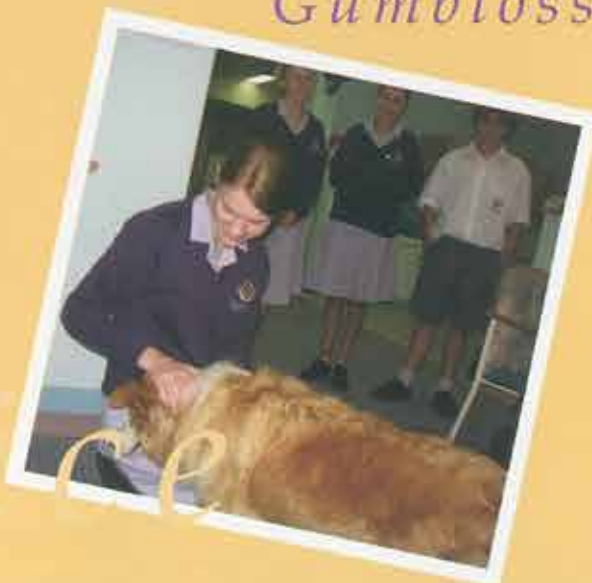
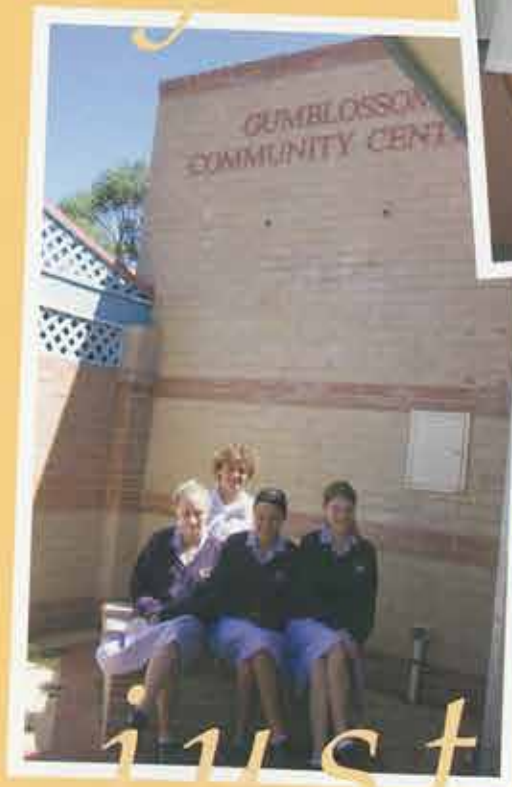
St Vincent de Paul



Lifelink



Gumblossom



Incursions

Over the year we have been fortunate to have a number of individuals and groups come into the school.

Class Act Theatre presented two **plays** for us: Bully Busters 2 and ANZAC G'day.

The Disciples of Jesus Youth Mission Team have visited on a number of occasions to work with the different year groups in preparation for their reflection days.

Mrs Janeen Murphy from **Caritas** Australia came and spoke to all students about the work of Caritas and how our **contributions** are used to help others in less fortunate circumstances in Australia and around the world.

Years Nine and Ten enjoyed an interactive workshop with two indigenous **artists** Gloria and Maureen, as part of **Reconciliation** Week.



Parent Council

The Parent Council was very **active** throughout 2004 committing itself to seven major events. All events were a **credit** to the Council Executive and all parents who **volunteered** their time to simply make it happen.

Brighton Easter Fair & Rally

This event was held at Lakeside Park on Sunday 4th April.



Mr Mario Borg with the College Choir at the Brighton Easter Fair and Rally.



Hamburger Day in May

*Sports Carnival
Sausage Sizzle*



The Brighton Celebration



Quiz Night

Dance Night in July

Some of the participating
Rally Cars from the Pre-War
Sports Car Club of W.A.



Sundowner

The Sundowner in December was
to welcome new parents joining
the College community in 2005.

Staff

Staff

dedicated



committed

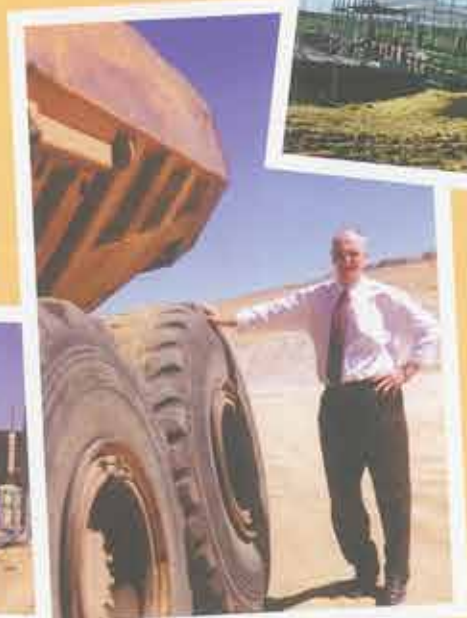


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Looking Back



Looking Forward





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