



Semilla

2006

Care for Others

Respect for Self

Skills for Life



five years on

Semilla

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.

principal



Mr Paul Rafter

"Superficiality is the curse of our age . . . The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for people of depth and substance." - adapted from Richard Foster, "Celebration of Discipline".

In recent years much has been made of the deterioration of the social environment around schools. The changes to families and communities mean that students come to school with a range of social, emotional, behavioural and psychological issues in greater numbers and with greater complexity now than previously.

Teachers tell us consistently that it is getting harder. Students have less structure in their lives and are more unruly. They have shorter attention spans and are less respectful of a teacher's authority. The kids seem to be acutely aware of their own rights but not so keen on their responsibilities.

Professor Fiona Stanley has drawn our attention to a wide range of concerns regarding the health and wellbeing of adolescents. Her views are supported by 'Teenmood' surveys which suggest many youth are 'mistrustful, cynical and fatalistic'.

All this in the face of pressure to achieve well at school and work towards a career.

It seems to me that as always, adolescents are not attracted to any activity unless it has value for them. In a world of instant gratification, our youth are not going to

attempt anything if they don't see success at the end of it. A truly inclusive education programme is one in which students can identify ways of succeeding and work towards it.

If our schools are serious about improving the wellbeing of students - how they see themselves in their world - then it should not be about adding more wellbeing programmes to the school curriculum but rather how our 'culture' is established and maintained.

Equally we need to work with our students to have them develop a resilience in the face of disappointment and setback. Our kids will experience loss, disapproval, rejection and failure in their lives - it is how people bounce back from these low times which is crucial.

What culture are we, at Irene McCormack Catholic College, trying to promote?

I believe we should continually examine the values we promote; courtesy, generosity, compassion, honesty and courage being but a few.

The way feedback is given in terms of mistakes and failure is a further component of culture. It is important for all of us to know that it is okay to try and fail.

Also important is a measure of the degree of positive relationships between staff and students. We all remember teachers who affected us but rarely what they taught. It is important for staff to insist on high standards of behaviour and industry, but it is how that message is delivered which becomes the key.

Integral to any good school are the opportunities offered for all abilities and personalities. Our staff and students will hopefully applaud and support our culture which 'embraces difference'. From such a philosophy comes an atmosphere of tolerance, generosity and support.

For a Catholic school to give their students a complete Catholic education, it is necessary that prayer, liturgical celebration, and the daily interactions of the school should emphasise the value the school places on each student's growth in a loving relationship with God.

In summary, my prayer for our Irene McCormack community is that students and staff will work to create an environment which will allow our kids to shine.



parent council

The Irene McCormack Catholic College Parent Council is a caring group of parent volunteers who not only assist with fundraising for the College but also provide a communication channel between the parent community and the College.

Through the planning of the previous council we began our year by participating in the Brighton Easter Fair with lots of help from College Parents, Students and Teachers. Plans are now underway for an even more active event next year.

At the end of Term 2, we ran a disco for the whole school with around 150 students attending. With the success of the event, the disco will become a regular fundraiser.

To assist in fundraising efforts and to provide the students with some fresh warm meals, we have introduced fortnightly Lunchtime Fridays, as well as Cupcake Days for morning tea which have proven a real hit with the students.

Amongst these fun events we also ran a drug awareness night for our College parents. This was presented by the W.A Police with some very informative and valuable information to help parents identify the risks facing our children, and help protect them from illicit drugs.

The Parent Council continued its assistance this year with Irene's Care. Through volunteers and donations Irene's Care provides invaluable support to those families in our community that need extra assistance due to medical or other crises situations.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who tirelessly volunteer their valuable time to assist the Parent Council fundraisers. These events are undertaken for the benefit of the students, the College and the local community. We hope that more of you can join us with these activities in 2007.

Belinda Batchelor
Parent Council President





staff





cassidy

It wasn't a big year for the House of Cassidy in terms of placement against other Houses. We maintained a middle standing place at the Inter-House events over the year; plagued with injuries made it somewhat difficult for us to advance any further. That said, we had some outstanding performers in the Girls events for both the Swimming and Athletics Carnival. Special mention must go to Katie Cuerton who took out the double Champion Under 16 Girls for both the Swimming and Athletics Carnival. Early in Term 3 we held a commemorative Mass to celebrate Cardinal Cassidy's life and achievements which was followed by a Sausage Sizzle at lunch. Cassidy have worked hard at creating a lasting impact however, with bold signs at each Carnival. Thank you especially to the teachers of Cassidy and our committee. I wish Cassidy the best of luck in the future.

Chris Glendenning
House Captain



dunlea

2006 has been an excellent year for Dunlea. Making a come-back from previous years of not doing so well, there has been a far more enthusiastic and positive attitude from all members of the House. In an amazing effort, Dunlea placed first in the Inter-House Swimming Carnival. Our hard work continued with a third placing in the Cross-Country and in a nail biting finish, managed to edge out for second place in the Athletics Carnival. I have been impressed and excited by the amount of effort and enthusiasm shown by Dunlea as well as the outstanding behaviour at all events. The efforts of the committee and of our Head of House, Mr Hamilton, must be recognised also. Our successful Dunlea Day combined eating pizza and watching a movie. Dunlea should be very proud of themselves - I know I am.

Emily Hansen
House Captain



evans



As the Captain of Evans in 2006, I have had many opportunities to contribute to the House and our College. Although we were unable to maintain our victories of last year for the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, we won the prestigious Spirit Award for the Swimming Carnival. We did have some outstanding performers in the Swimming Carnival with Champions in the Under 15 and 16 Boys and Runner-up Champions in the Under 15 Boys and Open Girls. Our Athletics team also produced several Runner-up Champions. Our House organised an Easter Egg Hunt during April and enabled us some bonding time and the chance to get to know our Year 8s. All in all it has been a positive team-building year and I am thankful to the committee and our very supportive teachers for their contributions.

Kurt Bent
House Captain



golding

In 2006, Golding House has displayed enthusiasm and an amazing effort in all areas of learning and sport. Although our standing in the major Carnivals this year hasn't been significant, our spirit for participation has been awesome. We did have some outstanding performances at the Swimming Carnival, taking out the Girls Under 15 Champion and the Boys Open Champion. We also won the Boys Under 15 Champion at the Athletics Carnival. Being Golding Captain has been a joyful experience. I would like to thank all the teachers of Golding, the committee and House for their consistent support throughout the year. The committee especially have been so dedicated with their meeting attendance and participation. On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish Golding good luck. Go Golding!!

Scott Bignall
House Captain



mackillop

2006 has been a fantastic year for MacKillop. The whole House has been very enthusiastic and committed to their school life. This year MacKillop has had a spectacular winning streak. We have won both the Cross-Country and Athletics Carnival and also came second runner-up at the Swimming Carnival. The MacKillop House has worked well together this year and has achieved many things. The Year 8s especially have been wonderful; they have scored a majority of the points for the Athletics Carnival. MacKillop is now looking towards the future and finding more ways to improve our team. It has been a pleasure being Captain for MacKillop this year and I hope that others will get the chance to experience what I have. Well done MacKillop!

Sophie Starkey
House Captain



mcgarry

McGarry's spirit has greatly lifted this year with the movement from the bottom of the ladder at the Athletics Carnival to an impressive third place for the first time. We were fortunate to have a couple of good performers who took out the Boys Open Athletics Champion and Runner-up Champion in the Boys Open competition for the Swimming Carnival. We had a bit of a rough start to the year due to a change in leadership however I was blessed in being given the role of Captain. I would like to thank my student councillors for their support and their fantastic enthusiasm; they helped organise and encourage others within McGarry. I would also like to wish the House the best of luck for the future. Thank you for a great year.

Karlie Grove
House Captain



teacher mr john cartner



3rd Row: Amy Russell, Lisa DeBoni, Danielle Moussa, Kym Krishnan, Nicola Ferreira, Eliza Dinning, Melissa Plaiche
2nd Row: Stefan Serra, Aaron Scully, Sheldon Camp, Joseph Gerges, Jake Whan, Brayden Daniel-Jackson, Ethan Roulston, Anthony Makdessi
Front: Rebecca Wilson, Madeleine Best, Bernadette Cullin, Chenay Lea, Gemma Vahala, Carla Priddle, Deidre Beckx
Absent: Sophie Entwistle, Cara Ennis

year 8

cassidy
dunlea

teacher miss fiona mcgowan



3rd Row: Rose Maurant, Kyla Bayliss-Botica, Dylan Wise, Matthew Miles, Drew Wolters, Corey Mathie, Elliott Hall, Samantha Salmon
2nd Row: Joel Fitch, Zac Tuitama, Georgia Clay, Paula Du Plessis, Narita Kite, Courtney Theyers, Dale Hennighan, Harley Webster
Front: Kelley Romanelli, Ilandre Swart, Emily Svoboda-Griffiths, Melanie McKnight, Fallon Cox, Alysha Jackson, Tyla Mulcahy-Dionysius



3rd Row: Alexandra Aquino, Micah O'Leary, Kaitlin Welsh, Penelope King, Shantelle Morawski
 2nd Row: Ben McDonald, Kenny Tran, Harrison Dennis, Ross Mungall, Trent Cole, Ryan Bignell, Jared Middleton
 Front: Jessica Pinili, Robyn Bates, Jessica Webb, Madeleine Hansen, Ashleigh Graham, Amanda Murray, Tegan-Marie Freeman
 Absent: Sam Harrison, Nathan Bravington, Rhiannon Arthur, Brendan Taylor, Chloe Bayne, James Myles

teacher mr mike le blanc

evans
golding

year 8



3rd Row: Jarrah Parfit, Bronte Charlesworth, Ashlee Czerniak, Thomas Dawson, Kelly Booker, Katie Anne Greenwood, Thomas Babey
 2nd Row: Tiernan Johnson, Vincent Terranova, Rebecca Moller, Nadia Bolte, Megan Boylen, Ashleigh Hornsby, Aidan Hansen, Dylan Teague
 Front: Jacinta Greco, Kelly Macfarlane, Meghan Hugo, Remy Tunnicliffe, Carissa Tate, Jayde Brown, Cassandra Bastian
 Absent: Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Samantha Alderson, William Williams

teacher mr adam handley



teacher mrs rachael curtis



3rd Row: Jordan Robertson, Lloyd Williams, Sarah Endersby, Aimee Part, Adam Van Zuydam, Jessica Tucker, Jenna-Lee Fairclough, Lewis McCue, Bradley Roberts
2nd Row: Jake Hoath, John Giles, Jacinta Leslie, Jayde Bennett, Nicole Reeves, Chelsea Howard, Gabrielle Leslie, Blake Jones, Thomas Hope-Spurry
Front: Zoe Sharpe, Sammantha Plant, Danique De Kat, Elizabeth Davis, Amber Winkler, Nikki Hambleton, Belinda Bonomelli
Absent: Jaimee-Lee Baker

year 8

mackillop
mcgarry

teacher mr adam gage



3rd Row: Taylah Knight, Stephanie Fiaschi, Chanae Sparrow, Jonathon Flynn, Jacob Law, Mitchell Fitzgerald, Amy Legg, Bronte Reeves, Chanelle Stansfield
2nd Row: Hayden Coombes, Mitchell Carter, Liam Fowler, Michael Serra, Ebony Perry, Niall Cooke, Joshua Batchelor, Christopher McDiarmid, Travis Long
Front: Demi Lajom, Chelsea Taylor, Samantha Liddiard, Alla Hand, Marissa Mallia, Samantha Smart, Holly Stanton
Absent: Aroha Parera





3rd Row: Raymond Arnold, Hudson Hoskins, Holly Walker, Tam Glover, Elle Harding, Robert Churchill, Lee Shepherd
2nd Row: Ben Cowman, Joshua Thevarajoo, Brendan Mundell, Joel Moss, Jayden Prince, Carl Waldeck, Jacob Tolhopf, Mrs Tracey Walker (Middle School Coordinator)
Front: Rebecca Platt, Mia Campbell-Foulkes, Stella Donnelly, Storm Parfit, Rebekah Zarb Cousin, Rina Kadota, Shannon Ingram

teacher mrs melissa traeger

cassidy
dunlea

year 9



3rd Row: Amelia Winterton, Alexandra Gevers, Pierre Le Grange, Jesse Forde, Dylan Parker, Joshua Henry, Bianca O'Connor, Chantelle Mitchell
2nd Row: Paulo Ismael, Shaun Webb, Juan Smith, Jordan Adams, Jamie Freeman, John Cuerden, Mrs Tracey Walker (Middle School Coordinator)
Front: Rikki-Lee Middleton, Cassandra Chesson, Cristina Clinton, Shontay Snow, Sarah D'Castro, Rebecca Olszewski, Kaylee Fawcett
Absent: Jessica King

teacher mr brad giles



teacher miss kelli lunt



3rd Row: Ashley Waite, Ashley Hennighan, Phoebe McPherson, Benjamin McLay, Maddison Broadbent, Jackson Gliddon, Michael Barnard

2nd Row: Charlie McDonald, James Gunner, Ethan Heywood, Michael Varady, Daniel Ford, Jacob Thomas, Joshua Potter, Mrs Tracey Walker (Middle School Coordinator)

Front: Leecia Lajom, Cailleagh Irvine, Michelle Shimmen, Charlotte Plumpton, Bridget Williams, Alana Tomkins, Natasha Carr

Absent: Christopher Stow

year 9

evans
golding

teacher mr ryan tozer



3rd Row: Laura Moylon, Roberto Boscarino, James Archer, Bradley Starkey, Gareth Walsham, Sera Bahmani

2nd Row: Matthew Hannigan, Brandon White, Zared Asimus, Ashley Grove, Jack Juncal, Jarrod Potter, Steven Wann, Mrs Tracey Walker (Middle School Coordinator)

Front: Liam Phillips, Alicia D'elia, Nora Morgan, Shannan Stone, Melanie Bunch, Clarissa Dunster, Emanuel Troaca

Absent: Cassandra Stefanetti, Chennae Bowen, Mr Ryan Tozer



3rd Row: Jordan Tetley, Jessica Bassaneli, Benjamin Hare, Thomas Chick, Billy Ferguson, Samantha Palmer, Mahalia Thomas
 2nd Row: Peter Green, Stan Kelly, David Gronow, Ethan McKay, Marc Mottram, Andrew Hampton, Daniel Henderson, Jeff Melot, Mrs Tracey Walker (Middle School Coordinator)
 Front: Emma Duck, Tammy Campbell, Kahli Westlund, Paige Adams, Lauren Connolly-Brown, Natasha Pointu, Cherie Matthews

teacher miss jodie martin

mackillop
mcgarry

year 9



3rd Row: Bronte Tewes, Alicia Chitty, Paul Shearman, Kristian Maxwell McGeeve, Daniel Giero, Amy Fuller, Sandra Tchorzewski
 2nd Row: Blake Wells, Benjamin Henderson, Sam Purton, Luke Holt, Daniel Houghton, Daniel Forster, Joshua Brookes, Mrs Tracey Walker (Middle School Coordinator)
 Front: Jasmine Forbes, Amelia Stewart, Josie Moss, Natasha Burmeister, Casey Dewar, Jade Mongan, Sarah Romanelli

teacher mrs wieslawaa collins



teacher miss nicole harbison



2nd Row: Thomas Callahan, Naomi de Kat, Zak Tighe, Ashley Plaiche, Simone Fracassini, Jaime Thielemann, Mark Boulous, Katie Cuerden, Christopher Brettig

Front: Hannah Targett, Danica-Rae Miles, Hayley Dymock, Hayley Greenslade, Alannah Sabine, Zayla Twine, Jessica Stamp

year 10

cassidy
dunlea

teacher mr ian hamilton



2nd Row: Liam Farr, Travis Rybicki, Dean Boswell, Ashley Pelham, David Stafford, Charlotte Smith, Ryley Copeman, Cameron Lindsay, Samuel Ingram

Front: Amelia Chia, Bryanne Hansen, Jessica Martin, Madison Snow, Sara Arrand, Amy Greenwood, Leteasha Scott



teacher miss wendy keeffe

2nd Row: Samuel Mutch, Emily McAdam, Zac Pruiti-Ciarello, Cameron Appleton, Daniel Bramwell, Luke Maurice, Rachel McConnell, James Boules
Front: Jade Whitfield/Samuels, Amy Caldwell, Sophie Dinning, Tamar Coleman, Monique Scholtz, Daniela Troaca, Sophie Hamlin

evans
golding

year 10



teacher ms chris tonkin

3rd Row: Amber Newcombe, Jordan Theseira, Hannah Walker, Travis Maas, Nikita Umbagia
2nd Row: Matthew Coleman, Mark Reeves, Tyler Grey, Jesse Roulston, Owen Nel
Front: Crystal Farrell, Roberta Bourke, Shauna Touhey, Hayley Dewar, Ashleigh Pierre, Catherine Robert, Ashley Carton

teacher mrs trudi elliott



2nd Row: Chloe Coghlan, Ashleigh Part, Daniel Liddiard, Joshua Donaldson, Samuel Brown, Natasha Wolters, Rochelle Baronas

Front: Victoria Summers, Crystal Hambleton, Andrew Parkes, Thomas Russell, Kevin Gibson, Kimberley Allan, Samantha Serra

Absent: Jaymie Fitzpatrick, Joshua Barber, Benjamin Scott-Peters

year 10

mackillop
mcgarry

teacher mr tony summers



3rd Row: Grant Egerton, Jonathon Law, Dylan Moss, Adam Bowen

2nd Row: Troy Hoath, Mathew Austin, Jasmine Antica, Aaron Taylor, John Boulos

Front: Pia Mitchell, Kiralee Smith, Tamarra Mawhirt, Angela DeBoni, Karah Evans, Hannah Brodie, Pamela Soriano



teacher mr jason dallman

3rd Row: Brooke Perryman, Sergey Khokhlov, Laura Brown, Jacob Braddon, Chelsea Zampogna
2nd Row: Owain Cunningham, Conor O'Leary, Kris Akins, Scott Bignell, Daniel Part, Lewis Emmerson
Front: Rangī Tuoro, Abigail Wrigley, Melissa Ride-Bomford, Jasmine Bolte, Carlei Antica, Ashleigh Campbell, Oliver Hope-Spurry
Absent: Benjamin Nel, Jessi Donnison

11.1
11.2

year 11



teacher mrs janice bell

3rd Row: Sophie Starkey, Trent Kirkby, Scott Williamson, James Kot, Bryan Lucas, Elizabeth Leslie
2nd Row: Jarrod Paulus, Tyler McComish, James Welsh, Paerangi Wilson, Bradley Carr, Callum Smith
Front: Stephanie Reys, Natasha Legg, Tiffany Broadbent, Emily Hansen, Hannah Suleman, Martika Clark

teacher mrs gillian pearce



2nd Row: Lucas Cox, Kurt Bent, Craig Flynn, Daniel Adshead, Domenic Florido, Joshua Penny, Matthew Prince
Front: Jadene Boswell, Amy Dennis, Chantelle Ingram, Hannah Leszczynski, Jasmin Vahala, Caisey Hollywood, Breanne Phillips

year 11/12

year 11.3
 year 12

teachers mrs liana strutt
 & mr john swindells



3rd Row: David Boulos, Cassandra Hampton, Adele Hollywood, Christopher Glendenning, Peter Donaldson, Jason Baronas, Adrienne Dickinson, Susan Bruning-Bayard, Fraser Glennie
2nd Row: Teagan Henry, Kerri-Anne Jeremiah, Kasia McPherson, Ashleigh Parker, Anna Wojtowicz, Jessica Gronow, Anita Kazmierczak, Rhonel Rahman, Sharmayne Young
Front: Rachel Thevarajoo, Melanie Smith-Andreou, Candace Welsh, Vanessa Smith-Andreou, Lisa Henderson, Karlie Grove, Anna Hope-Spurry

leadership

2006 has seen the introduction of a Student Leadership Council at IMCC. Students were elected and formed committees of Academic, Arts, Christian Service, Public Relations and Sport, as well as the six House committees. Student Councillors from Years 8 to 12 were elected and formed these committees which were headed up by the elected captains.

As part of their preparation to take on the role of a leader, the 11 Captains attended a Leadership Day in February. The objective of the day was to inspire positive contributions to the College, motivate students in their area of influence, educate students in knowledge and practical skills in leadership and empower them to find balance in studies, school, social life and their leadership duties.

2006 was our first year in implementing a leadership model and the Student Leadership Council are to be congratulated on their efforts.

academic



arts



public relations



christian service



sports



graduation



Jason Baronas



David Boulos



Adrienne Dickinson



Peter Donaldson



Christopher
Glendenning



Fraser Glennie



Jessica Gronow



Karlie Grove



Cassandra Hampton



Lisa Henderson



Teagan Henry



Adele Hollywood



class of 2006



Anna Hope-Spurry



Kerri-Anne
Jeremiah



Anita Kazmierczak



Kasia McPherson



Ashleigh Parker



Rhonel Rahman



Melanie
Smith-Andreou



Vanessa
Smith-Andreou



Rachel Thevarajoo



Candace Welsh



Anna Wojtowicz



Sharmayne Young



year 12 graduation



On Friday October 27, a very apprehensive group of 24 Year 12 students donned their uniforms for the final time as they gathered at the St. Andrews parish church. From humble beginnings did this group begin, but no less ready for the pathway ahead. The special Mass was filled with reflection, praise and kind words for the future. Mario Borg returned to say goodbye to this establishing year group and to lead the choir. Ashleigh Parker won the Dux Award, Rhonel Rahmen received the VET Award and Kasia McPherson was awarded the Service and Principals Award. Chris Glendenning and Kasia McPherson presented the students speech and the Mass finished with a presentation of photos from the graduating class of 2006. Students, their families and staff returned to IMCC for a supper prepared by the Food Production staff.

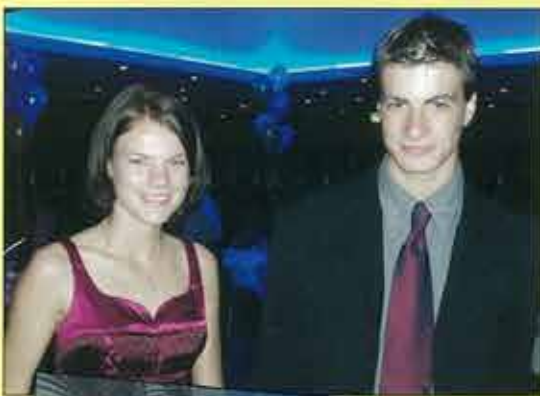




ball

On Friday, February 24, the Year 12s celebrated their senior school ball at the AQWA function centre, Hillarys. It was a fantastic night also attended by a huge number of staff, Father Phillip and Mario Borg. The music, food, dancing and setting made it a night to remember. Belle of the Ball went to Candace Welsh and Beau of the Ball was Christopher Glendinning.





prayer

"The memory I have of Irene is of a woman in love with her God. Therefore as so many of her friends testify, she was a woman in love with life. She responded to it wholeheartedly. She made mistakes, and yet these did not hold her back from life's invitation. In her unrestricted response, I think, Irene learnt the secret of life – that it beckons us to its source."

Mary Cresp rsj on Irene McCormack

The retreats, liturgies and prayer life of IMCC 2006 sought to create sacred opportunities for each person of the IMCC community to discover and grow in their love for God and as with Irene their love for life and each other.





service



Irene McCormack Catholic College has been engaged in a greater variety of service activities this year. They have shared the unique experience of working alongside volunteers of Radio Lollipop and volunteers with physical and intellectual disabilities at Emmanuel House. Other Civic Service activities included helping staff at Camp Quality; working at Yanchep National Park; visiting Mofflyn House and assisting in the garden and crèche; assisting with animals at the RSPCA; the Red Cross Tin Shake; and Daffodil Day fundraising for the Cancer Foundation in the city. In addition to all of these wonderful opportunities, we held our very first Winer Sleepout at the school with Year 11 and 12 students to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Students experienced first hand what it was like to sleep out in an attempt to understand homelessness. Having the passion to serve and care for others assists our young adults in their growing awareness of themselves and those in our community who are in need. We all benefit from our students being committed to building a more just society which encourages all members of the community to be cared for and treated with dignity and respect.

Karen Wilson
Community Service Coordinator





justice



"God's justice is enfleshed in our world through the response of those who choose to stand with the poor and the oppressed....Irene's reason for going to Peru was to do something about social justice, not just talk about it. Justice for the poor was and is the basis of a Josephite's work."

Kathleen O'Connor, rsj

Justice at IMCC in 2006 was, we hope, about action and as Irene once said "effective action is a way of loving". Justice activities at IMCC encouraged students to See with empathy, to Reflect and listen to God's call and to Act thoughtfully, courageously, with compassion and with respect for the dignity of each person. This years' students demonstrated their developing sense of justice through events such as Harmony Day, IMCC Day and a trip to Alice Springs called "Dreaming of the Heart" to visit with Catholic leaders and local Aboriginal groups.





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ge community



society & environment

Our students' learning in Society and Environment this year has not been restricted to the traditional classroom experience. In lower school our students have been involved in a myriad of authentic learning tasks, designed to ensure the implementation of Curriculum Framework was both relevant and interesting. Students were encouraged to think broadly, plan well, research thoroughly, interpret and present their findings in a variety of ways. The Lower school curriculum provided opportunities such as a mummifying role-play, a coastal field trip, a multicultural lunch and the production of booklets entitled Australia's Wartime Experiences – WW2 which were written for Primary School students. This year the Department offered our senior school Political and Legal Studies, History, Geography and Economics. These subjects have provided students with a variety of opportunities such as interviewing war veterans, presentations and field trips. It is with great pride that we congratulate our students on their efforts. I would like to thank all of the staff for their kind welcome to me; for their enthusiasm, professionalism and constant efforts throughout the year. A special thanks to Wendy Keefe who left us at the end of Term 3 – her professionalism in curriculum planning and teaching was an example to her peers and a gift to her students.

John Swindells
Head of Society & Environment



As we all know, communication is necessary for all areas of our lives: GOOD communication will get a person places in life. The English department at our school aims to encourage students to communicate well, in all sorts of ways. It is also our aim to encourage reading a lot of different texts and understand what the authors are saying. Reading is a way into learning about the world and English as a subject opens the window. This year we have introduced Courses of Study in Year 11, continued with Guided Reading in lower school and have expanded our programmes and range of texts. We look forward to another year of writing, discussion, reading, persuasive argument, viewing, listening, observing, summarising, taking notes, building vocabulary, spelling, surfing the net, reviewing... the list goes on.

Liana Strutt
Head of English

english

mathematics

2006 has been a very busy year for the Mathematics Department at the College. The implementation of the Curriculum Framework has continued this year and the teachers have worked very hard to make the necessary changes to the curriculum and reporting process. The use of computer technology has again been an important tool in the learning process for the students; classes regularly use software packages and access interesting internet sites. The Department has also continued to offer after school tutoring, with the number of students who participate in this program increasing. The Mathematics Department has supported the involvement of students in different Mathematics Competitions. One teams participated in the Have Sum Mathematics Competition in the Lower Secondary section. Once again the College had students participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards. Mathematics week was a great success. Students participated in many Care Group and lunch times which were designed for students to have some fun. The opportunity provided for the students in Mathematics at the College would not be possible without the professionalism and commitment of all the teachers in the Mathematics Learning Area. I would like to thank them all for a wonderful effort in 2006.

Wieslawa Collins
Head of Mathematics



science

Another year seems to have flown by and Science has progressed well with it. This year saw the introduction of Year 11 TEE Physics at the College; the three main sciences were all delivered for the first time in 2006. Excursions to universities, the zoo, Adventure World, Sci-Tech, the Aviation Museum and incursions from Sci-Tech and guest speakers have allowed the students to see how and where Science is used outside the classroom. Combine this with dissections, reactions, interesting creations and explosions in and out of the classroom, it has been a very interesting and rewarding year for staff and students. A big thank you to all the Science staff for their fantastic contribution and dedication this year to the students – you have enabled them to achieve pleasing levels and see all the possibilities Science has to offer.

Peter Boylen
Head of Science



physical education & health



Health and Physical Education at Irene McCormack Catholic College aims to provide an enjoyable and satisfying programme, with opportunities for every student to develop physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively. This year H&PE offered a comprehensive range of learning experiences to meet the needs of individual students and encourage active involvement by all. In Health, students covered topics including: First Aid, Water Safety, Smoking, Drugs and Alcohol, Puberty, Nutrition, Active Lifestyles, Communication, Personal Development and Global Health Issues. The Physical Education course provided a vast array of activities including: Swimming, Athletics, Soccer, Netball, AFL, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Basketball, Rugby Union, Touch Rugby, Handball, Hockey, Lifesaving and Minor Games.

The development of tolerance, a sense of fair play and good sporting behaviour are considered to be essential elements of the learning process. Through the active participation in a variety of roles within the activities experienced, students are encouraged to appreciate their own and others' strengths and weaknesses, and respond appropriately to the needs of the individuals and groups.

Brad Giles
Head of Physical Education & Health



library

The library had three main changes in 2006 in line with our increased population. Mrs Deborah Sharpe, our library technician, joined us for three days a week, having previously worked here for four weeks last year. Secondly, the students were delighted to avail themselves of our newly created library nook, finding it much more relaxing to read when sitting in a beanbag! The third change was new shelving to cope with the huge increase in Book Hire texts.

Book Week, as always, was our busiest time with big promotional displays, daily quizzes, a family quiz in the newsletter, the judging of our book cover competition and our excursion to hear the author, Justin D'Ath.

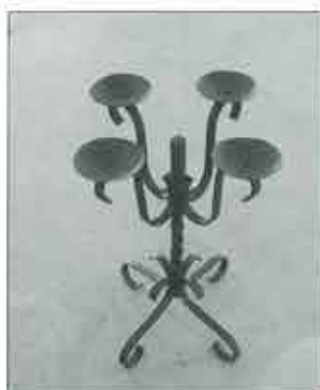
The 2006 theme was Book Now. Our promotional displays included the history of the book, showing a timeline including the Sumerian cuneiform writing, Egyptian hieroglyphics and papyrus, Chinese block printing, illuminated manuscripts on vellum, the Gutenberg Bible and current versions such as E-Books; and getting "booked" with a policeman glaring from the display. There was also a jail, "wanted (to borrow books)" posters and "(not a) police line - do cross" yellow tape all exhorting students to "Book Now". Also on display were all the Year 8 book covers. These created a lot of interest and the library was a hive of activity with more students stopping in to borrow.

Judith Jarvis
Librarian



Materials Technology (Wood)

Early in Term Two of this year, Mr Handley posed the challenge to his class to investigate the implications of traditional furniture manufacture; it's economical and environmental impact and suggest alternative materials and methods used today. Some of the designs that have been devised have been innovative, economical, efficient to cut and construct. These Year 10s have been fortunate to have learned skills and techniques not employed until undertaking an apprenticeship or tertiary study. IMCC has also given the students access to some of the highest quality trade tools and industry standard equipment used in furniture manufacture and carpentry.



Materials Technology (Metal)

The Metals Technology room has been used to full advantage this year with the continuing acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment and industry standard tools. Art metal and jewellery have featured heavily of late as the College has purchased jewellery making gear to take us into the future. As well as this, heavy fabrication and engineering are becoming part of the norm as our first Year 12s complete their demanding course.

Building and Construction

This first year of offering the nationally recognised Certificate 1 in Building and Construction has been very busy and extremely successful. All of the students who completed the course have gained qualification that is recognised as meeting and exceeding the national standards. Students have completed a range of projects that have immediate benefit to the College. Laying concrete between the basketball courts and constructing a faculty storage area are just two examples of a highly successful course.

Jason Dallman
Head of Technology & Enterprise





Foods

2006 and has been a hectic but fun and interesting year in Food Technology. Seeing students from Years 8 to 12 learning various skills and applying them to many aspects of everyday life is very rewarding. None more so than seeing our first Year 12 class achieve great success in planning, preparing and serving a delicious three course meal to some very lucky invited guests. All aspects of Education should be about making our children ready to survive and thrive in the 'big wide world' and we have had a great deal of fun and success achieving this with all year groups.

Michelle Smith
Foods Coordinator



Information Technology

Information Technology (IT) affects every part of our lives even if we are not aware of it. People use computers on the job and almost any career in our student's future will involve a computer in some way. Students at IMCC have studied computers and are aware of their importance in our society. This year, Year 8 IT was delivered as a compulsory introduction to computing; it gave students a broad overview of some skills and literacy fundamental for further studies in information technology and most areas of employment. The Year 9 IT students developed skills in word processing, spreadsheets and multimedia presentations with particular interests in 3D modelling and animation. Year 10 IT saw students develop their abilities in using spreadsheets, word processing, data base and some website creation. Year 10 Digital Manipulation students had some broad exposure to graphic design, digital photo manipulation, web creation, stop motion photography and digital animation using the Flash programme.

The Year 11 Digital Media students created a club website for the Archers of Greenwood and the Year 12 Interactive Media students worked tirelessly on producing a college CD-ROM.

Adam Gage



careerlink

Students at IMCC have continued to develop their skills through CareerLink, a programme which offers students the opportunity to gain experience by working in their chosen area and studying for certificates at TAFE. This year students have gained certificates in the subjects of Multimedia, Hospitality, Sport and Recreation, Early Childhood Studies and Engineering. This course proved highly successful for IMCC with Candace Welsh in Year 12 winning the Endeavour Award for Hospitality and Christopher Glendenning also of Year 12, winning the overall Student of the Year Award in Engineering. Rangi Tuoro from Year 11 also won the Endeavour Award for Automotives and Stephanie Keys won the Endeavour Award in Multimedia. Anna Spurry was awarded a scholarship in Hospitality.

Jeff Fullelove from CareerLink visited the students at their on-the-job training and many of our students developed a high level of skills over the year. All these skills plus certification will place them in good stead for admission to TAFE in future years.



business enterprise

It has been a busy year for the school's business, Soul Design. Students have been working tirelessly to make handmade specialty items for a number of events. At the Brighton Fair, the hand sewn gift bags filled with Easter eggs and bath salts were a huge success. Mother's Day and Father's Day gift mugs were the next enterprise items. The students also worked on producing wedding invites and preparing cards and gifts to sell for Christmas. The business enables a small group of students to achieve Technology & Enterprise outcomes as well as Business Certificate 1 outcomes (an accredited TAFE certificate). The business also provides an opportunity for all IMCC students to obtain community service hours through their participation after school. All profits go to charity.



The Academic Committee was formed this year to help promote academic excellence at the College. This year students' achievements in their studies was acknowledged by the distribution of awards in two categories – Academic Excellence and Academic Effort. Other academic opportunities included debating, weekly quizzes and chess. Students participated in the Western Australian Debating League schools competition. Our Junior team was made up of Year 9 and 10 students who were coached by Miss Lunt. The Senior Team, coached by Mrs Strutt, faced the daunting task of learning how to prepare a debate in one hour. A Weekly Quiz that challenged students' knowledge in current events, general information as well as some tricky brain teasers was undertaken by students on the committee. In Term Three a Chess Club commenced and there were many enthusiastic participants who visited the library for a weekly battle of wills.



academic council

athletics

The Interhouse Athletics Carnival was run on a sunny June day in Term 2. Some of the performances were outstanding and lead to some great competition on the day. Mackillop House were outright leaders at the end of the day with an absolutely wonderful display by the Year 8 Mackillop girls who scored a massive total of 108 points to add to the overall tally. The House Totals on the day were:

1. Mackillop	709
2. Dunlea	635
3. Evans	617
4. Cassidy	456
5. McGarry	417
6. Golding	361

Our culture of morning training had a huge impact on our results in the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) Carnival. We finished fourth overall after moving up a division this year. Some of the key achievements on the day included Kurt Bent who competed in almost every event due to absences in the Senior Team; Cassandra Hampton and Fraser Glennie who represented the College for the past four years in the ACC Carnivals; the Year 10 Girls Relay Team who took out first place; and the following students who won their individual events – Carlei Antica, Thomas Babey, Rochelle Baronas, Belinda Bonomelli, John Cuerden, Thomas Dawson, Joshua Donaldson, Dale Hennighan, Ashley Hennighan, Jenna-Lee Fairclough, Amy Fuller, Naomi deKat, Leteasha Scott, Davis Stafford and Danielle Troaca.

Due to much hard work, dedication and commitment from the staff we are forging a strong department and can only continue to get stronger as our numbers increase. The students are beginning to understand the concept of commitment, fair team play and are showing a desire to win and compete to the best of their ability.

Janice Bell
Head of Sport





"Somewhere in the world someone is training when you are not. When you race him, he will win."

Tom Fleming's Boston Marathon Training Motto



If you don't try to win you might as well hold the Olympics in somebody's back yard.

Jesse Owens



If you can react the same way to winning and losing, that's a big accomplishment... quality is important because it stays with you the rest of your life.

Chris Evert Lloyd



swimming



Our fourth Interhouse Swimming Carnival was conducted at Challenge Stadium in Term One in absolutely glorious conditions. There was some fierce Interhouse rivalry and some pleasing results from our students. Dunlea House came home with the shield and it was the first win for Dunlea. The support and camaraderie within the Houses was especially fantastic to see. The Staff was victorious in the Staff/Student relay once again. The Swim Team chosen this year trained on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at Arena Joondalup and the improvement was evident in the pool at the ACC competition. Our team not only looked great but performed with some real guts and determination.





athletics champions

Under 14



Dylan Wise



Jayde Bennett

Under 15



Bradley Starkey



Stella Donnelly

Under 16



David Stafford



Katie Cuerden

Open



Matthew Austin



Sophie Starkey



Under 14



Lloyd Williams



Melanie McKnight

Under 15



Ben McLay



Cassandra Stefanetti

Under 16



Daniel Bramwell



Katie Cuerden

Open



Kris Akins



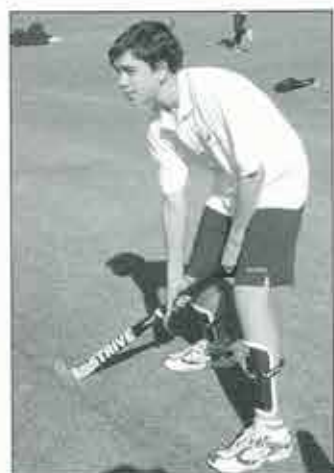
Kasia McPherson

swimming champions

lightning carnival



Year 8 and Year 9 students participated against other Metropolitan Colleges in a Lightning Carnival earlier this year. The event is held to enhance sportsmanship, fun and enthusiasm in a range of team sports. As you can see from the photos our students thoroughly enjoyed the day.



cross country

The College Cross Country was a 3.5km run through Butler this year with some good runners showing their colours on the day. MacKillop House won the Interhouse Shield with some outstanding results from this team. Our ACC team of 65 was chosen from this event. Throughout Term 3 the team trained through rain, hail and shine two mornings a week. Their dedication certainly paid off with some wonderful results on the day. Ethan Heywood once again went on to represent the College at the Nationals. We had a number of students finish in the Top 20 this year which was a great result and a vast improvement on previous years.



extra curricular sport



SOCCKER

It has been quite a year for soccer with the Junior Boy's Team qualifying for the knockout phase for the first time. Congratulations to Captain Daniel Forster and his valiant team. There were mixed fortunes for the Girl's Senior Team. Captain Ashleigh Part and Chloe Coghlan in goal rectified last years' performance. Unfortunately the tournament could not generate a victory for the Senior Boy's Team, which would have capped off Captain Fraser Glennie's final year at the College in much deserved style.

Elimination from the State Competition meant it was time to begin the IMCC 5-a-side event. This year, 19 teams entered the competition, including two staff teams. Forty four matches later, a Year 9 team, the Pokemon Masters lead by Brad Starkey (also the leading scorer), ran out deserved winners. Mr. Ayala's team, the Awesome Fivesome, proved too good for Hi 5 on the day and proudly hold the honour of being the champion staff team.



CRICKET

IMCC extended their competitive sporting portfolio by adding cricket to its ever growing list. Although no success was forthcoming in the traditional form of the game during our inaugural season, the Super 8's Carnival provided Captain Dylan Moss and his team with their first victory. And what a scalp it was – the cricket academy school John Forrest. Training and matches take place at Stradbroke Gardens in Ridgewood / Merriwa and we are delighted that a number of our girls will be participating next year.

NETBALL

This year saw Irene McCormack Catholic College enter our largest number of teams into the High School Cup Netball Competition. We had a Senior Girls Team, a Year 10 Girls Team and four Year 8/9 Girls Teams. Each Team represented the College with pride and the dedication shown by most students was impressive. This year was also a history making year with IMCC Team 1 from the Junior Girls qualifying for the knockout final by finishing top of their pool and beating Mater Dei 1 in an elimination final. A huge congratulations to all the girls who participated!



HOCKEY

This year the College Girls Hockey team competed in an interschool competition as well as attend a half day hockey camp to Arena Joondalup. The camp gave the girls an opportunity to develop their skills in dribbling, passing, tackling and flicking.

BASKETBALL

The inaugural IMCC Junior Boys Basketball team competed in a carnival at Joondalup Stadium on September 20th. The boys competed hard and never stopped competing in the face of very stiff competition from more established basketball programs. A great day was had by all and we look forward to building upon our successes next year.





festivals



This year our College has been very productive in attending festivals. Two of the more prominent were the Seventeenth Annual Performing Arts Festival and the Angelico Art Exhibition. The Performing Arts Festival showcased performances and exhibitions across all the Arts areas and the College achieved exceptional results in only our second year of entering. The Junior Dance team received an Honourable mention; the Junior Flute and Wind Ensembles achieved a Certificate of Merit; The Year 9 Rock Band performed sensationally, beating other Year 9, 10 and 11 Bands to receive the highest marks for the evening; and Joshua Brookes who achieved the highest marks possible for his Secondary Vocal Solo section. Six students from the College had the privilege of displaying their work at the state wide Catholic Schools Angelico Art Exhibition. Our students rated very well with Kasia McPherson of Year 12 achieving overall first place for her drawing artwork "Hanging by a Thread".





visual arts

The Visual Arts Programme has continued to flourish with this year seeing our first TEE Art group through. We have participated in a variety of Art competitions and projects including the Shaun Tan Drawing Awards; Angelico Art Exhibition; a National Mary MacKillop 2006 Student Award which resulted in Nicola Ferreira from Year 8 winning third prize; and Years 10 to 12 Art and Design students working with local Aboriginal representatives to create words and art installations for the Stage 40 Parkland in Brighton. The Department also ran a jewellery making course in which students produced, exhibited and sold pieces at the local Brighton Fair; an Art Club after school; and had the opportunity of having an Artist in Residence for the Creative Arts Week.





"Art washes away
from the soul the dust
of everyday life."

Pablo Picasso



music



The Music Department has grown tremendously under the direction of Miss Ellen Broderick. This year has seen an increase in the number of students taking music lessons and the variety of instruments being studied. Students were provided with an opportunity earlier in the year to experience the variety of lessons available at the College with a showcase demonstration of instruments by students and music teachers. The Music Department has also become more competitive and active in performing; students have competed in the Joondalup Eisteddfod, the Performing Arts Festival, Battle of the Bands, The Brighton Fair and of course, College assemblies and Masses. IMCC is certainly beginning to carve a name for itself with a swag of talented students and awards.



"The woods would
be a quiet place,
if no birds sang,
except the best."

Anonymous



dance

The College Dance Programme has had a busy year both in and out of school. Dance classes were conducted in all lower school years and students have experienced a variety of dance styles and opportunities to perform. The fitting out of the dance room with mirrors has added to the enthusiasm of students. The dance students have participated in a number of festivals this year including The Joondalup Rock Eistedford, the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and the Brighton Community Fair. Within the school the students have performed routines during Arts week. The Year 9 and 10 classes were also fortunate to participate in a Capoeira workshop.





Drama has emerged as a popular option for students in Years 8 to 10. Students have had the opportunity to work on a range of theatrical genres including Theatre Sports, Theatre of the Absurd, Monologues and Role creations on social issues. The addition of Drama specialist Miss Shana Clark has brought the Department enthusiasm and the driving force behind the Drama Club and this years' performance night which showcases successful works produced by the students during the year.

drama



"The stage is not merely the meeting
place of all the arts,
but is also the return of
art to life."

Oscar Wilde



Irene McCormack Award

Outstanding contribution to the Spiritual, Academic,
Service, Cultural and Sporting features of our College.



Amy Dennis
Year 11

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Irene McCormack College Prayer

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.

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