

Semilla 2009



Irene McCormack Catholic College

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's Address

Our eighth year has been one of increased busyness coping with all the positives and challenges presented by an ever-increasing population.

With 680 current students and an expected population of 840 in 2010 we are constantly seeking to broaden our curriculum opportunities and accommodate student pathway choices. Naturally our College Board is alert to the need to provide the building and material resources to accompany the student needs.

2009 was notable for the opportunities to travel and experience different dimensions of life.

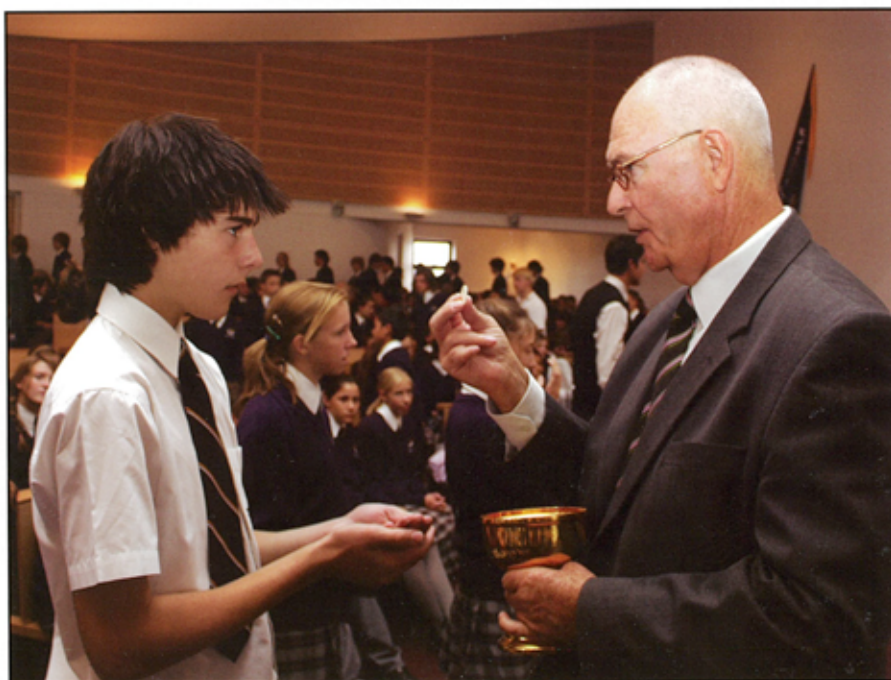
Our Year Eleven trip to the Eastern States took in the sport and culture of Melbourne, the snowfields at Mt Hotham, the intrigue and education of Canberra. All returned tired but very happy, describing the trip as an experience they will treasure for the remainder of their lives.

A group of Year Eleven students and staff travelled to the Santa Teresa Mission outside of Alice Springs to immerse themselves in the Aboriginal community and contribute to the daily life of work and play. These people, too, report an opportunity of a lifetime.

As a community we continue to strive on a daily basis to fulfil our College motto:

Prayer Service Justice

The notion of Prayer is increasingly fleeting in its understanding and appreciation. Many people will challenge its relevance in modern life yet perhaps now more than ever an appreciation of prayer is required. Our notion of prayer at IMCC is essentially a reflective practice of one's thoughts and emotions. We encourage our students to take time to express gratitude, to seek guidance or assistance, to pursue reparation for mistakes – all at a spiritual level.



Our Service program continues to grow in strength. Each student now accepts the need to support others in the community as part of the Irene McCormack education. Our students continue to assist the disabled, the aged, the young children in our community, the marginalised and the environment.

Ensuring Justice in our community is perhaps a more obscure concept; yet on examination it is integral to our program. We insist on all students, staff and parents being treated with dignity. Needless to say there are many points of disagreement and departure, which emerge among community members – our task, is to seek resolution in a dignified and respectful manner.

Our Pastoral Care program embraces difference and insists on all students being given the opportunity to succeed free from disruption or harassment.

I am extremely thankful for the priceless contributions made to this College by the staff who have again demonstrated a tireless endeavour to assist their students.

I look forward to the many challenges which 2010 will create, and I embrace the opportunity to assist in further developing our learning community.

Paul Haffner.

Parent Council

2009 has been an extremely productive year for the Parent Council. The AGM in February saw a change to the Constitution and welcomed four new Executive members. Many exciting new ideas were shared and put into action. Slowly but surely, the Parent Council is working towards building the spirit of the Irene McCormack community. With the Casino outings, Pot Black evenings and a "Spring Thing" for all to enjoy, everyone was sure to have met at least one new person who shares the common ground of having their children at IMCC.

As far as fundraising goes we once again had a dedicated group of people who were willing to give all to raise the much needed funds to benefit our children. The Year Eight students once again had the honour of selling the chocolates and well done to those who took the time and effort to help your school. Cupcake days and lunches continued and whilst these were carried out primarily for the benefit of the students, they also proved to be a steady income. The Entertainment Books, Easter Raffle and Lip-Gloss Fundraiser also brought in revenue.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school through the Parent Council this year including the parents who helped at the Athletics/Swimming Carnivals, Year Eight socials, computer gaming nights, Uniform Shop, Library and any other function organized by the staff.

Thank you to all the Parent Council Coordinators for putting their hand up for the position and fulfilling them when required. A massive thank you to those of you who have gone the extra mile in fulfilling your roles. You know who you are.

Thank you to Mr Rafter, Mrs Boscarino, Mr Power, Office and Library staff, and all other staff and students who take the time to help us out in any way. Each time one of you does something small it lets us know that what we are doing for you is appreciated.

Last, but not least, thank you to the Parent Council Executive Committee members who have worked tirelessly this year for the benefit of the College.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year of parental involvement at next year's meetings and social events and look forward to seeing you there.

Bernadette Hennighan

Parent Council President



Student Council

"I have never met a finer group of students willing to think of others ahead of themselves. They were a pleasure to work with all year."

Mr Swindells
Head of Year 11 & 12

"It was amazing to cooperate so well with each other to achieve not only our personal goals but also other people's goals."

Elle Harding
College Captain

"I really enjoyed the bond between teachers and students this year. It made Year Twelve great and to be able to help out and be recognised for your efforts was a highlight."

Ashley Hennigan
College Captain

"As a 2009 Prefect, I've been able to look at our College as a community as well as a place of learning. It's been a great experience for me. Thanks for the opportunity."

Stella Donnelly
Arts Prefect

"Being a Prefect isn't just about the badge, it's about helping out. The year goes by so quickly. I just recommend that you keep on top of your game and just get involved whilst you can."

Michelle Shimmen
Peer Support Prefect

2009 PREFECT RESPONSIBILITIES

College Captain	Elle Harding
College Captain	Ashley Hennigan
Christian Service	James Archer
Academic	Ally Geevers
Arts	Stella Donnelly
Sports	Shawn Billam
Peer Support	Michelle Shimmen
College Services	Jordan Adams
McGarry House	Kayla Swinny
Evans House	Phoebe McPherson
Dunlea House	Emma Duck
Golding House	David Gronow

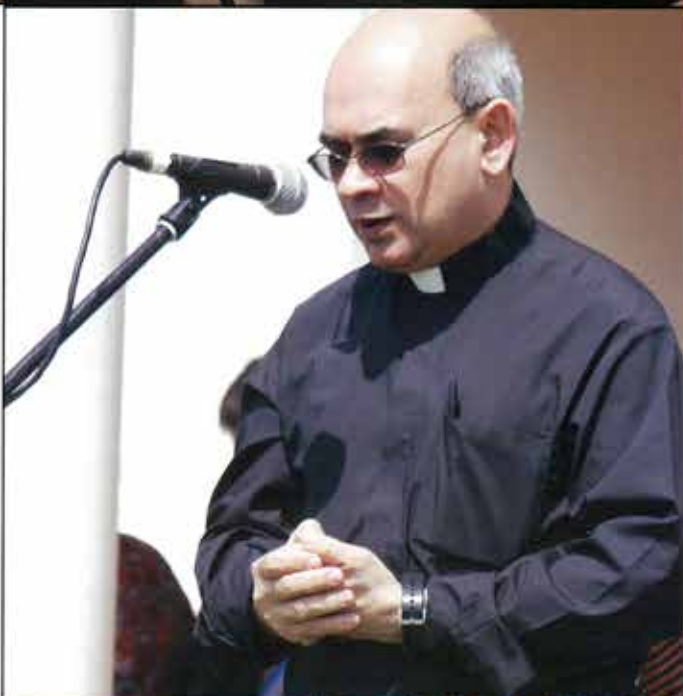


Campus Ministry *Prayer*



God my Father,
You love me and forgive me
so today I accept all as gift and ask to find you
Lord,
the Giver in the Gift.
I choose to face life without fear
and to live wholeheartedly in each present
moment.
May my heart sing today.
A song of loving grateful praise.
I am God's work of art!
I am precious in His sight!

Prayer by Irene McCormack



Campus Ministry *Service*



This year saw many changes in Christian Service. We were sad to say good bye to Ellen Broderick and Adam Handley at the end of last year and then we bid farewell to Adele Baker at the end of Term One, who left us to go on maternity leave.

We as a College continue to build relationships with others, not just in the school but in the wider community. These relationships allow our students to share their gifts, increase their social awareness and develop their sense of civic and political responsibilities which they take with them into adulthood.

Students of Irene McCormack Catholic College have worked hard this year. Term Two saw students raising money for Life Link, and collect food and clothes for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Year Eleven students enjoyed our promotion to the finish line for City to Surf. Year Elevens were hard at work in Term Three with the Vinnies Tin Shake in the CBD and then with most going without food for 40 hours, to raise money for the Immersion Project to Alice Spring.

The wonderful work of the Year Eleven group really made a difference with students packing up 131 gift bags filled with art supplies.

The whole school came together in Term Four with the school community all participating in the Stand Up Against Poverty Concert. Every Care Group created a hamper to go to a deserving family in our community. These hampers were distributed by Vincent De Paul. All the Year Tens had an opportunity to participate in a range of activities that ran through out the year including, Uniting Care Crèche and vegetable garden, Gumblossom Hall Seniors Day Centre, Satterly Youth Council, Brighton Primary Catholic Primary School reading club, Merriwa Primary School Breakfast Club. A special thanks to Mrs Mary-Clare Garuccio who helped out at the Breakfast Club every Wednesday morning. With so many opportunities I strongly advise all students to take advantage of these in 2010. God Bless.

Karen Wilson

Christian Service Co-Ordinator



Campus Ministry

Justice

IMCC's first ever Justice Immersion experience was held in October 2009. Six Year Eleven students - Kelly Booker, Deidre Beckx, Kym Krishnan, Jake Whan, Dale Hennighan, Emilee Rippon and two staff Sarah Blackburn and Phil Smith travelled to the Ltyentye Apurte Aboriginal Community or Santa Teresa Mission located 100 km south east of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

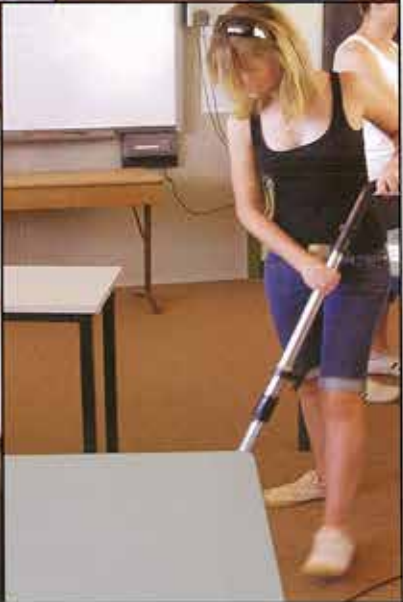
As a Justice Immersion experience the students lived in the Aboriginal community for a week participating in community life, experiencing the land and sleeping out under the stars, spending time with the young people and serving the community by cleaning and preparing the school grounds and classrooms for the new term. All participants were deeply affected by the spiritual connection with the land, the Aboriginal people and their culture and the strong faith of the community. A far greater sense of reconciliation, justice issues for Aboriginal people and an understanding of life from their perspective was developed through the experience.

The trip was well supported by the school community, St. Andrew's Parish and the Mary MacKillop Foundation. Through the Year Elevens "Forty Hours Without" fundraising project and the contributions of the Parish, more than \$2,500 was raised which went towards art packs for the Aboriginal children and donations for the Spirituality Centre, the Women's Centre and supporting a young person to go to World Youth Day in Madrid 2011. The trip was also recognised by the Mary MacKillop Foundation who awarded the "Irene McCormack Social Justice Award" to the students covering their airfares from Perth.

Phil Smith

Campus Ministry Coordinator





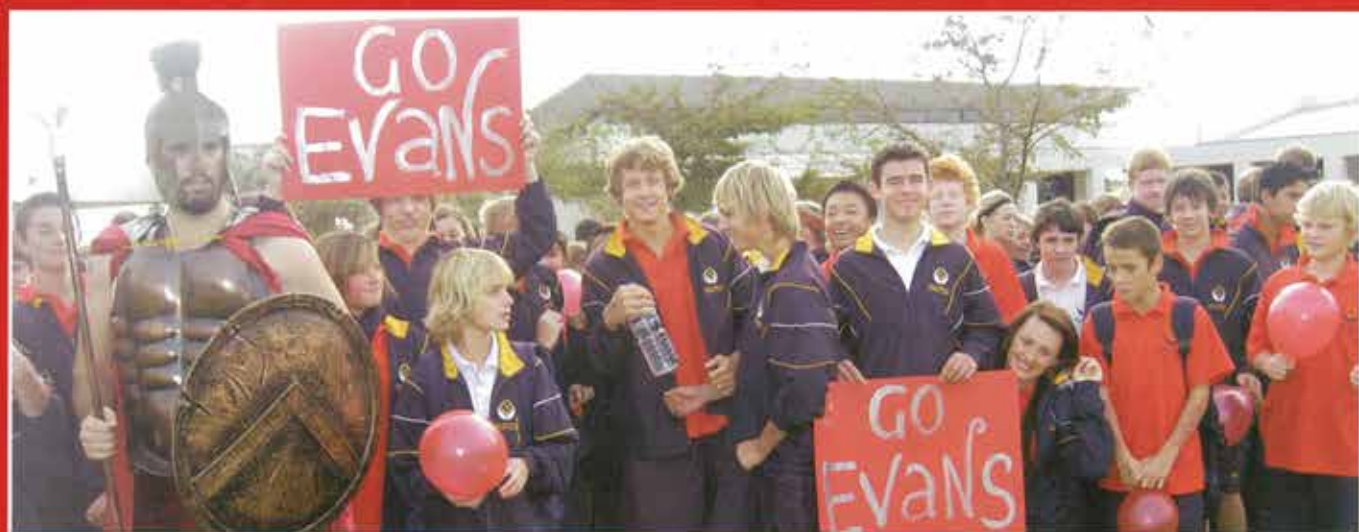
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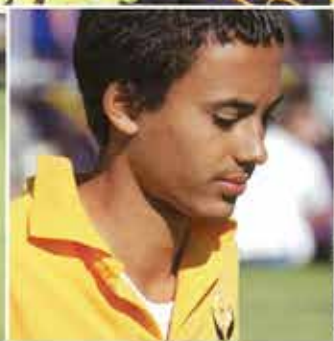
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Year 8 Reflection



2009 has seen a group of motivated students from a range of primary feeder schools join IMCC. The enthusiasm from day one has served the group well throughout the year. The level of respect for their teachers and each other is to be commended. College life demands a great deal from the students and they have met the challenge with confidence. To witness success is so rewarding for staff and more importantly for their parents and ultimately themselves. Amazing achievements have been experienced by the year group and this will serve as a solid base for future accomplishments at the College.

Leadership opportunities took place in the format of a Student Council and over the course of the year we have had 32 Student Councillors. Events organized by the councillors included the Year Eight Social where the red carpet welcomed film stars dressed in imaginative and creative costumes. Fund raising such as Caritas and the Bush Fire Appeal, girls' film night, boys' basketball competition, Year Eight Assemblies, Masses and general Care Group activities were well planned by these young leaders.





Unique to IMCC is the Carer role where a dedicated group of Year Eight teachers guide and prepare their students for the journey through high school. The Personal Development curriculum included the teaching of organizational skills and study skills, both vital for success in all areas of high school. During this period Carers also addressed the issue of bullying by working through the Supportive Schools Project prepared by Edith Cowan University. Transition to secondary school is considered a critical period to intervene on bullying. The program proved to be very successful as students were given a forum to express their concerns or thoughts.

The time and effort that goes into looking after a Care Group is enormous and it is a pleasure to congratulate all the teachers who have worked tirelessly throughout the year.

- 8DA - Miss Mery Babic
- 8DB - Miss Mary Claire Garuccio
- 8EA - Cheryl McKenzie
- 8EB - Miss Victoria Harris
- 8GA - Miss Erin Jacobsen
- 8GB - Mr Byron Northmore
- 8MA - Miss Christine Atherton
- 8MB - Mr Trevor Bastow

It is with confidence that the 2009 Year Eight Group will move forward and continue to shine!

Mrs Gill Pearce
Yr 8 Co-Ordinator



8 Dunlea

Dunlea A



Front Row: Emily Ward, Alanna Baldwin, Brooke Meulenkamp, Kelly Touhey, Nancy Yengi, Jasmine Urwin-Collier, Michelle Broughton, Maria Maddox
 Second Row: Issa Rofa, Joshua Plain, Ziahn Johnson, Kourtney Smith, Keely Knight, Jason Marcel-Jones, Aiden Ayers
 Third Row: Kieran Welch, James Clegg, Joe Purton, Michael Shanks, Ethan Perry, Christopher Callahan
 Teacher: Miss Mery Babic



Dunlea B

Front Row: Zoe Marshall, Danni-Lee Freeman, Taylah Smith, Rachel Ellison, Danieka Taylor, Georgia Warburton, Chelsie Wittstock, Isabella Greco
 Second Row: Cory Barton, John Farrell, Caleb Kitching, Brandon Straw, Jack Cope, Guillermo Lopez, Andrew Ninaus
 Third Row: Casey Faulkner, Kadek Waldron, Rebecca Moroney, Taylah Barber, Eden Ward, Aaren McConnell
 Teacher: Mrs Mellissa Wayne (Absent) Standing In: Year 8 Co-ordinator, Mrs Gillian Pearce



Evans A

Front Row: Rhainer Baldwin, Paige Whitfield-Samuels, Olivia Hall, India Ngaata, Keeley Copeman, Jasmine Forde, Stephanie Youssef, Kira Godwin
 Second Row: James Morrison, Chelsea Poots, Amy Jackson, Phoebe Brennan, Sinead Gude, Kye Douglas
 Third Row: Nicholas Cliff, Corey French, Samuel Barmuta, Conor Callan, Jake Makin, Dylan Jackson
 Teacher: Miss Cheryl McKenzie

Evans B



Front Row: Jessica Varady, Hanouska Mungar, Laura Donaldson, Krystal Hennighan, Rebecca Ivey, Courtney Grainger-Lee, Megan O'Hare, Christie Romanelli
 Second Row: Matthew Pinili, Ayrton Barnard, Daniel Stow, Sam Walsham, Ashley Kershaw, Toba Siallagan, Brayden Hayes
 Third Row: Ryah Drake, Morgan Murray, Lawrence Shanks, Jesse Greenwood, Khadijah Oliver, Melissa Maley
 Teacher: Ms Victoria Harris
 Absent: Joshua Cowman

8 Evans

8 Golding

Golding A



Front Row: Erin Delaney, Demmi Chalmers, Shannon Jones, Maddelyn Coleman Brown, Brooke Lyons, Rebekkah Thomas, Chanel Kingston, Jessica Jones
 Second Row: Daniel Le Donne, Jamie Clayton, Liam Brennan, Beau Hurrell, Michael Stoppa, Todd Green, Alexander Barnes
 Third Row: Jenna Moss, Sarah Rippon, Joshua Wilson, Jason Cusack, Jessica Glover, April Williams
 Teacher: Miss Erin Jacobsen



Golding B

Front Row: Tayia Cummins, Daisy Niland, Shaydon Tewes, Jessica Larkan, Ashleigh Riddle, Siobhan Lenihan, Chanel Galipo
 Second Row: Johnson Bell, Patrick Gilleran, Jordan Mackie, Hamish Gomez De La Serna, Cayleb Pihema-Rex, Jack Su, Daniel Russell
 Third Row: Sara Johnson, Jessica Turner, Jake Attrill, Jordon Voss, Danika Tierney, Kiyara Harvey
 Teacher: Mr Byron Northmore Absent: Andrew Jackson

McGarry A



Front Row: Morgan Pearson, Tamara Slattery, Natalie Bellew, Bethan Hardy, Fiona Cope, Melissa Batchelor, Tayla Rawling, Ami Kadota
 Second Row: Tauri Borg, Kaylene Bederson, Emma Hoad, William Shortland, Kimberley Dimer, Hannah Fowler, Ross Francis
 Third Row: Harry Wilson, Leon Laugharne-Davies, Lachlan Roulston, Taylor Dewar, Jake Tabram, Luke Willmott
 Teacher: Miss Christine Atherton

McGarry B



Front Row: Ellysia Burton, Lauren Archer, Clare Jansen, Vanessa Moussa, Ramari Ruhe-Guthrie, Emma Blowes, Tatjana Warwick, Bethany Cunningham
 Second Row: Buddy Ledesma, Jack Gale, Megan Sarah Middleton, Jessica Barone, Andrea Abad, Jordan Tate, Louis Page
 Third Row: Luke Beissel, Corey Jeremiah, James Dawson, Ryan Diamond, Giuseppe Galea, Aaron Elton
 Teacher: Mr Trevor Bastow

Year 9 Reflection

It is a privileged position to be in as a Year Co-ordinator when so many teachers say how much they are enjoying their Year Nine classes. At a time when the confusion of adolescence often sets in, this has been a group that has shown great composure; growing socially, emotionally and academically as fine young people of the future. They are a credit to their families, Carers, teachers and themselves.



The Personal Development Program for Year Nine centred on Career Skills, Resilience and Bullying. The Program was supported by the introduction of a Pastoral Day to coincide with and complement Reflection Day. The group was split, boys and girls, with each group having a day of reflection with the Youth Mission Team and the alternate day engaging in team building activities and attending a guest presentation on finding their inner hero. A challenge was set over the two days for each student to get to know two people they had not already met. Many students embraced this whole-heartedly and will benefit long term from the new acquaintances and friendships that emerged. Overall, we were blessed with two very special days.

Our Student Representatives worked competently in each semester and were collectively responsible for conducting assemblies, fundraising for charity, reading at Masses and assisting in Care Group. Congratulations to Megan Porzio, Michaela Burmeister, Shayla Stefanetti, Mason Browne, Jessica Hepburn, Mark Morgan, Kurt Carrera, Samantha Alcock, Shimay Waho, Alexander Barmuta, Demi Stokes, Jamie Hodgson, Ashleigh Glover, Nathan Hattersley, Luningning Lopez and Alexander Blanksby for fulfilling these roles with such aplomb. A special thank-you to the Carers of Year Nine who worked tirelessly throughout the year, always with the best interests of their students at heart.

Miss Jenny Jones
Year 9 Co-Ordinator





9 Dunlea

Dunlea A



Front Row: Megan Walsh, Luningning Lopez, Leticia Cope, Olivia Tabram, Asha Brennan, Victoria Berryman, Grace Dewar, Kassidy Tran
 Second Row: Kayne Garrett, Kyle Finch, Alexander Blanksby, Joshua Endersby, Harrison Pizzey, Christopher Malone, Dion Bastian
 Third Row: James Rosielle, Lee Purton, Alex Wilson, Kyle Long, Matthew Varady, Tahumuri Manawatu
 Teacher: Ms Kirstin Wright



Dunlea B

Front Row: Megan Porzio, Aleisha Part, Michaela Burmeister, Ashliegh Murray, Leah Harrison, Kathleen Clinton, Nadia Ferreira, Alexandra Nuttall
 Second Row: Jason Webb, Zach Boyle, Matthew Marley, Christopher Farmer, Jake Bonner, Drew O'Reilly, Sam Snowdon
 Third Row: Shane Moroney, Taran Miles, Nathan Bragg, Jack Mourant, Joseph Shannon, Dillon D'Castro
 Teacher: Ms Vanessa Schneider



Evans A

Front Row: Sophie Jackson, Jade Minchin, Kristie Harrison, Ashleigh Glover, Alicia Malden-Bullard, Kiana Lyons, Rachael Kelly
 Second Row: Kunal Shah, Sean Lenihan, Connor Hines, Kaitlyn Burmeister, Zachary Dawson, Ben Donaldson, Duncan Beckx
 Third Row: Connor Bailey, Nathan Hattersley, Koen Scherini, Ryan Matthews, Brendan Stafford, Juliano Terranova
 Teacher: Mr Neil Bright



Evans B

Front Row: Aimee-Lyn O'Neill, Rebecca Jones, Caley O'Mara-Leece, Cassandra Donnelly, Nicola Wise, Jessica Hepburn, Cheyenne Fife, Katie Liddiard
 Second Row: Leo Su, Joshua Williams, Monique Mazurek, Ricardo Marques, Olivia Pender, Jake Bonomelli, Mark Morgan
 Third Row: Nathaniel Field, Mason Cordiano-Stringer, Callum McLean, Timothy Fuller, Nicholas Eindorf, Jacob Murphy, Bradley Czerniak
 Teacher: Mr Stephen Spiteri

9 Golding

Golding A



Front Row: Catrin Donnelly, Shay Olsen, Madison Chaplin, Charlotte Gray, Chelsea Leggett, Bianca Smith, Sarah Berry, Sabre Donovan
 Second Row: Dylan Barr, Michael Platt, Saffron Ramsey, Demi Stokes, Linda Manyok, Emily Leech, Leighton Chick, Shane Barton
 Third Row: Reiss Mackay, Ben Jacobs, Jesse Way, Kieran Rybicki, Samuel Neeve, Jamie Hodgson
 Teacher: Mrs Sandra Finn



Golding B

Front Row: Jessica Welsh, Laura Graham, Ashley Whitfield-Samuels, Grace Sloan, Danielle Nash, Shannon Kelly, Lorrin McKay, Samantha Alcock
 Second Row: Rhys Blowes, Ciaran Courtney, Michael Axiak, Hellen Santino, Kailah Maas, Philip McDonald, Joshua Warburton, Denijel Becarevic
 Third Row: Cody Pajich, Bradley MacFarlane, Christopher Boylen, Nukuroa Manawatu, Jack Giddens, Kurt Carrera
 Teacher: Ms Amanda Keats



McGarry A

Front Row: Holly McNally, Hollie Hines, Cassandra Harrison, Alysha Cheetham, Shimay Waho, Amy Shortland, Josephine Yengi, Bree-Anna Hennighan
 Second Row: Billy Cooper, Brendon Tate, Jessica Baker, Justin Wilbanks, Salisa Doust, Jacob Hugo, Bradley Flower
 Third Row: David Capon, Lewis Mitchell, Tyler Ayers, Thomas Wells, Nathan Dunn, Alexander Barmuta
 Teacher: Mr Kevin O'Brien

McGarry B



Front Row: Shayla Stefanetti, Rebekah Morley, Jacinta Dodd, Taylah Mitchell, Jennifer Bunch, Kayla Biggar, Aimee Farr
 Second Row: Hayden Leck, Luke Zammit, Brayden Jeffrey, Jay Adams, Greig Duck, Samuel Forbes
 Third Row: Keegan Smith, Brandon Bolin, Rachel Dunbar, Matthew Pryer, Josie McKnight, Mason Browne, Sean Taylor
 Teacher: Miss Ella Delaney

Year 10 Reflection



I am very happy and rather proud to be able to write about our Year Ten group for 2009. Admittedly I inherited a lovely Year Group thanks to a great deal of hard work by Mrs Gill Pearce and Miss Jenny Jones. They are the first Year Group in the College to have had Year Co-ordinators for all of their school years.

They are very lucky to have fantastic Carers who have really helped them this year. They have guided them through uniform issues as well as being someone who listens to their thoughts and concerns. Our Carers, along with Mrs Chris Tonkin, also helped the Year Ten group in their subject selection for next year and in their career planning. Important decisions about the future are not easy for teenagers and there can be a lot of stress and worry involved. I am happy to note it has made a lot of our Year Tens grow up and take control of their behaviour.

Many Year Tens stood up and accepted leadership roles as Student Councillors. It has been interesting to see these positions rate much higher as the year progressed and to see the quality of their leadership skills increase.

The Student Councillors for Semester One were Daniel Cliff, Amanda Evans, Molly Brennan, William Griffiths, Christopher Pandeli, Chloe Slatterley, Kathryn Gibson, Lorena Jackson, Chloe Bush, Nabila Morgan, Rebekah Casey, Breigh Ferguson, Courtney Coleman-Brown, Tyson Lee and Mitchell Whan.

The Student Councillors for Semester Two were Ashleigh Allan, Georgia McLay, Jevon Proctor, Emma Wharepapa, Kellie-Ann Patterson, Callum Francis, Kelton Murphy, Jilliane Soriano, Talysha Jessop, Jamie Moss, Anne-Gaelle Rene, Mitchell Larkin, Harvey Cox, Michael Hannigan, Sophie Mossdrop and Kaitlyn Kitching.

There have been many wonderful achievements this year for individual students especially in Athletics and Dance. I can not name everyone so I will just say a big 'Well Done' to all students who have tried to use their Planner all year, wear the correct uniform, be punctual and complete all work and assessments to the best of their ability. Congratulations to all in year Ten!

Ms Deborah White

Yr 10 Co-ordinator





Dunlea A



Front Row: Jade Nelson, Elly Campbell-Foulkes, Louise Sloan, Renae Jackson, Taylah Jones, Shannen Valkenburg, Jessica Alcock
 Second Row: Philip Troaca, Mitchell Alliss, Mitchell Whan, Jye Hurrell, Evan Churchill, Gallagher Bracken, Billy Ingram
 Third Row: Janelle Stone, Ashleigh Allan, Samuel Archer, Tom Kelly, Rachael Ginn, Georgia McLay
 Teacher: Mr Jon Brown Absent: Matthew Jackson



Dunlea B

Front Row: Emma-Lee Wharepapa, Jessica Starkey, Kathryn Gibson, Marissa Wunhym, Sophie Emmett, Lorena Jackson, Caitlin Reeves
 Second Row: Brett Roberts, Jake Monk, Darian Paulus, Jay Boag, Adam Jackson, Hayden Warrenner
 Third Row: Kenady Gabriel, Reed Westlund, Jevon Proctor, Hunter Flynn, Michael Glendenning
 Teacher: Miss Jessica Dixon Absent: Jamie Shepherd, Rebecca Carey



Evans A

Front Row: Breeanna Peel, Holly Wignall, Amanda Evans, Tara Jeremiah, Brianne Godwin, Nicolle Cooke, Brogan-Louise Pearson
 Second Row: Jade Kingston, Steven Bird, Luke Plaiche, Kellie Anne Patterson, Callum Francis, Daniel Cliff, Clinton Harrington
 Third Row: Blaze Smart, Campbell Hartas, Rayden Fitzgerald, Stef Van den Berg, Andrew Flynn, Cameron Smith
 Teacher: Mr Mark Fraser Absent: Robyn Gallagher

Evans B



Front Row: Taryn Secomb, Heather Plumpton, Chloe Slattery, Caroline Brown, Hannah Stow, Jessica McAuley, Jilliane Soriano
 Second Row: Brandon Pelham, Kyle Rohloff, Ashlee Treacy, Georgia Scott, Cody Smith, Christopher Pandeli
 Third Row: Kieran Tierney, Mario Moussa, Kelton Murphy, Drew Newcombe, Christian Wright, Corey Chalmers, Colby Langford
 Teacher: Ms Nicole Harbison

10 Golding

Golding A



Front Row: Nabila Morgan, Jayde Harvey, Shelby James, Jade Barber, Julie Endersby, Talysha Jessop, Jessica Meulenkamp
 Second Row: Connor Thorpe, Brynn Miles, Stephani Muller, Chloe Bush, Emily Gorst, Jack Ivey, Joshua Browne
 Third Row: Mark Arrand, Lewis Pengelly, Jack Carter, Pedro Ismael, Jamie Moss
 Teacher: Mr James Ginnane Absent: Amanda Foster



Golding B

Front Row: Emmy Holloway, Brianna Ritchie, Demi Quinn, Renae Cooper, Jayde Garrett, Jessica Henry, Maddison Grainger-Lee, Molly Brennan
 Second Row: Luke Barber, Carlo Gimondo, Rebekah Southgate, Anne-Gaelle Rene, Jaysea Willmott, William Griffiths, Pious Bella
 Third Row: Aaron Suleman, Mitchell Larkan, Diego Mostaccero, Adam Kelly, Shane Elton
 Teacher: Mrs Jodie Bastow

McGarry A



Front Row: Breigh Ferguson, Amanda Gibbons, Georgina Stiffel, Rebekah Casey, Bethany McConnell, Olivia Scanlon, Courtney Truslove
 Second Row: Andrew Shimmen, Mitchell Ellson, Ashleigh Donnelly, Claire Brown, Shannon McGee, William Brown, Charlie Creech
 Third Row: Harvey Cox, Michael Hannigan, Reece Stokes, Eamon Grey, Jackson Albert
 Teacher: Mr Paul Stenner Absent: Bianca Chandler

McGarry B



Front Row: Sophie Mossdrop, Rachael Brettig, Madison Bracher, Katelyn Kitching, Victoria Mannering, Courtney Coleman-Brown, Rachael Wann
 Second Row: Dillon Lau, Alexander McKay, Joshua Waldron, Daniel Arnold, Christian Mechler, Kieran Parkes
 Third Row: Bradley Chipperfield, Joel Whibley, Tiarne Taylor-Winter, Tyson Lee, Jacob Way
 Teacher: Mrs Adele Baker Absent: Jack Stracey

Year 11 Reflection

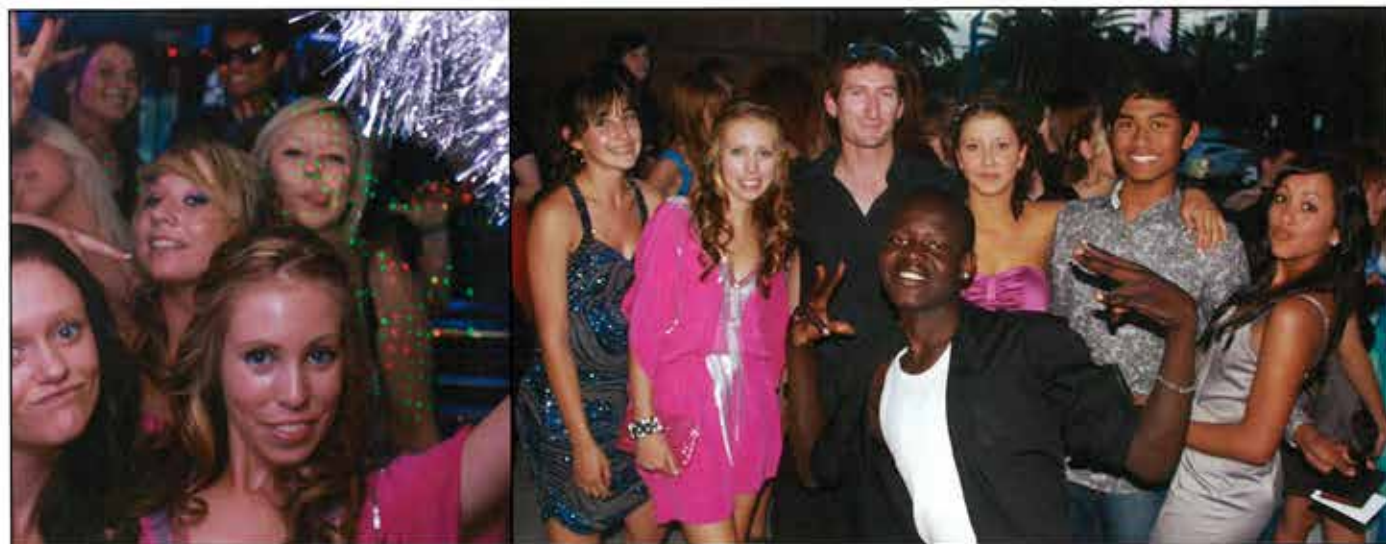


As I reflect on the highlights and general achievements of our Year Elevens of 2009 I am drawn to the many different and diverse examples of outstanding effort by both staff and students. Working with people is what it is all about and this journey, which has been full of remarkable highs and lows, has been a privilege.

As a Year group we experienced the tragic loss of one of our own. The way our students and broader community came together to support one another and celebrate the life of Armando McKay was something very special. All of us are better for knowing him and our thoughts and prayers continue to be offered for all.

Our 2009 Year Eleven Student Councillors were Kylah Bayliss and Dale Hennighan (Dunlea); Jessica Webb and Robert Holland (Evans); Jessica Tucker and Joshua Batchelor (McGarry) and Kelly Booker and Lauren Defty (Golding).





These wonderful young people have been a consistent support and asset for both staff and their peers. We regularly met to discuss the issues of the year group and to plan and organise events. Some of their responsibilities included preparing for and speaking at assemblies, the creation of a Year Eleven newsletter, helping at sports carnivals, representing the College at Reconciliation Week, helping to organise the Year Eleven River Cruise and making significant plans for 2010 including Ball preparations and Leavers' Tops.

Throughout the year we challenged our Year Eleven students to set personal and communal goals bringing both personal and broader rewards. Thanks go to Mrs Collins, Miss McGowan, Mr Gage and Mr Metcalfe for all of their care and support of each other and our students. I look forward to working with this team of staff and students in their 'Graduation Year' of 2010.

Mr John Swindells
Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator



11 Dunlea



Front Row: Amy Russell, Nicola Ferreira, Gemma Vahala, Kirra Deliu, Bernadette Cullin, Fallon Cox, Kylah Bayliss, Kym Krishnan
 Second Row: Ashley Tyndall, Michael Vicentini, Corey Mathie, Bronte Charlesworth, Dylan Heraty, Joel Fitch, Armando McKay
 Third Row: Mark Petersen, Alexandre Madureira, Ethan Roulston, Jake Whan, Mitchell Pritchard, Harley Webster, Dale Hennighan
 Teacher: Miss Fiona McGowan Absent: Zac Tuitama, Jordan Bright

11 Evans



Front Row: Robyn Bates, Shannon O'Neill, Danielle Moussa, Dannielle Flynn, Ana Da Silva, Melissa Plaiche, Jessica Webb, Rebecca Wilson
 Second Row: Sharni-Lee Ninaus, Alexandra Aquino, Sarah Endersby, Jared Middleton, Kaitlin Welsh, Penelope King, Ashleigh Graham
 Third Row: Anthony Makdessi, Brendan Taylor, Kenny Tran, Walter Santino, Sean Pender, Robert Holland, Aaron Scully
 Teacher: Mr Ray Metcalfe Absent: Rebecca Ennis Howard, Laura Kinneen

11 McGarry



Front Row: Emilee Rippon, Samantha Liddiard, Ebony Perry, Belinda Bonomelli, Bronte Reeves, Sophie Huxley, Nikki Hambleton, Gabrielle Leslie, Jacinta Leslie
 Second Row: Jake Hoath, Jenna-Lee Fairclough, Keri Dunbar, Alix Badau, Taylah Knight, Jessica Tucker, Jaimee-Lee Baker, Danielle Selfe, Thomas Hope-Spurry
 Third Row: Christopher McDiarmid, Blake Jones, Liam Fowler, Joshua Batchelor, Adam Van Zuydam, Jonathon Flynn, Joshua Faulkner, Jordan Robertson, Travis Long
 Teacher: Mr Adam Gage

11 Golding



Front Row: Jessica Pinili, Amy Flower, Meghan Hugo, Megan Boylen, Brooke Carnevale, Jacinta Greco, Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Deidre Beckx, Cassandra Bastian
 Second Row: Christopher Matthews, Joseph Geroges, Lauren Defty, Katie Greenwood, Ashlee Czerniak, Kelly Booker, Jarrah Parfit, Daniel Dale
 Third Row: Levi Adams, Nazree Welch, Thomas Babey, Mitchell Fitzgerald, Thomas Dawson, Luke Dockrell, Tiernan Johnson
 Teacher: Mr Adam Handley Absent: Chloe Bayne, Charlotte Sweeney, Darcy Hannan

Year 12 Reflection

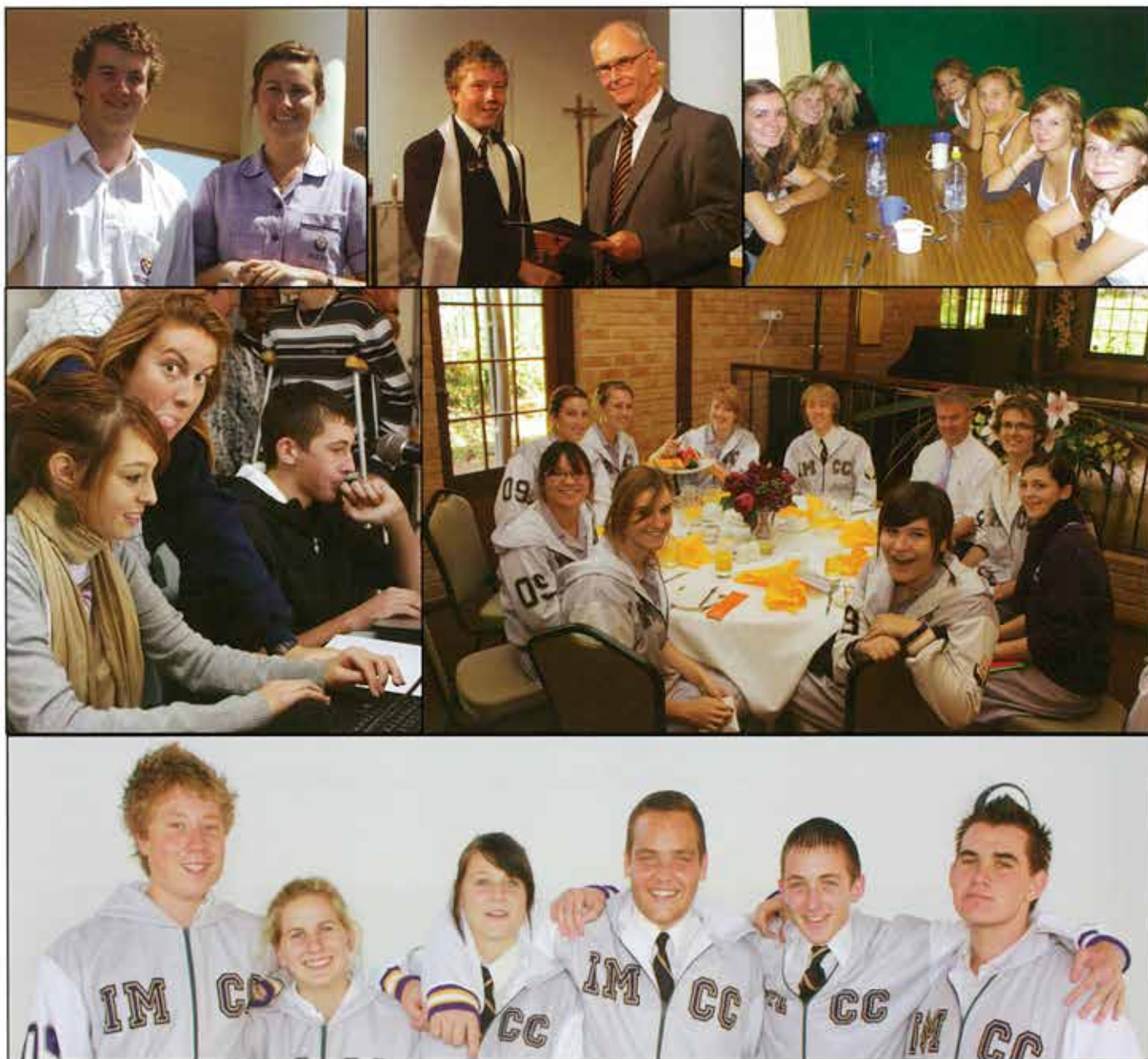


Working with this group of young adults has been a joy. I feel so proud of the accomplishments and character development I have witnessed and will remember with fondness the many great characters in this Graduating Class of 2009.

This group of students really entered into and helped to define the spirit of Irene McCormack Catholic College and I have no doubt that Irene herself would have had a great relationship with them. Their sense of humour, honesty, fun and willingness to get involved in College life was a highlight.

Other highlights for the year were certainly our 'Starry Night Ball' at Bridgeleigh Reception Centre and the Year Twelve Retreat in New Norcia. The relationships between staff and students were enriched so much by the interactions and shared stories and fun on these occasions.





The 2009 Prefects were an asset to the College. We met weekly to discuss Year Twelve issues and help organise events. Some of their responsibilities included helping to prepare, lead and speak at assemblies, creation of a Year Twelve newsletter, helping at sports carnivals and other House events, representing the College, helping to organise the Year Twelve Ball and designing and helping to organise the 2009 Leavers' Tops.

On behalf of all the 2009 Graduates, special thanks to Ms Simpson, Mr Giles, Mr Hunt and Mr Summers for their care and support over the years.

Mr John Swindells
Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator



12 Dunlea



Front Row: Kaylee Fawcett, Sarah D'Castro, Emma Duck, Joanna Holmes-Willson, Alexandra Gevers, Tammy Campbell,

Cristina Clinton, Jade Frost

Second Row: John Cuerden, Shaun Webb, Lee Shepherd, Joshua Henry, Jordan Adams, Daniel Henderson, Bruno Marques, Paulo Ismael

Teacher: Mr Brad Giles

12 Evans



Front Row: Michelle Shimmen, Mia Campbell-Foulkes, Charlotte Flower, Amy Hannan, Cara Ennis, Natasha Carr, Katie Chamberlain

Second Row: Joshua Thevarajoo, Roda Mayar, Phoebe McPherson, Katrina Mechler, Lauren Spillman, Charlotte Plumpton, Rebekah Zarb-Cousin, Joshua Potter

Third Row: Jacob Thomas, Michael Varady, Ashley Hennighan, Christopher Stow, Michael Barnard, Blake Wilbanks, Ethan Heywood

Teacher: Mrs Kay Simpson

12 McGarry



Front Row: Shawn Billam, Laura Kelly, Tayla Pizze, Storm Parfit, Casey Dewar, Kayla Swinny, Jasmine Forbes
 Second Row: Paige Adams, Peter Green, Haylea Warrenner, Josie Moss, Benjamin Henderson
 Third Row: Marc Mottram, Edward Jackson, Thomas Chick, Daniel Forster, David Babington

Teacher: Mr Tony Summers

12 Golding



Front Row: Chennae Bowen, Rina Kadota, Julia Huxley, Melanie Bunch, Cassandra Stefanetti, Nora Morgan, Shannan Stone, Stella Donnelly
 Second Row: Matthew Hannigan, Yazmin Wright, Ashley Grove, Holly Walker, Elle Harding, Laura Moylon, David Gronow
 Third Row: Roberto Boscarino, Robert Churchill, Carlton Jackson, James Archer, Kieran Nuttall, Emanuel Troaca
 Teacher: Mr Julien Hunt Absent: Gareth Walsham, Ben Cowman

Graduating Class of 2009

Jordan Adams



Tammy Campbell



Cristina Clinton



John Cuerden



Sarah D'Castro



Emma Duck



Kaylee Fawcett



Jade Frost



Alexandra Gevers



Daniel Henderson



Joshua Henry



Joanna Holmes-Willson



Paulo Ismael



Bruno Marques



Ashley Pelham



Lee Shepherd



Shaun Webb



Michael Barnard



Mia Campbell-Foulkes



John Swindells





“Yes, yeah, we’re movin’ on, look’n for direction,
Mm, mmm we’ve covered much ground....”

Lior, This Old Love, Year 12 Graduation Song, 2009

“... oh, and time moves on like a train,
that disappears into the night sky ...”

James Archer



Roberto Boscarino



Chennae Bowen



Melanie Bunch



Ben Cowman



Stella Donnelly



David Gronow



Ashley Grove



Matthew Hannigan



Elle Harding



Carlton Jackson



Rina Kadota



Nora Morgan



Laura Moylon



Kieran Nuttall



Cassandra Stefanetti



Shannan Stone



Emanuel Troaca



Holly Walker



Yazmin Wright





Paige Adams



David Babington



Thomas Chick



Casey Dewar



Shawn Billam



Daniel Forster



Peter Green



Ben Henderson



Jasmine Forbes



Edward Jackson



Laura Kelly



Josie Moss



Marc Mottram



Storm Parfit



Tayla Pizey



Hayley Warrener



Kayla Swinny

“... We'll grow old together,

and this love will never,

this old love will never die...”

Lior. This Old Love. Year 12 Graduation Song, 2009

Year 12 Awards

CLASS CLOWN - Blake Wilbanks

MOST LIKELY TO BECOME FAMOUS - Stella Donelly

WORST DRIVER - Shannan Stone

WORST UNIFORM - Cara Ennis

BEST FARMVILLIAN - Matthew Hannigan

BIGGEST PROCRASTINATOR - Paige Adams

BIGGEST GANSTA - Jordan Adams

BIGGEST CONTROL FREAK - Katie Chamberlain

MOST LIKEY TO BECOME P.M - Ally Gevers

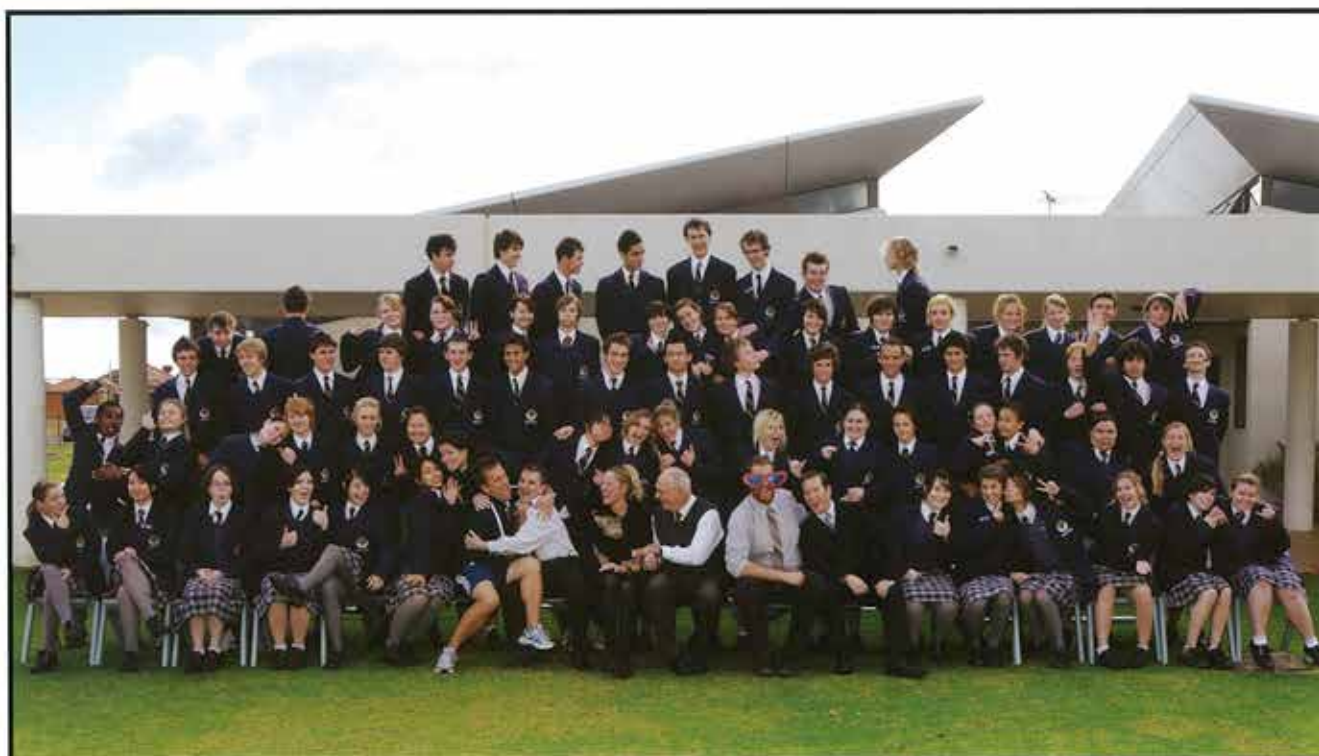
MOST LIKELY TO END UP ON BIG BROTHER - Bek Zarb Cousin

MOST ORGANISED - Michelle Shimmern

PERSON MOST LIKELY TO HAVE A DANCE

NAMED AFTER THEM - Josh Thevarajoo





YEAR 12 QUOTE OF THE YEAR

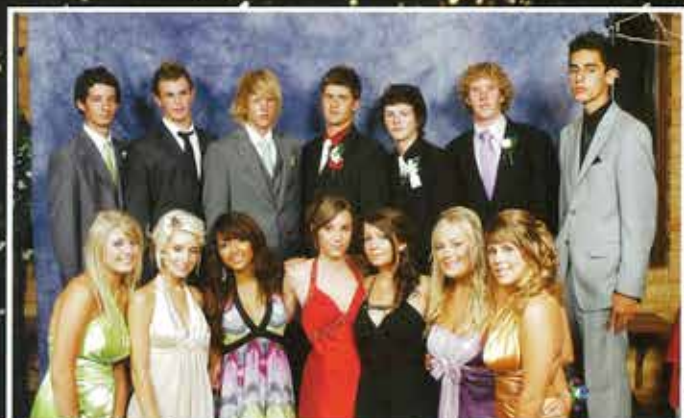
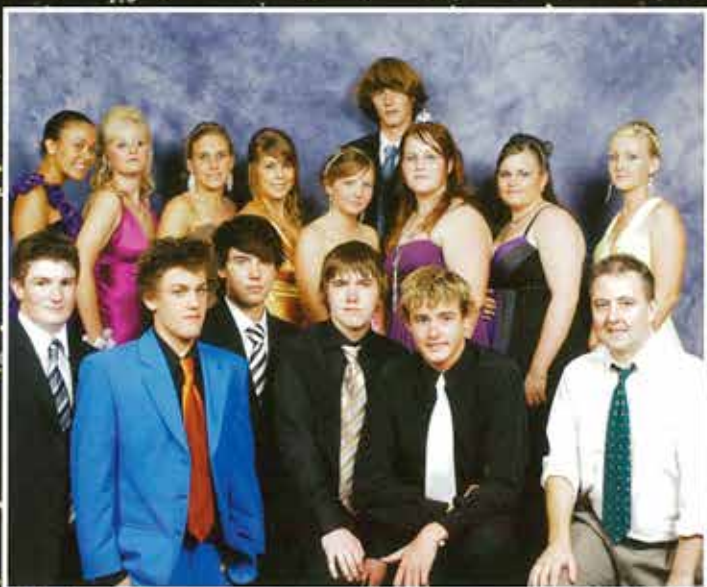
(on the Communist Revolution)

“Why didn’t they just tell them to calm down?”

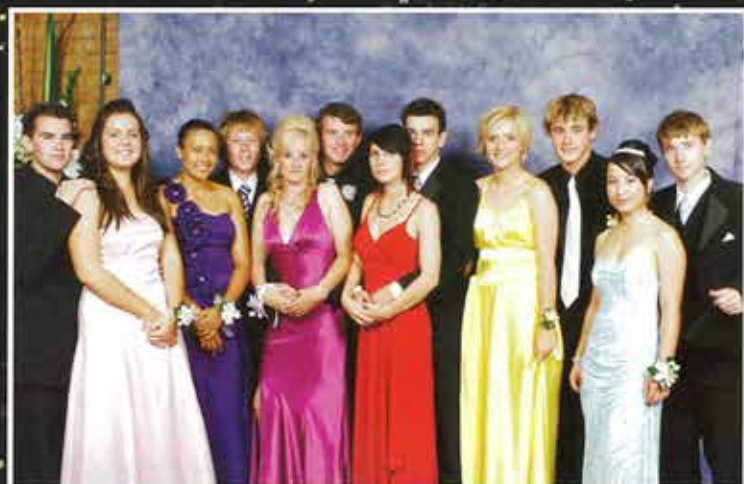
- Mia Campbell-Foulkes



IRENE MCCORMACK'S STARRY NIGHT

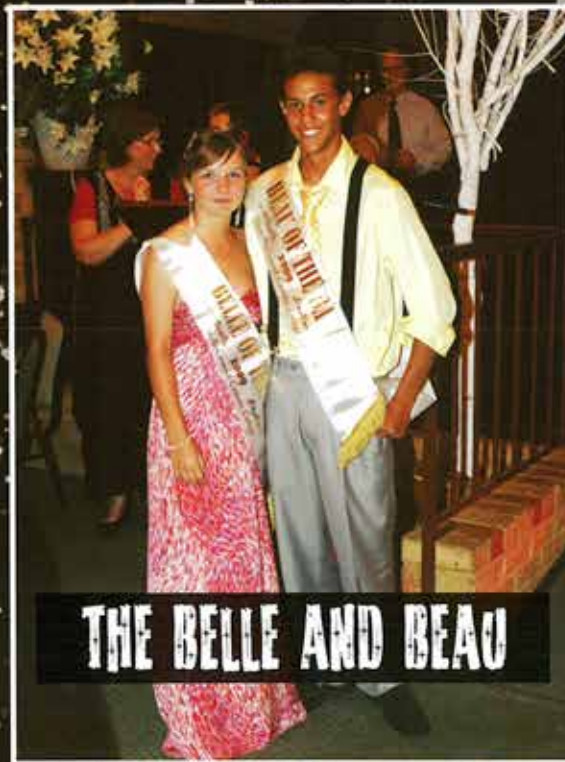


BRIDGELEIGH RECEPTION CENTRE





**MARCH
2009**



THE BELLE AND BEAU

Staff of 2009



Front Row:

Miss Cheryl McKenzie, Mrs Helen Nish, Ms Aquilina Bolton, Mrs Elena Alecu, Mrs Wieslawa Collins, Miss Fiona McGowan, Ms Victoria Harris, Miss Julie Lawson, Mr Paul Rafter (Principal), Mr John Power, Mrs Judith Jarvis, Miss Vanessa Schneider, Ms Christine Tonkin, Mrs Christine Atherton, Mrs Melissa Wayne, Mrs Angela Ngaata, Mrs Sandra Finn, Ms Jessica Stylianou

Second Row:

Mr Tony Summers, Mrs Heather Cole, Ms Maria Simmonds, Miss Jennifer Jones, Mrs Netia Meinjes, Miss Mery Babic, Mrs Liana Strutt, Mrs Rosalie Richardson, Ms Sarah Blackburn, Mrs Janice Bell, Ms Erin Jacobsen, Ms Amanda Keats, Miss Ella Delaney, Mrs Michelle Smith, Miss Kylie Malam, Miss Ellice Patterson, Mr Geoffrey Banks

Third Row:

Mr Kevin O'Brien, Mr James Ginnane, Mrs Nikki Wolmarans, Mr Jon Brown, Mr Adam Gage, Mrs Gillian Pearce, Mr Neil Bright, Mrs Debbie White, Mrs Kay Simpson, Mr Paul Stenner, Mr Mark Fraser, Ms Mary-Claire Garuccio, Mr Peter Boylen, Mr John Swindells, Mr Phil Smith

Fourth Row:

Ms Jessica Dixon, Mr Adrian Twarog, Mr Ray Metcalfe, Mr Nicholas Gillett, Mr Nathan Foncaca, Mr Trevor Bastow, Mr Julien Hunt, Mr Stephen Spiteri, Mr Byron Northmore, Mr Michael Newton, Mr Tyrone Tuohy, Mr Brad Giles, Mr Liam Rafferty, Mr Ian Hamilton

Absent:

Mrs Kim Boscarino, Mr Andrew Churms, Mr Dawid Englebrecht, Mr Harry Fairclough, Mrs Shirley Fullam, Mrs Tammy Johns, Ms Lisa McConnell, Miss Kristen Peake, Mrs Michelle Reed, Mrs Hayley Sheppard, Mrs Lyn Waite, Ms Karen Wilson



Front Row:

Jasmine Forbes, Michelle Shimmien, Chennae Bowen, Cara Ennis, Charlotte Flower, Nora Morgan, Cristina Clinton, Shawn Billam, Jade Frost, Kaylee Fawcett, Natasha Carr, Katie Chamberlain

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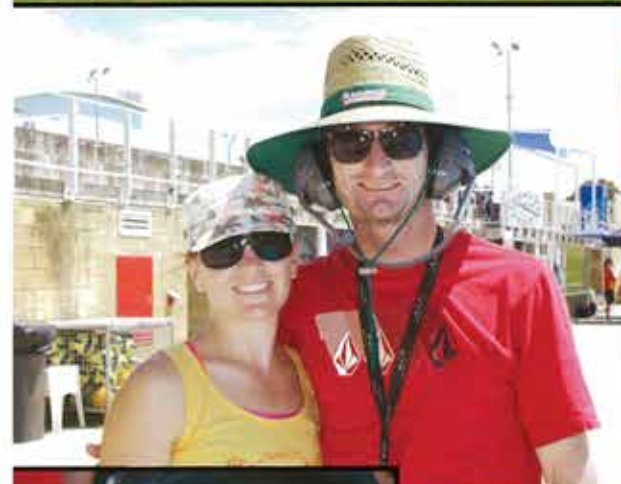
Staff:

Mr Brad Giles, Mr Tony Summers, Mrs Kay Simpson, Mr Paul Rafter (Principal), Mr Julian Hunt, Mr John Swindells (Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator)

Graduating Class of 2009



Staff of 2009



Mathematics



It has been another busy and productive year for staff and students within the Mathematics Learning Area.

The new Mathematics Courses of Study were introduced in Years Eleven and Twelve. The courses saw the introduction of an Algebraic calculator as well as a calculator-free section in tests and exams. The implementation went very smoothly due to the hard work and commitment of the Mathematics teachers.

The Mathematics Department is always looking at ways to enhance the Mathematics program at the College and this year students in Years Eight and Nine spent a day on problem solving tasks with SciTech. This incursion was very successful and will be part of the Mathematics program in 2010.

The College again participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards with 200 students involved. The competition is very challenging and all the students should be congratulated for their efforts.

Mathematics Week was another great success. There were many Care group, lunch time and class activities which were designed for students to have fun while learning and enjoying Mathematics.

Staff gave generously of their time to run after school and lunch time tutoring classes and even though the number of students attending fluctuated from week to week I am sure that the benefit to the students who attended was significant.

We are very lucky to have such dedicated Mathematics staff at Irene McCormack and I would like to thank them for their efforts this year. We look forward to a successful 2010.

Mrs Weislawa Collins

Head of Mathematics



This year we have developed our programs in English to allow for a wide variety of experiences as we learn about the English language in all its forms. It is heartening to see that students are bringing to the subject their own experiences of language and dialects which they express readily in classes, particularly those in Middle School.

We have welcomed new staff to our department this year who have contributed greatly to the store of knowledge from which we all benefit and they have ensured that the experience of English in the classroom is exciting and engaging. Students have had the opportunity to read a wide range of texts from novels and plays including the classic favourite, William Shakespeare.



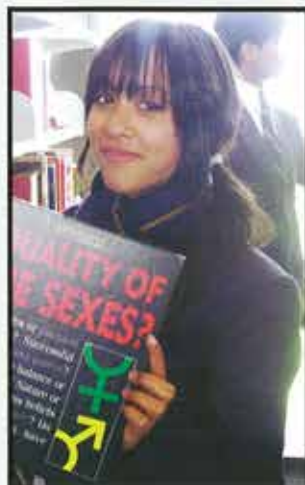
Students have had the opportunity to turn their hand to creative work in the form of poetry, short stories and plays and there is great evidence that there is written artistic flair among our student body. I have been particularly impressed by the work done by our incoming Year Eight students who demonstrate there is great potential in their reading and writing practices. The Year Nine group worked well with, among other genres, their investigation into poetry and the people who write it – there were a great many insights into the use of language shown with that particular task. The Year Ten students delved into more of the different text types and their film analysis showed that they have a great ability for looking beyond what they see.

Courses of Study in Years Eleven and Twelve are now fully established since their introduction in 2006 and students have benefitted from the scope of topics they are able to study. This year sees our first group of Stage Three English students completing the course and their efforts are to be congratulated. Similarly, our Year Twelve group in Stage Two has worked hard to prepare for examinations that will contribute to a TER that will gain them entry into tertiary study. As a compulsory subject, English at Stage One offers students the skills they need to participate in the world of work and also to study at TAFE. Again, the range of topics and texts have enriched the reading and writing practices of these students.

I am pleased to announce that Narelle Hines will be the Head of English in 2010 as I will be fully undertaking my role as Head of Curriculum.

I would like to thank all the teachers who have dedicated themselves to the development of exciting and challenging programs during my time as the leader of the English teaching group and I look forward to my continued association with it.

Mrs Liana Strutt
Head of English



Society and Environment



2009 has been an interesting and exciting year for the Society and Environment department. After farewelling Mr Bailey, Mr Coulson and Mr McClintock, who were off to pastures new, Ms Bastow and Ms Baker, who left to start their wonderful families, we were lucky enough to entice the teaching powers of Miss Jacobson, Miss McKenzie, Mrs Garrucio and Mr Northmore. Along with the experienced heads of Mr Swindells and Mr Rafter, the SAE team were ready to enlighten the young minds of IMCC.

Our aim this year was to teach the four key areas of SAE - Economics, Geography, History and Politics and Law - in a challenging and engaging way, with the added motivation of maximising the achievement of every SAE student. We have looked to develop the thinking skills of all students in SAE this year by using a variety of methods and techniques inside and outside the classroom.

We are always proud to lead the College's ANZAC remembrance ceremony and this year we were fortunate in welcoming two local veterans to share their unique stories with the college community. Another highlight of the year for the subject was the successful SAE week. The week saw activities such as quizzes, competitions and the ever popular Speaker's Corner. We also hosted the internationally recognised Wadumbah Aboriginal Dance Group, as well as a guest speaker who told of his experiences with Apollo 11 and the Moon Landing.

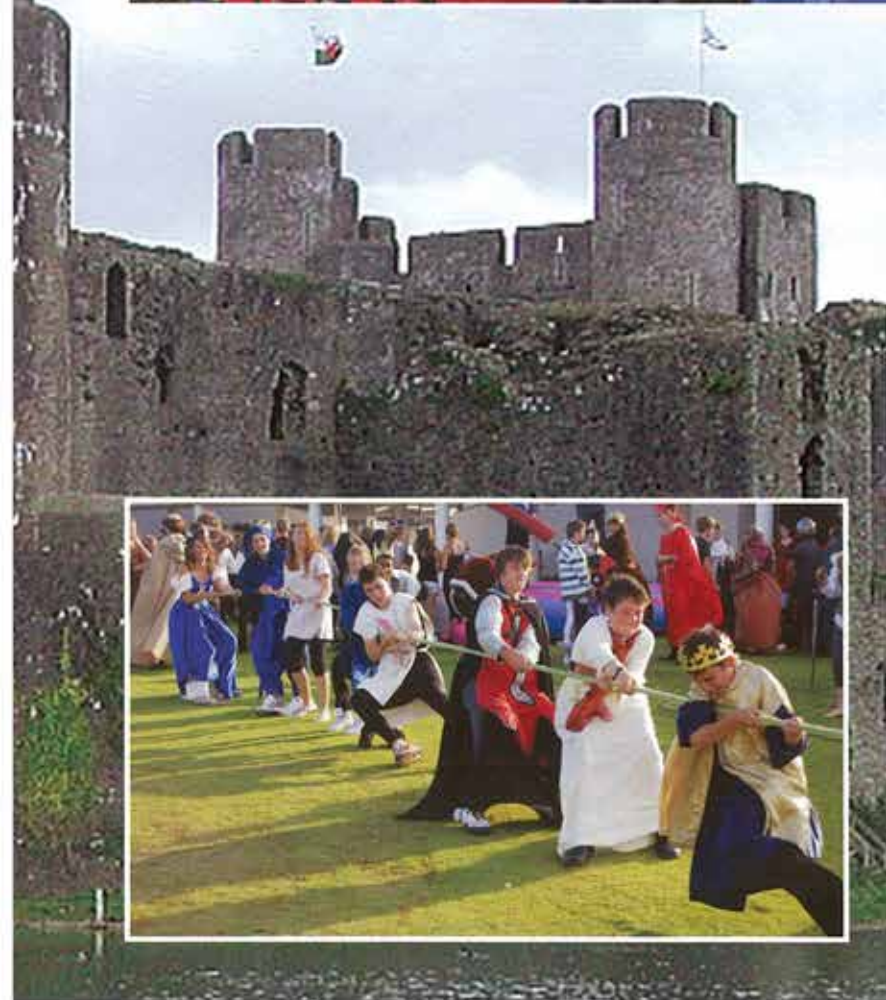
The Year Nine group yet again enjoyed the biggest party of them all - Medieval Night – where they greatly impressed with their wide variety of costumes. The evening's impressive display also featured the students' coats of arms and castles. The night was topped off by a medieval enactment where knights battled on the school lawn.

The question now remains will 2010 be an even better year? Just wait and see.

Mr Paul Stenner

Head of Society & Environment





Science



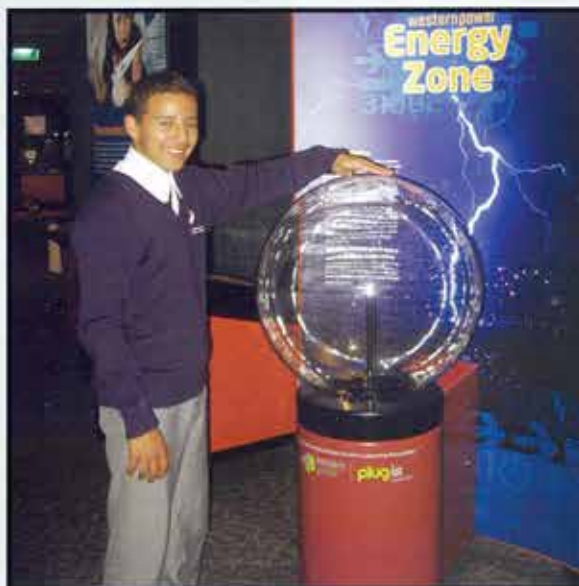
Being Head of Learning Area, I always feel privileged and fortunate to see and be involved with so many College activities within Science and this year was no exception. Once again the Science Department has striven to make Science not just educational but exciting as well with a variety of experiences.

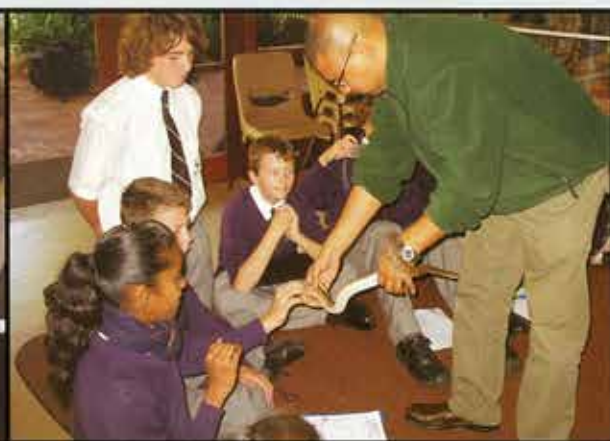
With in-class activities ranging from dissections to explosions - some spectacular, some rather dismal - to making ginger beer to cosmetics. The Rio Tinto Big Science Competition was held and a number of our students achieved very credible results. Science Week activities included the manufacture of ice-cream using liquid nitrogen. Excursions to SciTech, Perth Zoo and Adventure World have meant that the year has been anything but dull.

The Science Department once again offered after school tutoring for all students to assist with understanding in-class work, completion of homework or preparation for final exams. For this to run effectively staff gave up their time after school and, in the case of upper school students, time during the holidays. This dedication to allow the students to perform at their best is truly appreciated. I would like to thank Tony Summers, Debbie White, Kay Simpson, Fiona McGowan, Janice Bell and Jon Brown for all their hard work in this area.

I am thankful to all the Science staff for their continued hard work this year. They give all students at Irene McCormack Catholic College the best chance for success in Science and show them that what they do is not just a job but fun and exciting, giving them a chance to make a difference to so many lives. As always we get to do it all again next year, hopefully bigger and better and I, for one, can't wait.

Mr Peter Boylen
Head of Science





Health Education



The focus of Health Education is to explore the developmental changes that occur throughout the human lifespan. Over the course of three years, students learn how to promote and maintain growth and development, understand the role of food in meeting dietary needs and the factors that influence food choices. They also learn about the importance of eating a variety of foods to create a healthy diet with the aim of preventing lifestyle diseases. Students gain an understanding of human sexuality within a Catholic society and establish their own personal identity along with factors that shape this identity. A major focus of Health Education at the College is to develop an understanding of the right to be safe and explore the concepts of challenge, risk and safety. Students learn about the harms associated with particular situations and behaviours and how to take action to minimise these harms.

The teachers have developed programs to engage students in authentic and personally meaningful activities that assist in developing pathways for their future. They explore how their learning links to the world around them and applies to specific situations. Importantly, students become more focused on how their learning relates to their personal future.

Highlights in Health in 2009 include all Year Eight and Nine students receiving First-Aid training from St. John's Ambulance, 32 students achieving their Basic Resuscitation accreditation through the College, the creation and display of Year Eight Drug Monsters, Year Ten Health students designing and implementing Fitness programs with primary students along with attaining their Surf Survival Certificate, and the Year Nine students had a Healthy Picnic Lunch and cooked a healthy meal for their parents.

Brad Giles
Head of Health



Physical Education

Physical Education at IMCC looks to provide students with knowledge, skills and behaviours which will enable them to achieve a degree of autonomy in developing and maintaining their physical, mental, social and emotional health. The curriculum focuses on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and physical activity in the lives of individuals and groups in our society and looks to promote the potential for lifelong participation in physical activity.

The student's involvement in Physical Education can take many forms, ranging from individual, non-competitive activity through to competitive team games. Emphasis is placed on combining motor skills and tactical knowledge to improve individual and team performance. Students progress from the development of basic motor skills to the performance of complex movement patterns that form part of team games. They learn how developing physical capacity in areas such as strength, flexibility and endurance is related to both fitness and physical performance.

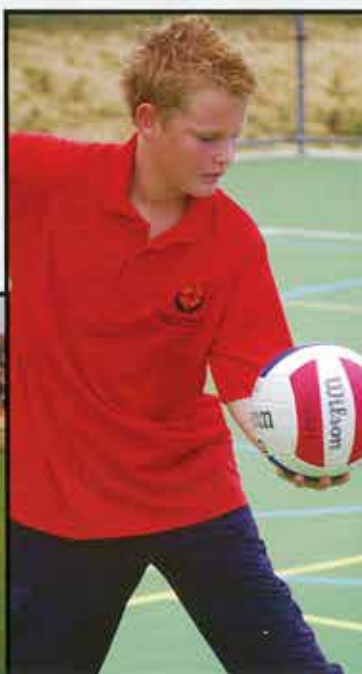


Students progress from learning simple rules and procedures to enable them to participate in movement and physical activity safely, to using equipment safely and confidently. Students undertake a variety of roles when participating in sports such as umpire, coach, player and administrator and assume responsibility for the organisation of aspects of a sporting competition.

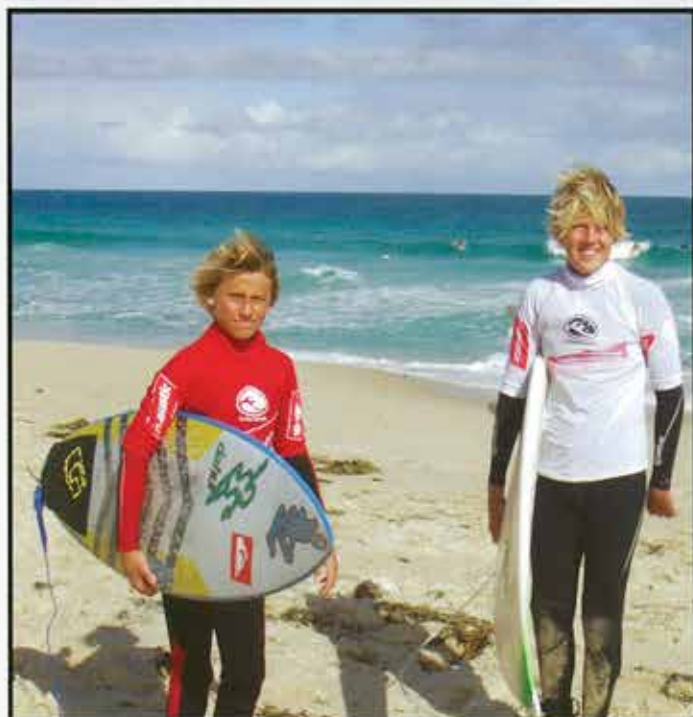
Highlights of 2009 include being the first school in WA to complete the Surf Survival Certificate through Surf Lifesaving WA with the Year 10 students, IMCC being the biggest participant of the new Recreational AFL program in the state which is taught to all Year Eight and Nine students, the new and improved Athletics program in Term Two, the outstanding performance of the PE Studies students in completing a Triathlon and the development of our students in the Swimming program.

Mr Brad Giles

Head of Health & Physical Education







Outdoor Education



Outdoor Education at IMCC has always been about experiencing the outdoors, being aware of the environment and learning to support each other in teams. We started the year with the Year Tens going out on expedition over Mt. Cooke and Mt. Cuthbert on the Bibilumum Track. They walked in some extreme heat conditions - over 40 degrees on one day! In Term Two the Year Tens and Twelves set off to accomplish a 120 kilometers mountain bike ride over three days. They faced many challenges along the way but achieved their goal. Later in Term Three they tested their paddling skills on the various rapids on Murray River in two-man canoes.

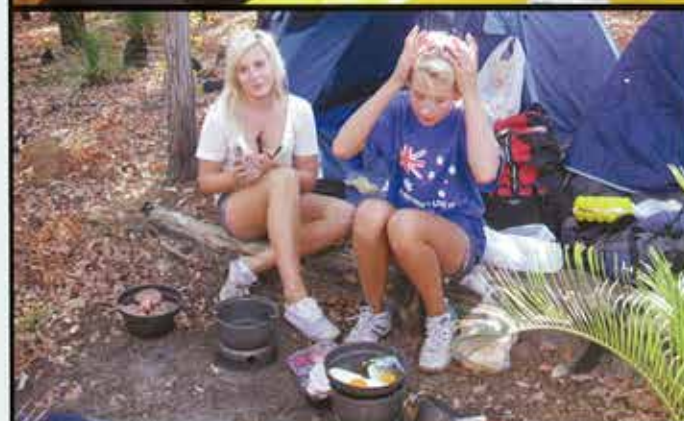
During class time students have caught fish off Mindarie Marina, cooked up their catch on their own open fires, snorkeled in a variety of sea conditions at Yanchep Lagoon and off the MACC Club. They have prussicked off the Library, rockclimbed and abseiled at Ern Halliday, as well as learnt their knots. They have completed navigation courses, been through an artificial cave system, built a crate tower twelve metres into the air and achieved various teambuilding challenges from Electric Fence to Crocodile River. In between all that activity they have learned about expedition preparation, risk management, leadership and group dynamics. The Outdoor Education students of 2009 have been very busy indeed! The photos tell the real story.

Yours in the Outdoors,

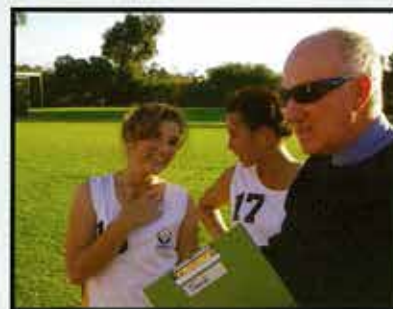
Mr Ian Hamilton

Head of Outdoor Education





Coastal Associated Sport



CAS sport continues to be popular with our students and gives each participant a chance to compete in a friendly, non-threatening environment. With fantastic turn ups for tryouts it was extremely difficult to pick a team with the knowledge that each student really wants to represent the College. However, we chose our strongest teams and they performed very well over Terms One and Two.

Our coaches were again very keen to get the best out of each of their charges and put in a considerable amount of time and effort getting them prepared each week for the contest.

Our netball girls are showing some great skills and our senior teams are really starting to gel as a unit and will be difficult to beat in upcoming seasons. The students are becoming increasingly more competitive and skilful on the basketball arena and are really showcasing the skills they learn in each game and at practice. Our indoor beach volleyball girls were a force to be reckoned with and played some inspiring games. The boys were tireless and enthusiastic and 2010 is looking like their year. Once again with the support and encouragement from Tony Summers our soccer teams across the board were sensational and are definitely becoming the team to beat. Their levels of skill and passion for the game are brilliant to witness. Our softball girls gave it their best shot every time they walked on the pitch and are continuing to enjoy the game and the camaraderie amongst the team. Our junior boys' cricket and junior girls' touch teams were phenomenal and never gave up. Their support of each other and the strategies displayed showed maturity beyond their years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches and the students who represented our College, their hard work and dedication to the chosen sports was fantastic and we are becoming a very competitive College. The respect and the camaraderie of the team members toward each other will not only improve our students' performance in the sporting arena but also serve as a lesson to be implemented in their everyday lives.

Mrs Janice Bell
Head of Sport



Cross Country



Bright and early on Thursday 28th June our Cross Country team travelled to Alderbury Reserve. It was a perfect day for running and our students were outstanding. The majority of the team had trained well for the day and were keen but a little nervous prior to the main event.

Ethan Heywood once again came home first with a fantastic run. He also backed his win up with another race later in the evening at the new State Athletics Centre. Congratulations to Ethan on such a committed effort to the event and to the College.

In the overall aggregate results our boys put up a creditable effort to finish ninth overall. Our girls finished a commendable 17th overall. With a total of 47 schools participating, we have definitely come a long way.

Well done to these runners for their terrific effort and to the rest of the team for the enthusiasm and determination shown in their runs. I was proud of each and every one of our team members.

Mrs Janice Bell

Head of Sport



Our other top 50 runners were:

- U/14 Boys Alex Barnes (30)
- U/15 Boys Jesse Way (22), Tim Fuller (46)
- U/16 Boys Callum Francis (29)
- Open Boys Ethan Heywood (1), Tom Babey (45)
- U/15 Girls Salisa Doust (36)
- Open Girls Stella Donnelly (34), Yazmin Wright (43)



Interhouse Athletics



After cancelling the carnival on a June Friday due to cold, wet and blustery weather, we rescheduled to the following Monday and thankfully woke up to a dry but very cold day.

The cold weather, however, was definitely not an adverse factor when it came to our students competing for their House points or champions. There were some outstanding displays of athleticism and some very competitive races.



McGarry came into the Track events as leaders after some very talented and successful performances from their students in the Field events on the previous Thursday. However, after an exciting day of the Houses being neck and neck with some very tight competition, these were the final results:

DUNLEA	2039
MCGARRY	2215
EVANS	2238
GOLDING	2489

It was a great result for Golding who throughout the day had more than one student competing in every event generating a fantastic team effort.

Some of the Champion points truly came close to the wire, which was fantastic news for our College competing in the ACC Interschool. The students displayed a lot of depth and a great deal of talent and I thoroughly enjoyed watching them compete against other schools.



A.C.C. Athletics



On Friday the 18th of September the IMCC Athletics squad boarded the bus at 7 a.m. and ventured off to the new State Athletics Centre for the D Division ACC Athletics Carnival.

They were given the opportunity to compete against other schools in amazing state-of-the art facilities that had just been opened. The team worked hard all day and displayed great sportsmanship and it was a close competition between the top three schools for the majority of the day. With some amazing relays and commitment from all students on the day we finished third overall.

Congratulations to the students who made the effort to get up early and attend track training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and also the field training on Wednesday afternoons. Students who trained were fitter and stronger and the results were clearly evident on the day.



IMCC



It was a great day for swimming and the students were fired up to begin the events, the competition was fierce. The outright winner on the day was McGarry on 914 closely followed by Golding on 892, then Evans on 785 and finally Dunlea on 710. However, the lead changed numerous times and it came down to the relays to determine our Champion Team. The staff team dominated relays again and are yet to be beaten. The team spirit and camaraderie on the day made for a very enjoyable experience for all at Challenge Stadium.





With a change of venue for this year's ACC Swimming Carnival, the excitement levels were running high and after a successful training camp the week before we dared to dream. The competition, as always, was extremely tough but we had a few new secret weapons up our sleeves. Firstly, we had the newly formed Year Eight and Nine Cheer Squad who we drew on for motivation, and secondly, a few prized recruits from overseas.

The senior members of the team were inspirational with Phoebe McPherson, Ashley Hennighan, Cassie Stefanetti, Matthew Hannigan and Mel Bunch representing the college for a fifth straight year. The new blood in the team did not disappoint with some strong performances from Diego Mostaccero and Bruno Marques.

This year the highlight of the day was the relays, where the depth of our swimming stocks shone through, especially the Year Nine Boys Relay Team consisting of Tim Fuller, Tom Wells, Ricardo Marques and Jack Mourant.

We finished well and I would like to thank all members of the team for their determined performances on the day. Also congratulations to Ms Bell and her crack team of coaches for their hard work and dedication. Next year we will see a changing of the guard with Ms Bell handing over the reigns as head coach. We thank her and wish her well in her new pursuits!



SWIMMING

Interhouse Athletics Champions

U/14 Girls Champion



Jenna Moss

U/14 Girls Runner Up



April Williams

U/14 Boys Champion



Andrew Jackson

U/14 Boys Runner Up



Joshua Wilson

U/15 Girls Champion



Olivia Hall

U/15 Girls Runner Up



Josie McKnight

U/15 Boys Champion



Tim Fuller

U/15 Boys Runner Up



Jesse Way

U/16 Girls Champion



Talysha Jessop

U/16 Girls Runner Up



Shayla Steffanetti

U/16 Boys Champion



Andrew Shimmen

U/16 Boys Runner Up



Callum Francis

Open Girls Champion



Stella Donnelly

Open Girls Runner Up



Kalya Swinney

U/14 Boys Champion



Marc Mottram

U/14 Boys Runner Up



Dale Hennighan

Interhouse Swimming Champions

U/14 Girls Champion



Erin Delaney

U/14 Girls Runner Up



Emily Ward

U/14 Boys Champion



Jake Attrill

U/14 Boys Runner Up



Luke Biessel

U/15 Girls Champion



Megan Kincart

U/15 Girls Runner Up



Monique Mazurek

U/15 Boys Champion



Ricardo Marques

U/15 Boys Runner Up



Tom Wells

U/16 Girls Champion



Jessica McAuley

U/16 Girls Runner Up



Jayde Harvey

U/16 Boys Champion



Harvey Cox

U/16 Boys Runner Up



Kyle Rohloff

Open Girls Champion



Belinda Bonomelli

Open Girls Runner Up



Rebecca Wilson

Open Girls Runner Up



Jessica Pinili

U/14 Boys Champion



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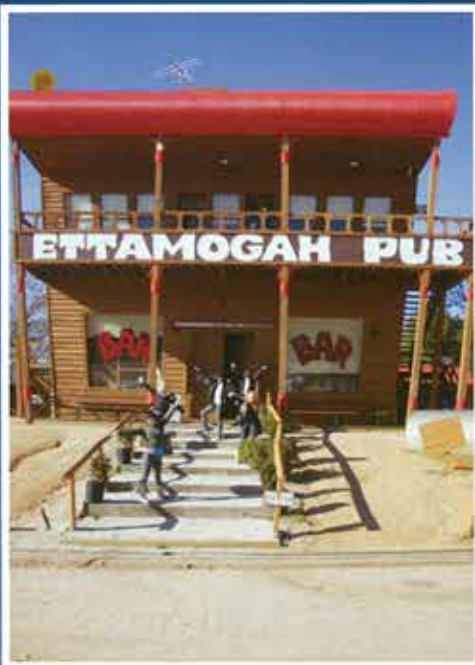
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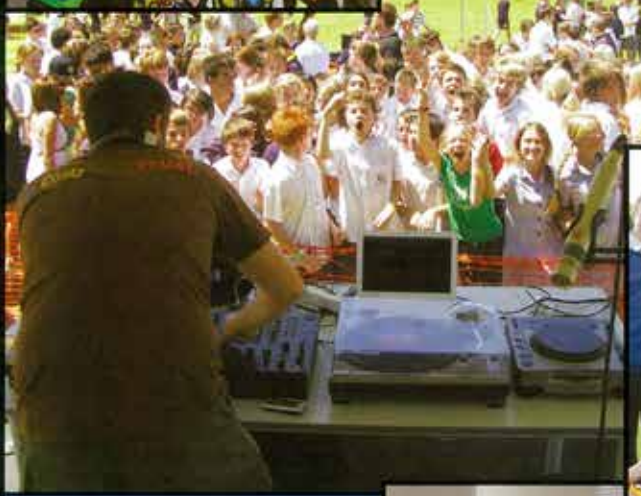


Dale Hennighan

I.M.C.C SKI T R I P









Food & Nutrition



2009 has been a year of new beginnings. Firstly, we had Miss Christine Atherton join our staff and she has been a very valuable addition to our team. We also made the big move down to our new Food rooms below the Library. Needless to say it made for a very busy and somewhat tumultuous beginning to the school year. It took some adjusting for staff and students alike as we familiarised ourselves with our new surroundings.

Food Technology is always such a popular subject and we have had yet another year of very active and productive classes. All year groups have developed their skills in food preparation and we have been endeavouring to give them opportunities to enter into the world of catering with several tasks focused on catering for specific events. These Catering events allow students to learn how to look after the needs of others while giving them a glimpse into the ever growing hospitality industry.

Our main aim through this subject is to give students the skills and knowledge to become more independent individuals for their lives ahead.

Mrs Michelle Smith

Coordinator of Home Economics



Children, Family & Community



In 2009 we introduced the new course of study, Children, Family and the Community to Year Ten and a combined Year Eleven and Twelve class. This course has been very popular with the students and we have looked at various aspects of pregnancy, childbirth and caring for babies.

Through this course we hope to enlighten students as to all the responsibilities that are associated with both bringing children into the world and looking after and being totally responsible for that child.

The highlight of this course was undoubtedly the virtual baby program where the students took home and cared for a "virtual baby" for two nights and their level of care was recorded and assessed. While the students performed quite well, and some even enjoyed the experience, all agreed that being the sole carer of a demanding baby is something they will look forward to when they have a few more life skills and life experience behind them in many years to come.

Mrs Michelle Smith

Coordinator of Home Economics



Soul Designs



Step right up!

Step right up!

The elixir that'll fix ya!

The juice with the boost!

The drink to help you think!

The production that needs no introduction!

SOUL JUICE!!!

This year 'Soul Design', Irene McCormack's business operated by the Business Management and Enterprise class, has been busy with the production and sale of delicious slushies. The students learned about some of the finer points of business including marketing and advertising, occupational health and safety, profit and loss, budgeting, time and money management, banking, ordering and record keeping.

Lunch sales proved popular in the hotter months as well as on special occasions like the Athletics Carnival and IMCC Day. Another business activity undertaken this year was the creation of floral arrangements which were sold on Mother's Day and at the CEO Enterprise Showcase.

Soul Design continues to offer opportunities for all IMCC students to participate in the business and earn community service hours.

Mr. Tyrone Tuohy
Head of Learning Support



Peer Support



"I had a really good time with my group. It was good to see them working as a team."

Kym Krishnan, Peer Support Leader

"The program brought students from different friendship groups. It was great to see them interact with each other."

Nicola Ferreira, Peer Support Leader

"Fun, interesting, entertaining. I had a really good time!"

Jordan Bright, Peer Support Leader



Dear Mrs Simpson,

Thank you so much for coordinating Peer Support in 2009. I and so many other Year Eleven students have learnt so much from this program. The program has helped us gain friendships in other year groups, gave us a sense of self-achievement and a feeling of satisfaction that has helped build confidence in ourselves.

Peer Support not only guided new students through social issues but also helped the Peer Support leaders mentally and spiritually. Helping others really can help improve yourself. Peer Support takes Year Elevens from their busy schedules and allows us to focus on gaining leadership skills, confidence and making long-term friendships.

Joe Gerges

Year 11 Student
Peer Support Leader



"It was cool to see the Year Eight students go from being very quiet to coming out of their shells."

Kylah Baylis, Peer Support Leader

"It was great to see the students develop as a group and interact with each other."

Jake Whan, Peer Support Leader



Career Development & Transitions

Career Development is a lifelong process of managing our life, learning and work over our lifespan. We need life skills to manage our private and work lives, our ongoing lifelong learning, and the many transitions we will make in our lives.

At Irene McCormack Catholic College all students have the opportunity to develop career competencies through activities in general subjects and personal development classes. This year activities included the Career Carousel for Year Eight to Ten students which was designed to expose the younger students to a range of industries and pathway experiences. Students enjoyed listening to inspirational speakers from private and public businesses, University and TAFE. Students also learned about managing their careers in Career and Enterprise. Excursions related to developing life skills such as budgeting for groceries, car purchasing, real estate rentals, as well as TAFE and University pathway planning.

Students can also explore the world of work and develop their employability skills by engaging with industry one day per week through the subject Workplace Learning with our placement company CareerLink or Try-a-Trade at Brighton Shed. Nationally recognised VET qualifications are available on site at school or students can choose to attend a TAFE or a training organisation offsite one day per week, for a select number of certificate and Diploma courses.

Students learn to manage their transitions with assistance of Carers and general teachers, as well as in specific classes such as Career and Enterprise, Workplace Learning and Business Enterprise with the VET coordinator, Mrs Mellisa Wayne, the Careers Coordinator, Ms Chris Tonkin, and the Workplace Support coordinator, Mrs Tammy Johns.

Mrs Chris Tonkin

Careers Councillor







The highlight of the Library year is always Book Week and this year the theme was Book Safari. Year Eight students started early with 200+ designer bookmarks on display, some students entering as many as six! Posters all around the school advised everybody to "Hunt down a good book", Library windows featured optical illusions, mystery animal tracks, daily quizzes, promotional displays and a real Safari reading tent all helped to make the Book week the huge success that it was. By the weeks end, a visit to Clarkson Library to meet the author, Raewyn Caisley, helped to complete what was a very popular and memorable occasion.

The Library's aim has always been to create a community of readers. Our Book Club continues to draw students from all years to promote books to each other. Our prefects and our cross country winners have been featured in posters where they tell of their favourite books and give advice to other readers. Year Eight students promote books in their library classes. Occasionally, a student reviews a book for the newsletter. Students know they can suggest books for the library to purchase. We promote books with frequent displays to market our new additions but also to highlight authors, genres and special days as pictured in the photos of Library Lovers' Day and Anzac Day.

The Library has become the hub of the school with house and year Masses, Art and Integrated Studies displays, film nights, first aid demonstrations and more. At lunchtimes it is a haven for students playing board games such as Celebrity Head and Chess and for those who need to research or finish an assignment in our computer lab or do community service.

Finally, this year the Library welcomed Ms Julie Lawson. Ms Lawson is employed as a full-time library technician.

Ms Judy Jarvis

Head Librarian



Integrated Studies

This year saw the introduction of Integrated Studies into the Year Eight curriculum. The nature of Integrated Studies is such that it allows a topic to be studied from multiple angles and incorporate knowledge and skills relating to a variety of traditional learning areas. Feedback from the students was very positive for the new course and it will continue to be developed further into 2010.



Term 1: Respect Yourself

This unit of work allowed students to explore their identity and learn more about themselves through learning style, personal attribute and temperament tests. In studying our own individuality, we explored the need for us all to be different and to embrace differences in each other. The unit also explored health issues relating to people who lose respect for themselves.

Term 2: People Who Empower

The focus of the second unit was the nature of heroes in our society; who we value and who we regard as our true heroes. We explored the everyday heroes in our lives and how we can each be heroes through to those who have changed the world.

Term 3: Inventors and Inventions

In this unit we explored the evolution of our man-made world through inventions. The problems faced by inventors became apparent to students as they underwent a process of developing their own timepieces. Nature as a great inventor was also studied through the evolution and adaptation of animals and our natural world.

Term 4: Show Me the Money

This unit studied the history of money and currency as well as looking at the nature of wealth and its unequal distribution across the world. Students developed skills in basic personal money management.

Ms Jenny Jones

Integrated Studies Co-ordinator





“There is a growing evidence base that embedding ICT in teaching and learning stimulates student interest and motivation, cognitive processing, independent learning, critical thinking and teamwork, at the same time as enhancing a student-centred learning approach.” – Greg Black - Technology Teaching and Learning, 2009

This year, I am proud to say we have begun a new era in embedding ICT in teaching and learning at Irene McCormack Catholic College. In April we opened two new Windows labs and one Mac lab. The Library has a computer resource lab available for a whole class as well as a pod of computers for private study for the first time. On top of administrating all these new computers, Nathan Fonseca, the Systems Administrator, and Adrian Twarog, the ICT Support Technician, still found time to install a wireless network throughout the entire school as well as five mobile laptop trolleys in the classrooms for students to use.

Thank you Nathan and Adrian from all the staff and students at IMCC, we appreciate your tireless efforts and the new initiatives which you have implemented this year. I would also like to thank James Ginaane for his efforts in the Department over the entire year.

2009 also saw the launch of the Friday Night LAN Party where we raised \$306.55 for St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. Special thank you to Joshua Batchelor for his part in organizing these successful events and we look forward to it again in 2010.

Mr. Adam Gage

Head of Information Technology



Graphic Design



With the opening of the new Design Lab here at IMCC in 2009, the College has begun to embrace society's huge social interest in Graphic Design and the related fields of advertising, marketing, journalism and photography.

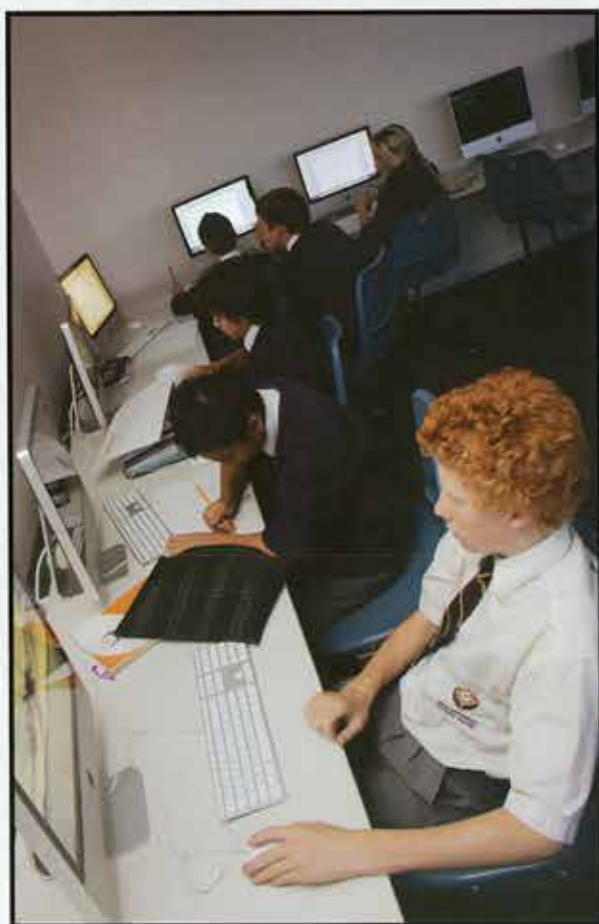
With the creation of the new Graphic Design course, the College has provided many new creative outlets for students in the field of Design and Technology. As a result of this investment in staff, facilities and resources IMCC has opened up many more interesting future job opportunities for its students.

Our brand new Design Suite was opened in Term Two, and houses 25 brand new, state of the art iMac computers for the purpose of delivering both introductory lower school design programs to the Lower School, as well as the newly implemented COS courses in Graphic Design to the senior students.

The CS4 Adobe Suite, which comprises of Illustrator, Photoshop, In Design, Fireworks, Flash and Dreamweaver, has been installed across all of the iMacs so students have the opportunity to develop their skills while enhancing their creativity and the professional edge of their design portfolios. Opportunities for learning and developing competencies in Digital Photography are also now being provided for.

I would like to thank the IT staff, Nathan Fonseca and Adrian Twarog, who work so hard to keep our IT facilities running smoothly, as well as Julien Hunt whose knowledge, patience and hard work has seen the Design and Technology Department at Irene McCormack Catholic College come alive.

Ms Aqualina Bolton
Graphic Design Teacher



Resistant Materials



It has been a very productive year in the workshops over the course of this year. Both of the rooms are now running at nearly full capacity and the courses are filling up fast. The Wood Workshop has produced some of its best work since the school has opened. The students' skill levels and attention to detail have been improving on every project that they have undertaken.

The purchase of new storage facilities for the department could not have arrived sooner as the packed Metalwork room and larger than life senior school projects have meant that space is at an absolute premium. Ben and Daniel Henderson (Year Twelve) have managed to produce what were both permanent fixtures in the Metalwork room this semester as well as possibly the biggest toolboxes ever produced in a Western Australian High school (see below left & right).

Looking to the future, 2010 will mark the first time that Furniture Woodwork will be run at the College. With the current Year Tens producing some outstanding work, I look forward to seeing the students designing and making more substantial items of furniture through Year Eleven and Twelve.

With the recent move of the Graphic Design Lab out of the D&T block (into the new IT suites) D&T has finally gained almost exclusive use of the old design lab. This move has meant that students can now take substantially more creative control of their designs. Researching using the Web, two and three dimensional modeling of concepts and computer generated design portfolios will become an integral part of each student's experience in this Learning Area. With this and the new Graphic Design Lab up and running, it appears that Design is very much back in the spotlight in the Design and Technology Department.

Mr Julien Hunt

Coordinator of Design & Technology



Building & Construction



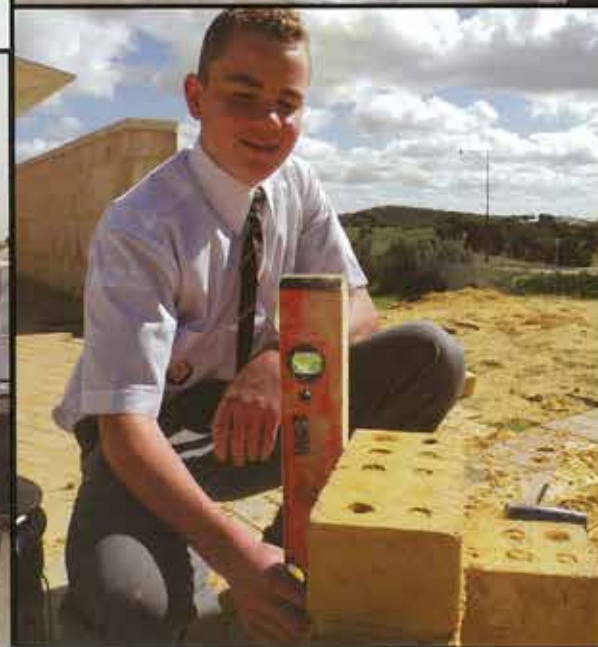
It has been a productive year for students studying Building and Construction. Students have taken part in a number of building projects that have developed their skills in planning, carpentry, fabrication, brick work and teamwork. Senior school students have been involved in a number of large scale projects around the school.

The most notable of these are the picnic tables which were designed and made to suit the school grounds. Students worked in pairs to design, cost and manufacture the tables and their presence in the school has been well received.

The 'great wall of Butler', as it has come to be known, has risen higher this year and is expected to be completed by next year. Once complete, future students will be able to use the wall to learn cement render and wall tiling techniques. For the first time this year the Building and Construction course has been offered to Year Ten students. This has been a great opportunity for students to get an insight into career opportunities in the building and construction industry and make an early start to develop skills that will help them if they choose to take on an apprenticeship in the industry.

Mr Trevor Bastow

Coordinator of Design & Technology





This year has marked many changes for the Visual Arts Department. In Term Two we bid farewell to Miss Nicole Harbison and welcomed Miss Sarah Blackburn to the ever-evolving Visual Art Department.

Semester One brought with it many exciting projects, inspiring excursions and an eclectic array of student work. On the first week of Term Two, the senior school Art students attended the Perspective Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. Within the same week students attended an Art Camp at Rottnest Island. This exposure to the arts and the opportunity to explore and capture parts of Perth's natural environment unleashed creative sparks within the group.

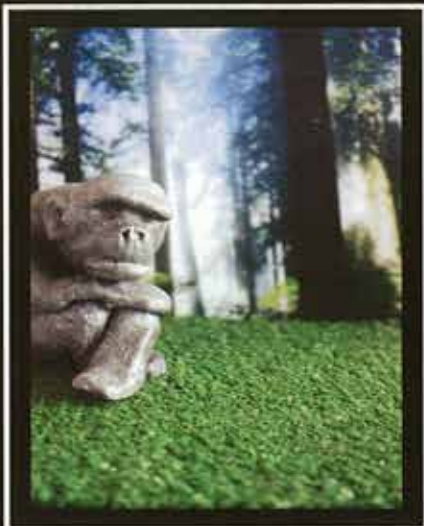
Semester One also signified a pivotal start to the Year Twelve TEE Art studies year. The group lunged head first into a year of intensive arts studies. Tackling issues such as over population, industrialization, body image and cultural differences, students created a range of works from the illuminated tree constructed from pencils, an installation piece made up of multiples of ceramic shoes and paintings and prints depicting growth, beauty and change.

The beginning of Term Four marked the opening Annual Art Exhibition. Held in the College Library, the exhibition showcased works by Year Eight to Year Twelve students. The doors opened and the Library filled with the excited murmur of parents and students. The space quickly transformed into a contemporary arts space complete with human statues draped in wearable art interacting with the crowd. With the help of students and staff the evening was a great success.

The culture of the Arts in the school has become evident this year not only through student participation in classes but through the dedication of those students who have attended after-school art classes. Embracing the local arts community, a number of artworks were selected to take part in competitions such as the Black Swan Youth Portraiture Competition, Shaun Tan Award and the Headspace Project.

Finally I wish to acknowledge Miss Blackburn, Mr Hunt and Miss Wilson for their ongoing support and creative input into the Visual Arts Department.

Mrs Vanessa Schneider
Head of Visual Arts



Music Department



2009 was a hectic but successful year for the Music Department. We have implemented for the first time the new Music Courses in Years Eleven and Twelve, the Instrumental Scholarship and Half-Scholarship Program, started new Ensembles (Jazz Ensemble, 9.3 Rock Band) and performed at numerous events.

Extra-curricular Music and performance is a central feature of Music at IMCC. This year our musicians successfully performed at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, Carnivale, the Sounds at Sunset Concerts, Recital Night, Escape Festival, Make Poverty History concert, as well as at Masses and Assemblies.

The wide variety and high standard of work being produced by IMCC Music students is testament not only to their commitment to rehearsing, practising and creating Music, but also to the valuable work of the IMCC staff involved in the Music Department. In particular, we would like to thank Miss Malam, Mr Bastow, Mr Metcalfe, and our Instrumental Tutors Mr Darnell, Mrs Oakes, Miss Rinaldi, Mr Robinson, Mr Treadwell, Ms-Connor Espley, Mr MacEvoy, and Mr Hughes.

Michael Newton
Head of Performing Arts





This year was a pretty massive year for me. Apart from entering into Year Eleven I was given the job of being the school's Music Captain. I had a little bit of knowledge of how the Music Department operated and what had to be done to keep everything running smoothly, but ultimately that knowledge was not a lot. It is incredible how much work is done without it being made obvious to everyone.

A lot of time is spent making sure everything is working and available so that the multiple IMCC bands can practise and perform. These bands include the Year Eight, Nine and Ten Rock Bands, the Swing Band, Jazz Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, VET Music Bands, Barbershop Vocal Group and also other keen musicians who come in during recess and lunch just to jam. Many of these groups have also played at our successful Sounds at Sunset Concerts. All of this would not have been possible if it was not for Mr Newton, Miss Malam and the other staff members and students who have given up their time to help out. Thanks for an awesome year.

Jon Flynn
2009 Music Captain



Theatre Arts



Acting is happy agony – Sir Alec Guinness

Truer words could not be spoken for the Drama classroom; however, after all the dedicated rehearsals, performances certainly ensure all the hard work is worth it!

After studying acting in realistic theatre and William Shakespeare's classic *Macbeth*, the Year Twelve students set about the daunting task of writing and performing an Original Solo Production. With characters ranging from a porcelain doll to a serial killer, the task displayed the students' overall creative development and flair after completing two years in the new Courses of Study. These were then performed for the WACE Practical Exams during the Term Three Holidays.

Six Year Twelve students also proudly represented the College at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, all receiving outstanding feedback and adjudications. Special mention must be made of Stella Donnelly's Honourable mention, the highest accolade. Well done to those performers.





The Year Eleven 1A Drama Course of Study accumulated in a pantomime performance. Creating a performance with a fractured fairytale theme and audience involvement has given the Year Elevens a real insight into creating a performance for a younger target audience.

Drama from Year Eight to Ten has continued to be a strong option choice for students. It has offered a creative outlet in studying playbuilding, team building and scripted drama and what enjoyable classes I have had in these areas this year.

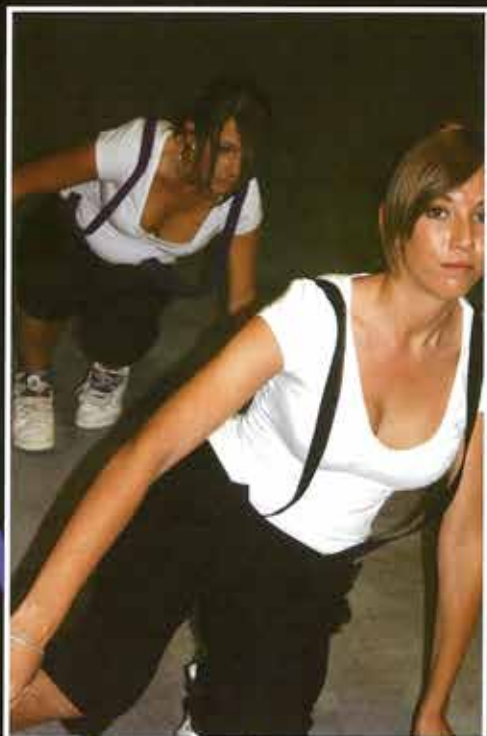
Finally, a big thank you to Michael Newton, Head of Performing Arts, for his continued support, Kylie Malam for her expertise in the Year Nine drama classes and Drama Captain, Katrina Mechler. Thank you all for your hard work this year.

What a fantastic year – I look forward to an even busier one next year!

Ms Jessica Dixon
Drama Co-ordinator



Dance



Dance this year has engaged the students through varied, fun and interesting challenges. Classes in each year group have been designed to cater for various genres and abilities in dance through the three areas of performance, choreography and contextual knowledge. With Contemporary Dance the prominent tool for development in all areas, other genres such as Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Capoeira and Cultural Dance are all covered at some stage through the progressive years in lessons and as extra curricular activities.

Dance is a thriving and genuine subject, especially with the implementation of the New Course of Study in Years Ten, Eleven and Twelve, where students study dance as one of their subjects to gain a TER. What a successful year it turned out to be for the current Year Twelve students.

Student's choreographic and creative abilities are thriving in all year groups with some outstanding pieces of work in the Contemporary, Jazz and Hip Hop genres being produced. The performance standards and opportunities are both developing at a fast pace too. More than 35 students successfully performed in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival in front of an audience of over 2000 people, with outstanding feedback and an honourable mention from the judges. Other performance opportunities were the Sounds @ Sunset Concert, Escape Festival and various assemblies and assessments.

The focus for next year is to continue to raise standards

across all year levels in every aspect. I will particularly be pushing the development of Dance Technology and the participation of boys in dance. Thanks and recognition to Joshua Thevarajoo who successfully completed a year as the Dance Captain for 2009.

Finally, I look forward to another jam packed year, working closely alongside Drama and Music to bring you the next College Production.

Ms Maria Simmonds
Dance Co-ordinator





Carnivale



During Term Three a group of Year Ten Visual Art students were selected to participate in Carnivale, the Catholic Performing Arts Festival held in Forrest Place.

In the lead up to the Carnivale, the students developed their drawing skills to create a character illustration. Their drawings were then transferred into screen prints and then into plush dolls. The Russian fairytale, Vasalisa, about a girl and her doll that comes alive was sourced as inspiration.

With a fun session of make-up and costume the students dressed up as their characters and set off to interact with the crowds at the Carnivale. The students were transformed as if their dolls had come to life.

A special thanks to the students who worked so hard in the lead up to the Carnivale and for their participation on the day, to Mrs. Schneider for sharing her talents and wisdom and to Ms Keats for her face painting expertise. It was a fantastic day all round!

Sarah Blackburn
Art Teacher





Catholic Performing Arts



IMCC entered more performances and art works into the 2009 Catholic Performing Arts Festival than any other year. This year also saw the most consistently high standard of work across all art platforms that we have ever had. Our thanks go to the staff involved for the enormous amount of extra work that goes into preparing students for the Performing Arts Festival - Miss Malam (Music), Mr Bastow (Music), Miss Dixon (Drama), Miss Simmonds (Dance), Mrs Schneider (Visual Art), Miss Blackburn (Visual Art).

Continuing with last year's success, five performances were singled out by the adjudicators for special recognition, three of them for an Honourable Mention (the highest category possible).





Honourable Mentions

Swing Band - Entertainment Band Category

IMCC Dance - Secondary Dance Category

Drama (Monologue) - Stella Donnelly

Certificates of Merit

8.1 Rock Band.....Rock Band Category

Year 10 Rock Band....Rock Band Category

Participants

Jade Frost, Joshua Thevarajoo, Jasmine Forbes,
Katie Chamberlain, Emilee Rippon, Stephanie
Muller

Dance

IMCC Dance 1, IMCC Dance 2

Drama

Mia Campbell-Foulkes, Alexandra Gevers, James
Archer, Katrina Mechler, Stella
Donnelly, Katie Chamberlain

Music

Swing Band, Barbershop Ensemble, Year 10 Rock
Band, 9.1 Rock band, 9.2 Rock
Band, 8.1 Rock Band, 8.2 Rock Band

College Acquisition Award



This award is presented to the Year Twelve Art student whose art demonstrates the highest level of creative expression, originality, skill and technique within the group for the year.

"Emergence" by Jade Frost depicts the possible industrialisation and commercialisation that may overcome the natural environment of Rottnest Island.

2009 Honour Board



Principal's Award
Elle Harding



College Dux
David Gronow



Principal's Award
Alexandra Geevers



Christian Service
James Archer



Proxime' Accessit Dux
Katrina Mechler



Sports Award
Mark Mottram



V.E.T. Award
Cristina Clinton



V.E.T Proxime' Accessit
Sarah D'Castro



Arts Award
Stella Donnelly

Irene McCormack Award

Stella Donnelly

Recipient of the 2009 Irene McCormack Award



The Irene McCormack Award is the most prestigious award in the College. Presented to a student who lives out the motto of the College of Prayer, Service and Justice.

It particularly recognises a student's generosity of spirit in that this person has identified issues which need to be addressed in College life and has been prepared to demonstrate the courage to act on it. This person must be a person who demonstrates reflection then becomes an agent for positive change in our community. By acting for the interests of others this person becomes a role model and regularly seeks fairness and justice.



*In loving memory
Armando McKay
1992 - 2009*

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the Yearbook and its contents.*

"Mary MacKillop and Irene McCormack have handed on to us not a Gospel for the perfect, but a Gospel for the strugglers, the triers.

If we choose to follow them, it will be a radical following. Our choice will take us to the same sign, the sign of contradiction. The places we are led will be different, but it will be the same road.

In Irene's words:

"I have experienced a restlessness of spirit urging me to make a move".

Sr. Kathleen O'Connor, rsj.



Irene McCormack Catholic College