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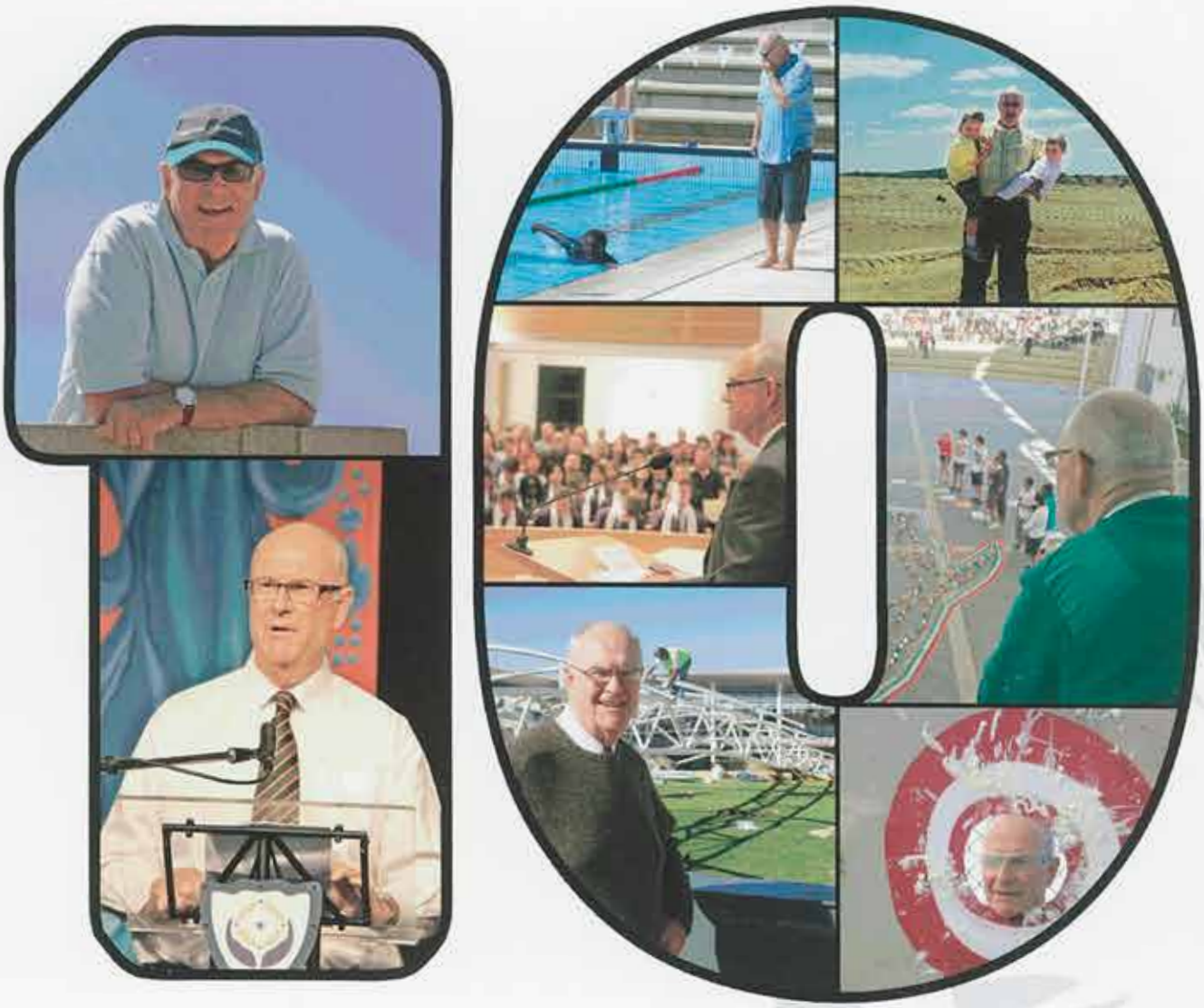


Ten Years of Leadership at Irene McCormack

In this, our tenth year, we can see the vision for the College as set out by Paul Rafter, who began as Principal at this College in 2001.

His mission was simply to provide a Catholic school in the northern suburbs where students could be educated with the concept of 'care' at the core of each working relationship: teachers care for students, students care for the prospects of their future, and, of course, he saw this place as a cornerstone for students to learn in a myriad of ways how to care for each other and the community.

In 2001, the first classes were held in a local shopping centre. In 2002 the first buildings were constructed on the site we know today and have marvelled at how they have developed.

Over the next eight years, Mr Rafter has implemented his unique vision to provide facilities that students and teachers use as they embrace the Catholic Education mandate of 'the hunger for the learning journey.' Along the way, Mr Rafter has not lost sight of the greatest resource this College possesses: the staff.

From the teachers, to the assistants, to the maintenance team, to the administration and student services staff, he sees their interactions with the students and families as being a major source of our growing success.

He reminds us constantly that students are the first consideration in all we do, and that our parent community are the partners for learning and growing through the school years.

Finally, Mr Rafter reminds us that the motto of 'Prayer, Service and Justice' should be the centre of our inspiration for teaching and learning, just as it was for the College namesake, Irene McCormack.

Mrs Liana Strutt
Head of Curriculum

Ten Years of Community at Irene McCormack

As we celebrated our 10th year of operation as a College during 2011, I was able to reflect on the numerous changes that have occurred in that time.

From our gentle origins of 37 students and 3 staff in 2002 we have rapidly grown to an enterprise of 850 students and 84 staff.

During these ten years we have initiated five building stages and after commencing with virtually no facilities at all, we now witness quality results and opportunities in Practical Science, Physical Education, Sport, Cooking, Outdoor Education, Music, Drama, Dance, Woodwork, Metalwork, Building and Construction, Graphic Design, Computer Science, Visual Art, Library Studies, Numeracy and the teaching of Humanities.

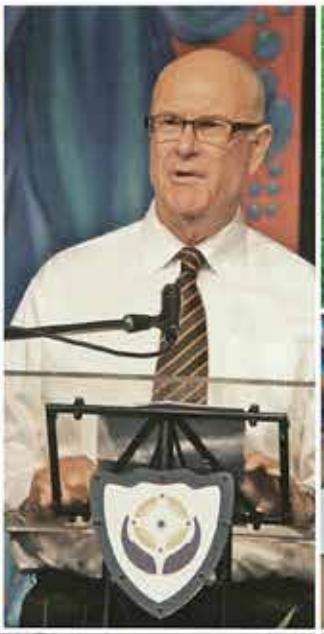
When founding this school I recall setting a personal benchmark by asking myself if I would confidently send my own children to Irene McCormack.

In 2011 I can respond with honesty and a resounding YES to that challenge.

The holistic nature of education at Irene McCormack demands that we educate the person by preparing them for life beyond school. This contract inevitably includes counselling, guidance, modelling of required behaviour, social skilling, development of resilience, teaching the good habits of time management and personal organisation.

After 42 years in education I still believe that the test of a good school is reflected in the quality of the graduates. I believe the young adults who graduate from Irene McCormack – half bound for university, the other half to careers and TAFE – are people of conscience, initiative and engagement. We are proud of every one of them.

Paul A Rafter
Principal



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IRENE McCORMACK
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Ten Years of Mission at Irene McCormack

With great integrity and energy, Sr. Irene McCormack spent her life bringing the hope and joy of God's love to others through her words, actions and presence.

Filled with the love of Jesus and following in the footsteps of Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop, Irene went about fostering the dignity and worth of each person in her care - from those she taught in WA to living with the poor of Peru, whom she gave her life to serve. Over the past ten years of our College's existence, the energy and spirit of Irene (captured in the adjoining image called "The Resurrected Irene") has been alive and well. The role of Campus Ministry has been to enable our community to follow in Irene's footsteps by fostering a relationship with the God she knew, loved and served so deeply and by bringing this love to others through everyday actions of prayer, service and justice.

Irene's story and presence has developed in a very tangible way in our College over the past 10 years. Our Yr 7's visit the MacKillop Centre, her home base as a Sister of St.

Joseph. Our Yr 12's have their retreat at New Norcia where Irene taught for four years. Our College Prayer, life, the liturgies, reflection days and retreats aim at pointing us all to the love of God as Irene would do.

Most of all the spirit of Irene, of Mary MacKillop and of Jesus is very tangible in the relationships and people of our College community. This, along with the gentle and encouraging presence and support of the McCormack family and the Sisters of St. Joseph, assists with the vision and servant leadership of our Principal Paul Rafter, and the generosity, care, sacrifice and humour of the staff who often seem to be hand picked by Irene herself!

Finally and most importantly, the youthful Irene lives in the hearts and lives of our students who seek to foster the dignity of others, who love to express themselves through sport and the arts , who resiliently undertake the struggles and suffering of everyday life and who enthusiastically and generously give to others through participation in the Christian Service program.

Irene encouraged others to "choose life" and over the past 10 years, our College has proudly fostered this through Campus Ministry.

It is a blessing that our school is named after Irene McCormack and because of God's love working through her in this community, we have much to celebrate in our tenth year.

Phil Smith
Co-ordinator of Campus Ministry and Counselling

Ten Years of Service at Irene McCormack

The Community Service Program began with Mr Rafter and Mr Borg's commitment to Service becoming an essential feature of the College. In 2005 Miss Lavis became the first Co-ordinator of Service. Her passion for justice and commitment to Service helped shape the Community Service Program.

I was lucky enough to be appointed to the position in 2006. We have had some rare and unique opportunities. Some of our students' favourites throughout the years have included volunteering at RSPCA, Yanchep National Park, Backyard Blitz's, Winter Sleepout and working alongside volunteers at Radio Lollipop at Princess Margaret Hospital. This twelve-month opportunity touched many students profoundly and left smiles on the faces of many sick children.

Miss Broderick and Adam Handley took over the reigns in 2008 and their highlight was the Stand Up Against Poverty Concert. Students became part of a global movement standing with millions of others to let world leaders know we want an end to poverty.

The program has evolved into what is now known as the Christian Service Learning Program with students now completing 20 activities in Year Seven and 20 hours in both Year Nine and Year Eleven. Again this year we saw Year Nines continue to develop many special relationships with agencies and schools within the community. Among them are Merriwa Breakfast Club at Merriwa Primary School, where students serve breakfast twice a week, Quinns Rock Adult Day Centre and Bullwinkle Lodge at RAFFA where students volunteer to work with the elderly, Saint Vincent de Paul Clothing store and the beautiful Year Ones at Brighton Catholic Primary School.

However, this year we are very sorry to see our work with the Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen come to an end, with the closure of Genesis in Beaufort Street. The Year Eleven cohort continued their commitment to helping the homeless and marginalised with their collection of over 1, 500 cans and a massive $5000 for Shopfront. Not only did students give their time, we had a special group of students who also gave a little piece of themselves, donating blood to help save others. We saw the greatest number of students volunteer and we look forward to seeing the Donormobil on campus next year.

God Bless.

Karen Wilson
Christian Service Co-ordinator

Leaving Our Mark

2011 College Prefects

With the changing of the senior calendar, we began our time as Year 12's earlier than any past cohort. For us it kicked off with our Prefect Training Camp at Club Capricorn Resort and finished with our final contributions at the College Graduation Ceremony.

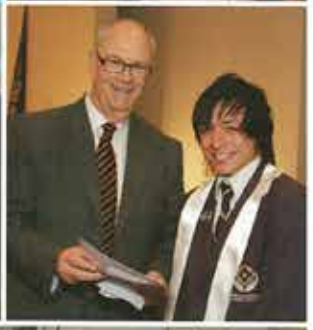
In between we committed ourselves to the famous 'MAD Goals' that came out of our weekly meetings. This led to our organising and hosting assemblies, planning events such as our Ball, helping to organise our much loved Leavers tops, the many House events, IMCC day; fundraising events and helping to plan aspects of our graduation, just to name a few.

One of our main ambitions of the year was to make our mark upon the school. We feel we have contributed towards lifting our school's pride in two specific ways. Firstly we organised a number of Thursday lunchtime events involving sporting activities and music concerts. Students' talents were showcased under the new under croft and it gave all staff and students a reason to gather in an informal forum. Secondly, together with the Student Councillors, we identified the East Africa Crisis as a worthy fundraising appeal and were rapt with the College community's support as we raised over $5,000.

These experiences and challenges were well worth the effort and have helped to mould us into more mature and responsible young adults. We are left with a great sense of pride in the knowledge that we served our peers and College community throughout the year and loved doing so. Thanks to Mr Swindells and Mr Summers who shared our journey with us and helped to prompt and shape our contribution as the 2011 College Prefects. We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and wish future College Prefects success in the role.

2011 College Prefects

Irene McCo
Catholic College
Irene McCo



Irene McCo
Catholic College
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Year Seven Reflection

Year 7 Co-ordinator
Mr Mitch Bristow

This year saw the second ever cohort complete Year 7 at the College. Once again, the year started with a mixture of emotions as the students settled into the high school environment. I was amazed at how placid and mature this group was and have enjoyed seeing them develop socially, spiritually and academically this year. The older students really look after the Year Sevens well and make sure they are comfortable and fully integrated into the school, especially the Year 11 Peer Support Mentors.

The highlights of the year include the end of term celebrations. The Survivor Challenge in Term One saw the Integrated Studies classes test their skills against each other with Mrs Gillespie's warriors coming out on top. Term Two ended in a reflection day where the students looked back at their time in primary school and were amazed at how much their lives had changed in the six months they had been at IMCC. The students also shared the picture books they created with the Year 1 students from Brighton Catholic Primary School and St Andrews Catholic Primary School.

The Year Sevens were so keen to participate in every aspect of College life. There were record numbers trying out for the music program, after school sports and the Christian Service program. They leapt into every opportunity with respect for each other and a developing pride in the school, which was evident in the success they achieved.

It has been an amazing year and I have been blessed to be able to work with the Year Seven students. They bring a joy and enthusiasm to the College, which is shaped by their Year Seven Care teachers. I would like to thank the Care teachers for their time and dedication to their students. You have all given so much and the students are lucky to have you in their lives.

I look forward to the challenges of the group that will come next year but will always remember this special cohort of 2011 as one that genuinely cared for each other and lived the spirit of Irene McCormack.

Mr Mitch Bristow
Year 7 Co-ordinator

YEAR SEVEN DUNLEA

7 DUNLEA A

MRS MCGINLEY

Front Row: Molly Nokes, Taylor Ellis, Talia Rogerson, Bridie Manning, Annabelle Burton, Ashleigh Vahala
Second Row: Luis Zappa, Ashley Simpson, Joshua Attrill, Keiran Batavia, Jake Harris, Shaun Noone, Lachlan McCann
Third Row: Chad Grant, Kaitlyn French, Jordyn Cordiano-Stringer, Annalise Mills, Jessica Wilkinson, Ethan Laugharne-Davies
Absent : Samantha Ciappara

7 DUNLEA B

MISS KOMPARA

Front Row: Holly Nelson, Megan Buckland, Olivia Whittaker, Annika Turner, Kezia Mailer, Zakia Thevarajoo, Mandy Atkins
Second Row: William Barnes, Indi Swan, Georgina Cooper, Alexandra Dodd, Hannah Trigg, Shania Sullivan, Sera Hanigan, Harry Giddens
Third Row: Callaghan Bracken, Brendon O'Brien, Alfie Kidd, Kenrich Lakatani, Connor Siakia, Jaryd Quinn, Logan Mackie

MS WINGHAM

7 EVANS A

Front Row: Shara Hannah, Nikita Taylor, Shania Dawson, Chloe Buck, Lily McKinnon-Dyer, Danielle Tredoux

Second Row: Jason Peppin, Jack Endersby, Abriana Gomez De La Serna , Tuesday Bignell, Loretta Phillips, Matthew Salkilld, Sean Butler

Third Row: Devan Stokes, Daniel Tomlinson, Ethan Gregory, Jackson Leonard, Blake McKay, Jake Hazzard

Absent : Jessica Aylett, Harrison Hill

MR BARRETT

7 EVANS B

Front Row: Emma Crowhurst, Caitlin Duffy, Georgia Tabram, Cherish Pennington, Sarah Bellew, Catherine Brocket, Kristen Ross

Second Row: Cole Smida, Aidan Lemson, Antonio Terranova, Reagan Whiting, Callum McIlduff-Lindsey, Neville Hattersley, Ronan Harvey, Caleb Paulus

Third Row: Ciaran Engelbrecht, Jeremiah Ayalde, Chloe Leech, Olivia Taylor, Chloe McDonnell, Heath Clark, Jae Glen Yates

YEAR SEVEN EVANS

YEAR SEVEN GOLDING

7 GOLDING A

MR DILLON

Front Row: Cara Bain, Emily Tomlinson, Jesse Lovell, Rachel Blowes, Monica Makuach, Caitlin Van Haght, Ishani Shah

Second Row: Jack Woolhouse, Tobias Hope-Lind, Jonathan Cliff, Brendon Evans, John Little, River-James Pitt, Michael Metcalf, Frazer Burton

Third Row: Katie Ennis, Chelsea Jacobs, Kaitlyn Gorham, Ryan Delaney, Jaedyn Turner, Isabella McMahon, Mariah Abad

7 GOLDING B

MRS MONGER

Front Row: Lisa Knight, Lauren Gunther, Beau Gray, Justine Boules, Hayley Adams, Caitlin Murphy, Ellie Sheppard

Second Row: Jacob Middlemiss, Brittany Tate, Georgia Chaplin, Kaila Purvis, Emma MacDonald, Jordan Cook, Charlotte Banks, Kyle Ewers

Third Row: Nustratullah Nejati, Luke Kennard-Brown, Norrish Evans, Tyler Walsh, Logan Mackay, Dylan Eastwood, Izaac Visser

MRS GILLESPIE

7 MCGARRY A

Front Row: Billy O'Hare, Leesha Parker, Sarah McCormick, Ellie Emmett, Corne Hartmann, Conor Lavery
Second Row: Sam Cottrell, Zachary Randolph, Beau Brammall, Joseph Slodowy, Konnor Geel, James Fairclough, Brock Way
Third Row: Amy Short, Alyshia Baxter, Lucy Charles, Frances Ducker, Abbie-Mae Finch, Danielle Vahala, Paige Williams, Lauren Axiak
Absent : Lois Kirby

MISS SAMPSON

7 MCGARRY B

Front Row: Jorja Franklin, Jay Chalmers, Courteney Clark, Zoe Gray, Devon Tomkins, Mischa Murphy, Zoe Adams
Second Row: Harri Mottram-Carpenter, Tom Varley, Stuart Powell, Ryan Collinson, Benjamin Johnson, Li Shen, Brayden Garland, Scott Baldwin
Third Row: Bailey Low, Jade Shields, Stirling Kain, Danika Ludgate-Sims, Finlay Thorpe, Alycia Whan, Cohen Dennis

YEAR SEVEN MCGARRY

Year Eight Reflection

Year 8 Co-ordinator
Ms Erin Gallen

In Term Three the students took part in two Reflection Days held both on and off campus. Mr Smith organised the reflection day held off campus lead by Youth Mission with the assistance of Year 8 carers.

Back at school... The girls enjoyed the day by rotating through different activities including yoga, a boxing circuit, massage, a movie and ending with some pampering giving each other facials with Jade Lewis.

The boys enjoyed a very active day by rotating through different activities which encouraged them to be active, work together as a team and show sportsmanship skills including boffa ball, dodgeball, a boxing circuit, ultimate frisbee and rugby.

The Student Councillors who represent their Care have been responsible for assisting their Care teachers, communicating with their peers and organising whole year events including periodic assemblies. Early in the year the Councillors organised a 'Disney' themed disco which was enjoyed by all. Their leadership, enthusiasm and support has been invaluable to the smooth running of Care and year events.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see the Year Eight group continue to grow. Their potential to achieve across all fields is evident in the amount of extra-curricular activities they get involved in and the passion they exude. Their ability to have empathy for others was most evident when donating to the East Africa Appeal. It is hoped with the development of these life skills and qualities the students will continue to develop into the well rounded citizens they are more than capable of being with a little hard work and direction.

To our Carers who have been enthusiastic, generous and more importantly caring in their role. The students are privileged to have such special people guiding these important years.

Ms Erin Gallen
Year 8 Co-ordinator

YEAR EIGHT DUNLEA

8 DUNLEA A

MISS LEWY

Front Row: Krista Stefanetti, Elizabeth McCann, Rachael Jackson, Arabella Lesperance, Amy Raymond, Jessica Rowcliffe, Breannon Albert, Amanda Galea

Second Row: Cian McGee, Jayden Clements, Oliver Baxter, Daniel Alcock, Kyle Campbell-Foulkes, Trent Crosling

Third Row: Anthony Maley, Arron Eccles, Sienna Lipscombe, Melissa Makdessi, Farid Youssef, Thomas Welsh

Absent : Carmelo Alvaro

8 DUNLEA B

MISS BABIC

Front Row: Caitlyn Palmer, Angela Hansen, Mikaela Whibley, Jemma McConnell, Tahlia Dales, Clara Losacco, Emma Fox

Second Row: Taylor Trutwein, Cobey Foley, Corey Bird, Benjamin Cope, Bradley Moss, Thomas Walsh, Dylan Cunningham, William Couch

Third Row: Aidan Kelly, David Part, Ellie Buchanan, Sarah Jansen, Tiahnna Bayliss-Botica, Adam Fitch, William Hill

MR CILEMANOFF

8 EVANS A

Front Row: Teneal Garrett, Tara Browne, Zoe Willson, Sophie Larter, Yana Ryakhovskaya, Amy Norman, Paige Marley
Second Row: Seth Capon, Ajak Athoi, Caitlyn Graham, Phoebe Hoare, Nathalina Gabriel, Jack Beissel
Third Row: Jack Bush, Dylan Templin, Trey Miles, Gary Pryer, Joseph Scanlon, Dane Rohloff
Absent : Keith Carrera

MISS SECK

8 EVANS B

Front Row: Jaimee Thomas, Selene Hartas, Katie Bonner, Jade Larkman, Jamie Scott, Chelsea Brookes, Amy Pipes, Kimberley Jones
Second Row: Jack Varley, Joshua Garland, Sophie Kinneen, Claudia Whittaker, Sara Bramwell, Daniel Johnson, Mason Dolan
Third Row: Juan Calma, Luke McGowan, Jay Skivington, Kyle Ernst, Callum Duffy, Bayley Wilson, Jacob Clark
Absent : Christian Pelha

YEAR EIGHT EVANS

YEAR EIGHT GOLDING

8 GOLDING A

MRS ROBERTS

Front Row: Rani Sue Swan, Kristina Patterson, Veronika Cane-Gardiner, Alexandra Stoppa, Georgia Nash, Christa Tewes, April Hanley
Second Row: Dion Adams, James Lavin, Daniel Haber, Sean Brennan, Harris Mettam, Simon Huang
Third Row: Mitchell Morris, Jake Glover, Bethany Berryman, Shannon Murphy, Hayleigh Orr, Elliot Banks, Oliver Davies
Absent : Jordan Scragg

8 GOLDING B

MR BLAIR

Front Row: Nikita Batavia, Jessica Thomas-Porter, Courtney Dunn, Sinead Dale, Holly Kincart, Natasha Martin, Teisha Farmer
Second Row: Wayne Halpenny, Jayden Branch, Jaya Cowan, Nicole Wickens, Andrew Bragg, Adam O'Hare
Third Row: Euan Gullen, Oliver Sloan, Jack Regan, Luke Henning, Stephen Mayuen, Trent Luff, Liam Cooper
Absent : Clayton Kuramoto, Lily Rose Smith

Front Row: Nicole Pickering, Jessica Jacob, Sarah Ayres, Jaz Baker, Jessica Hanigan, Dakota Courtney, Morgan Barr
Second Row: Marco Du Toit, Christy Windeatt, Kailey Secomb, Jessica Toms, Brandon Scully, William Niland
Third Row: Tiernan Towe, Zac Greco, Tyrone Burke, Lataya Moloney, McKenzie Birchall, Hayden O'Neill, Jackson MacLeod
Absent : Bianca Gimondo, Kasey Wells

MR DYMNICKI

8 MCGARRY A

Front Row: Samantha Lamb, Alicia Watts, Shari Griffith, Darien Field, Brittany Bolin, Emily Tyndall, Courtney Lyon
Second Row: Luke Thompson, Joshua Romanelli, Taylor Dunne, Pierce Page, Charlie Turner, Cody Smith
Third Row: Jiminoah Hale, Patrick McNally, Helena Matkovic-Tesija, Mark McKane, Joel Bennett
Absent : Dalal Salloomi, Brayden Laffrey, Eleanor Williams, Emily Fletcher

MR TUOHY

8 MCGARRY B

YEAR EIGHT MCGARRY

Year Nine Reflection

Year 9 Co-ordinator
Mrs Kay Simpson

It has been a privilege to observe the development of our students for two years as their Coordinator. I have been allowed to indulge and enjoy their companionship, fellowship and watch them grow physically and mentally observing their growth from childhood to young adults.

From Year Eight to Year Nine, I have seen their maturity begin to blossom, and their talents shape into skills in preparation for their approaching senior education. Within the cohort we have an array of strong personalities that gives this group a unique 'checkered' fabric.

Their compassion for each other and their sense of humour has blended together to produce a very tight knit group that accepts each other's strengths and weaknesses.

Our Student Councillors throughout the whole year were Lottie Able, Esmeralda Booyens, Ben Mechler, James Carter, Bree-Ann Leech, Emma Flynn, Hannah Dempsey, and Aamar Bahina. Over the year, they have echoed the thoughts of the Year Nine group. Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to their roles have been outstanding. The responsibility to organise whole year assemblies have produced some entertaining memories, which included music, dance and solo performances.

2011 saw the introduction to the Year Nine Camp. Our students were taken well out of their comfort zone to indulge in activities such as abseiling, rock climbing and hiking part of the "Cape to Cape" route. Camping out in the bush with the natural elements and without any amenities stretched the students' resilience and coping skills. It was a delight to witness the camaraderie between students especially those who were apprehensive about some of these activities and the support and care that was given by their peers.

This experience has generated cohesion to the group for their transition to senior College life.

All this development of character, maturity and integrity cannot go unrecognised by the continued diligence and support of their carers Mrs O'Toole, Mr Metcalfe, Miss Somerville, Mr Boylen, Mrs Smith, Mrs Ratajczak, Mr Speechley and Mrs Bell.

Mrs Kay Simpson
Head of Year 9

Energy
Zone

YEAR NINE DUNLEA

9 DUNLEA A

MISS EDWARDS

Front Row: Saphyre Tane-Hokai, Maggie Emmett, Esmeralda Booyens, Chloe Petersen, Jessie Page, Hayley James
Second Row: Hudson Jones, Che Hunt, Benjamin Mechler, Stevan Nedeljkovic
Third Row: Richard Butler, Patrick Flynn, Gregory Dockrell, Zacharie Marshall

9 DUNLEA B

MR METCALFE

Front Row: Joshua Garwood, Shani Elonga, Tahmina Nejati, Georgia Badau, Shelby Colleran, Nikkia Rybicki, Jacob Thompson
Second Row: Aamar Bahina, Tony Koh, Joshua Hands, Aaron Hollywood, Ethan Randolph, Zachary Sharpe
Absent : Roimata Morgan

MISS SOMERVILLE \ MR GILES

9 EVANS A

Front Row: Lottie Abel, Amy Armstrong, Kayleigh Jackson, Coire McGuigan, Chante Du Randt, Leaha Adams, Bethany Chippendale
Second Row: Joe Bates, Laughlan Roe, Devlin Sullivan, Liam Woodward, Shayne Kerr, Jack Wunhym
Absent : Ross Boag

MRS NANTY

9 EVANS B

Front Row: Sophie Bird, Courtney Nicholls, Emma Flynn, Daniel Swinton, Samantha Van Haght, Sophie Lamburn, Naomi Casey
Second Row: Thomas Hugo, Joshua Treacy, Calum MacDonald, Sabit Mayar, Rhys James, Andrew Pandeli

YEAR NINE EVANS

YEAR NINE GOLDING

9 GOLDING A

MRS SMITH

Front Row: Amy Plaiche, Chelsea Petersen, Samantha Adam, Hannah Murphy, Callie Monk, Jessica Nokes, Candice-Marie Holland
Second Row: Caleb Ritchie, Connor McLernon, Devan Langford, Elliott Kidd, Bradley Tate, Justin Theseira
Absent : Bradley Cullin

9 GOLDING B

MS RATAJCZAK

Front Row: Courtney **Dodd, Lorraine De Ruijter, Kiarni Fitzgerald, Bree-Ann Leech, Yolanda Lavercombe, Riccania-Rose McAlister, Orianne Brown, Rachael Matanda**
Second Row: Blair **Vincent, Dion Lau, Patrik Stribrny, Kieron Baxter, Liam Johns, Brandon Jacobs**

Front Row: Hannah Dempsey, Benjamin Toms, Hayden Iuliano, Blake Morrissey-Kerr, Marcus Davies, Thomas Tang, Lucy Mettam
Second Row: Bradley Pankasz, Jaimee Maxwell, Chelsey Hortle, Christie Harrison, Karley Zammit, Samuel Walker
Absent : Jordhan Boughton, Cody Hannan

MR SPEECHLEY

9 MCGARRY A

Front Row: Evie Nicolopoulos, Ellie Buttel, Georgia Bishop, Kayla Stubbs, Kiara Leggett, Hannah McKay, Olivia Plunkett
Second Row: Alex Bates, James Carter, Joshua Stewart, Ayleda Maker, Ahmad Takhari, Rhys Mazurek

MRS BELL

9 MCGARRY B

YEAR NINE MCGARRY

Year Ten Reflection

Year 10 Co-ordinater
Ms Gillian Pearce

2011 has seen a young cohort of Year Ten students who have from Day One demonstrated a desire to excel in many areas of College life. Their enthusiasm and drive to challenge themselves academically is to be commended. Overall, the talent is refreshing and exciting for the College.

The Year Ten Social held in Autumn Term was a highlight and the efforts of the Student Council ensured an evening to remember. Other activities organised by an enthusiastic group of leaders included a morning breakfast in Spring Term, a Touch Rugby Tournament for Year Ten Care Groups and a joint Operation Clean-Up that saw the entire year group demonstrate terrific pride for their area of the College. Leaders have shone brightly among this cohort and they have wonderful opportunities ahead for further involvement in leadership programs.

Reflection Day for Year Ten held in Autumn Term focused on the aspect of social justice. Once again IMCC students excelled in participation and in offering ideas where they themselves can make a difference to ensure that all people in society have the basic human rights set by the United Nations. Year Ten students lead by example when "digging deep" for the East Africa Appeal held by the College and demonstrated incredible generosity of which all were extremely proud.

A sincere thank you to the hard working Carers who continue to put in enormous hours and effort to assist their students to function successfully on a day-to-day basis. The relationships between the students and their Carers are wonderful to observe and it has been a rewarding experience to work with them through out the Academic Year.

Finally, congratulations to the many recipients of College awards; both academic and extra-Curricular. Consistent study and application of new knowledge has seen them rewarded in front of their peers. It is hoped that all students will be inspired to work hard for similar rewards in Year Eleven. As part of the Careers Program, senior staff counselled Year Ten students for Year Eleven subject selection. The process proved to be highly successful and we look forward to seeing students begin Year Eleven with confidence.

It has been an honour and privilege to be the Year Coordinator for this particular group of students for two of their years at IMCC. To witness growth among the group is exciting and there have been many laughs and great moments along the way!

Gillian Pearce
Year Ten Coordinator

YEAR TEN DUNLEA

10 DUNLEA A

MISS HINES

Front Row: Emily Ward, Michelle Broughton, Brooke Meulenkamp, Alanna Baldwin, Kelly Touhey, Jessica Smith
Second Row: Joshua Plain, Michael Shanks, James Clegg, Joe Purton, Ethan Perry, Taylor Mills, Kieran Welch
Third Row: Issa Rofa, Ziahn Johnson, Keely Knight, Jasmine Urwin-Collier, Kourtney Smith, Aiden Ayers
Absent : Maria Maddox, Alex Westin

10 DUNLEA B

MR WILLIAMS

Front Row: Chelsie Wittstock, Georgia Warburton, Zoe Marshall, Taylah Barber, Caitlin Garrett, Rachel Ellson, Isabella Greco, Taylah Smith
Second Row: Cory Barton, John Farrell, Caleb Kitching, Casey Faulkner, Andrew Ninaus, Aaren McConnell
Third Row: Kadek Waldron, Eden Rose, Jack Cope, Brandon Straw, Tileah Doupain, Rebecca Moroney
Absent : Guillermo Lopez

MISS MCKENZIE

10 EVANS A

Front Row: Georgia Smith, Stephanie Youssef, Jaime Ellen Mudge, Olivia Hall, Rhainer Baldwin, Emilee Mazoue, Kira Godwin
Second Row: Paige Whitfield-Samuels, India Ngaata, Shanice Samuels, Sinead Gude, Paola Losacco, Amy Jackson, Chelsea Poots, Keeley Copeman
Third Row: Dylan Jackson, Emmanuel Mikhail, Kye Douglas, Phoebe Brennan, Jake Makin, Corey French, Nicholas Cliff

MS WATSON

10 EVANS B

Front Row: Christie Romanelli, Hanouska Mungar, Melissa Maley, Ryah Drake, Krystal Hennighan, Jessica Varady, Megan O'Hare
Second Row: Joshua Cowman, Jesse Greenwood, Lawrence Shanks, Daniel Stow, Ashley Kershaw, Brayden Hayes
Third Row: Matthew Pinili, Sam Walsham, Courtney Grainger-Lee, Laura Donaldson, Tonia Spaull, Miguel Abad, Toba Siallagan
Absent : Rebecca Ivey

YEAR TEN EVANS

YEAR TEN GOLDING

10 GOLDING A

MISS MCGOWAN

Front Row: Jessica Jones, Chanel Kingston, Brooke Lyons, Maddelyn Coleman- Brown, Demmi Chalmers, Erin Delaney
Second Row: Sarah Rippon, Emily Coulter, Jenna Moss, Jessica Glover, Shannon Jones, April Williams, Ellie-May Hall
Third Row: Jamie Clayton, Jason Cusack, Joshua Wilson, Michael Stoppa, Liam Brennan, Daniel Le Donne

10 GOLDING B

MR. NORTHMORE

Front Row: Daisy Niland, Danika Tierney, Sara Johnson, Siobhan Lenihan, Tayia Cummins, Georgia Turnbull
Second Row: Patrick Gilleran, Jordan Mackie, Andrew Jackson, Jake Attrill, Jordon Voss, Emanuel Mayuen, Jack Su
Third Row: Daniel Russell, Jessica Turner, Shaydon Tewes, Kiyara Harvey, Katherine Wood, Johnson Bell
Absent : Hamish Gomez De La Serna, Jessica Larkan

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

MISS ATHERTON

10 MCGARRY A

Front Row: Bethany Cunningham, Emma Blowes, Clare Jansen, Lauren Archer, Ellysia Burton, Lisa Muir
Second Row: Louis Page, Vanessa Moussa, Sune Alston, Jessica Barone, Megan Middleton, Andrea Abad, Buddy Ledesma
Third Row: Aaron Elton, Giuseppe Galea, Luke Beissel, Corey Jeremiah, Jack Gale, Jordan Tate
Absent : Jessica Barone

MR BASTOW

10 MCGARRY B

YEAR TEN MCGARRY

Year Eleven Reflection

Year 11 Co-ordinator
Ms Debbie White

Our Student Councillors for Semester One organised the River Cruise and the event was such a success. It was so lovely having students remark "I couldn't believe how much I enjoyed myself" and the students were so enthusiastic and inclusive of each other. The Student Councillors for Semester One were also highly innovative in the ideas they put forward to improve conditions for Senior students at the College.

Students in Year 11 have really taken the opportunity to attend after school tutoring and I can state we have a very competitive group of students who are extremely academically competent. I am really looking forward to students taking this academic vigour into Year 12 and showing their amazing potential.

We have many Year 11 students who are also musically gifted and performances in Barbershop and the Swing Band have been so impressive. Our athletes and Outdoor Education students have attended numerous training sessions and have enjoyed many camps and I have been very fortunate to attend the Mountain Bike camp. It is opportunities such as these camps where you see the generous and caring nature of students and their potential leadership skills.

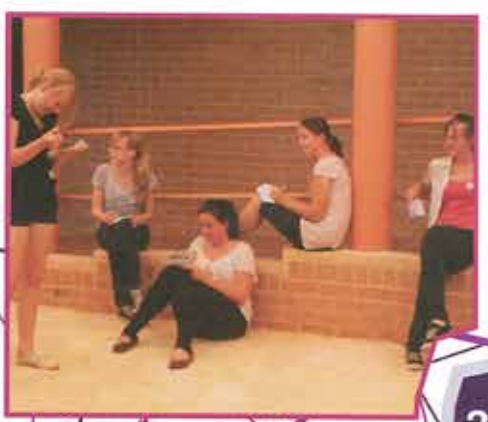
A highlight of the year was the Vinnie's Sleep-out. Students really enjoyed the 40 Hour Famine and I was so impressed with our students. I do have to say I was proud to see our Year 11 students understand the compassion you can feel for someone who has very little. It was also unique to watch them perform for each other on the night, including a ballet dance! Our Student Councillors for Semester 2 should be congratulated for the mature and thoughtful way they organised the Vinnie Sleep-out.

I would like to thank all of the Year 11 Carers as the dedication and hard work that is put into students is greatly

appreciated. This comes through with students commenting that they know they are cared for in ways that would not occur at other schools.

I wish all the amazing students in Year 11 the best of luck next year and I hope they follow their dreams and they back this up with good old-fashioned hard work.

Ms Deborah White
Head of Year 11



YEAR ELEVEN DUNLEA

11 DUNLEA A

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Front Row: Luningning Lopez, Leticia Cope, Victoria Berryman, Melissa Barnett, Grace Dewar, Aimee Deighton
Second Row: Dion Bastian, Joshua Endersby, Asha Brennan, Lee Purton, Kayne Garrett
Third Row: Matthew Varady, Kyle Long, Alex Wilson, Kyle Finch
Absent : Olivia Tabram

11 DUNLEA B

MRS SCHNEIDER

Front Row: Drew O'Reilly, Dillon D'castro, Christopher Farmer, Nathan Bragg, Jake Bonner, Sam Snowdon, Jason Webb
Second Row: Alexandra Nuttall, Ashliegh Murray, Jack Mourant, Shane Moroney, Nadia Ferreira, Megan Porzio
Absent: Leah Harrison, Matthew Marley, Joseph Shannon

MR COUTTS

II EVANS A

Front Row: Kiana Lyons, Megan Symonds, Alicia Malden-Bullard, Ashleigh Glover, Kristie Harrison, Rachael Kelly
Second Row: Temoana Whaiapu, Zachary Dawson, Heather Scanlon, Connor Hines, Kunal Shah
Third Row: Sean Lenihan, Ben Donaldson, Nathan Hattersley, Ryan Matthews

MR SPITERI

II EVANS B

Front Row: Mark Morgan, Cheyenne Fife, Caley O'Mara-Leece, Monique Mazurek, Jessica Hepburn, Rebecca Jones, Leo Su
Second Row: Jake Bonomelli, Nathaniel Field, Jacob Murphy, Timothy Fuller, Bradley Czerniak, Nicholas Eindorf, Callum McLean
Absent : Joshua Williams

YEAR ELEVEN EVANS

YEAR ELEVEN GOLDING

11 GOLDING A

MRS FINN

Front Row: Jamie Hodgson, Reiss Mackay, Jesse Way, Jac Carpenter, Leighton Chick, Samuel Neeve
Second Row: Dylan Barr, Bianca Smith, Demi Stokes, Lorrin McKay, Shane Barton
Absent : Charlotte Gray

11 GOLDING B

MS KEATS

Front Row: Jessica Welsh, Samantha Alcock, Grace Sloan, Shannon Kelly, Laura Graham, Ashley Whitfield-Samuels
Second Row: Denijel Becarevic, Michael Axiak, Hellen Santino, Cody Pajich, Rhys Blowes
Third Row: Philip McDonald, Ciaran Courtney, Christopher Boylen, Thomas De Ruijter
Absent : Kurt Carrera

MR O'BRIEN

11 MCGARRY A

Front Row: Bree-Anna Hennighan, Hollie Hines, Alysha Cheetham, Salisa Doust, Achol Deng, Amy Shortland
Second Row: Billy Cooper, Jacob Hugo, Thomas Wells, Albin Eriksson
Third Row: Nathan Dunn, David Capon, Bradley Flower, Brendon Tate
Absent : Jordan McConnell

MR RAFTER

11 MCGARRY B

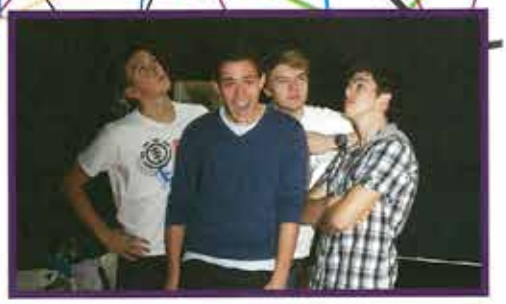
Front Row: Ana Abad, Aimee Farr, Jacinta Dodd, Jennifer Bunch, Rebekah Morley, Kayla Biggar, Shayla Stefanetti
Second Row: Luke Zammit, Brayden Jeffrey, Josie McKnight, Rachel Dunbar, Greig Duck, Hayden Leck
Third Row: Brandon Bolin, Jay Adams, Matthew Pryer, Keegan Smith, Mason Browne

YEAR ELEVEN MCGARRY

Year Twelve Graduates

Year 12 Co-ordinater
Mr John Swindells

Year 12 Co-ordinater
Mr Tony Summers



As I reflect on our Year 12 Cohort for 2011, I am taken back to specific trials and highlights of working with this wonderful group of young people. In summary, in our tenth year as a College, our sixth graduating class produced and/or enjoyed:

- Ten worthy College Prefects.
- One great Prefects' Camp at Club Capricorn.
- Our largest College Ball overlooking the City from Frasers, Kings Park.
- Four busy, but harmonious Care Groups ably led by the much loved Care teachers Miss Dixon, Mrs Simmonds, Mr Summers, Mr Stenner and Mr Ginnanne.
- Three days on Retreat at New Norcia.
- Mr Summers leading the Year 12's during Summer Term.
- Great participation and significant achievement in all areas of our sports programs with huge success in our representative team sports of Netball, Football, Soccer, Cricket and Volleyball.
- Hundreds of hours of working of assignments and preparing for tests and examinations.
- Two terms of wearing their much loved Leavers Tops.
- Twenty-six Monday Prefect Meetings.
- Twenty-three Friday Jiffy Van lunches.
- Ten Thursday lunchtimes filled with Music or Sport to build spirit.
- Countless lessons in and out of the classroom setting.
- Friendships and memories to last a lifetime.
- A College record of Five Certificates of Distinction.
- One hundred and five Graduates.

I am drawn to the special moments and to the magnitude of students' individual achievements, gifts and character development of our 2011 Leaving Class. They have markedly helped to shape and develop the culture and traditions of our College over their time with us, and I often heard it said that they are proud of the College they now leave behind for their next chapter in life. I wish our Graduates well and hope they take some of the joy and zest for life, openness to God and love for learning that Irene McCormack herself had, with them.

John Swindells
Head of Year 12

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College

Leavers
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Mossimo
Leavers
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Duran

Twelve Evans

Twelve Dunlea

Twelve Golding

Stephani Muller

Shelby James

Maddison Grainger-Lee

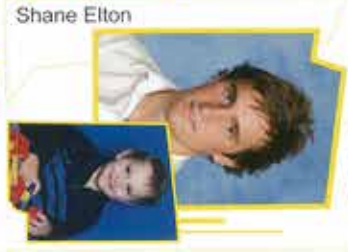
Renae Cooper

Care Teacher - Mr Ginnane

Demi Quinn

Talysha Jessop

William Griffiths


Shane Elton

Jade Barber

Anne-Gaelle Rene

Mitchell Larkan

Jayde Harvey

Julie Endersby

Pious Bella

Jessica Sandham

Jesica Meulenkamp

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Amanda Foster

Molly Brennan

Aaron Suleman

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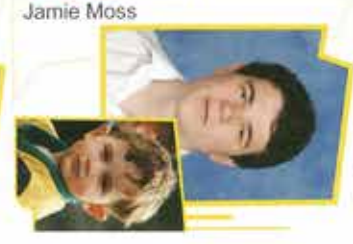
Carlo Gimondo

Joshua Browne

Connor Thorpe


Jamie Moss

Pedro Ismael

Emily Gorst

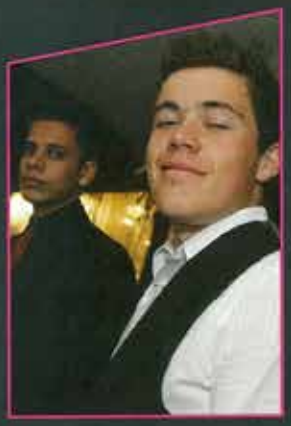
Chloe Bush

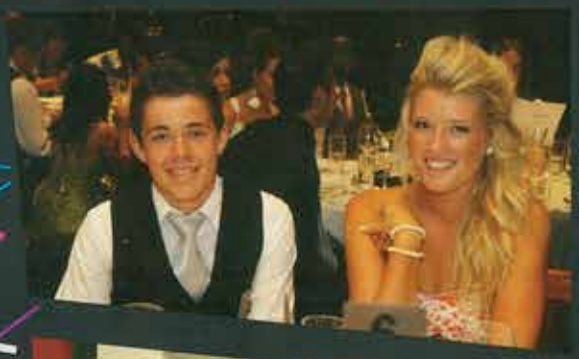
Twelve McGarry

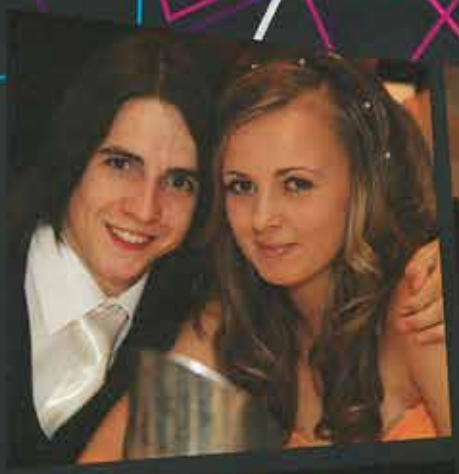
Care Teacher - Mr Stenner
Rachael Brettig
Claire Brown
Rebekah Casey
Courtney Coleman-Brown
Harvey Cox
Breigh Ferguson
Eamon Grey
Michael Hannigan
Katelyn Kitching
Dillon Lau
Tyson Lee
Victoria Mannering
Shannon McGee
Alexander McKay
Christian Mechler
Sophie Mosscrop
Kieran Parkes
Olivia Scanlon
Andrew Shimmen
Georgina Stiffel
Reece Stokes
Tiarne Taylor-Winter
Courtney Truslove
Jacob Way
Joel Whibley

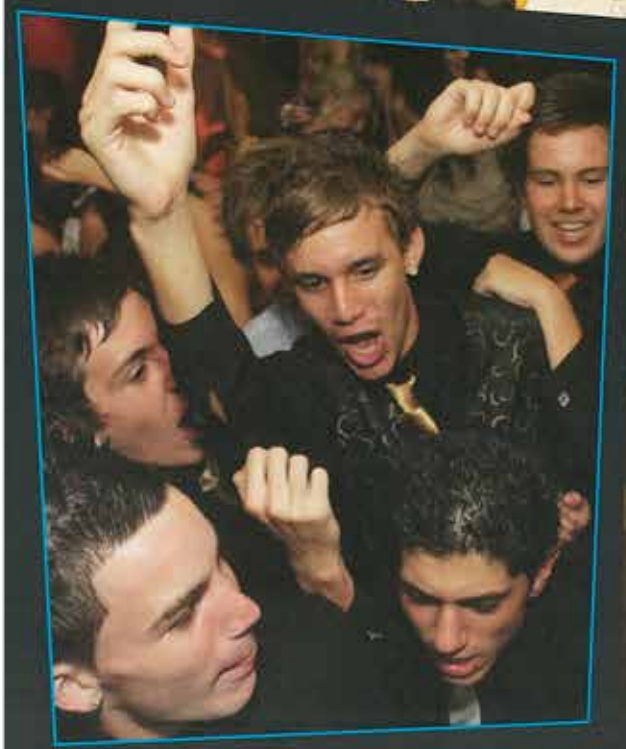
SUMMER SERENITY

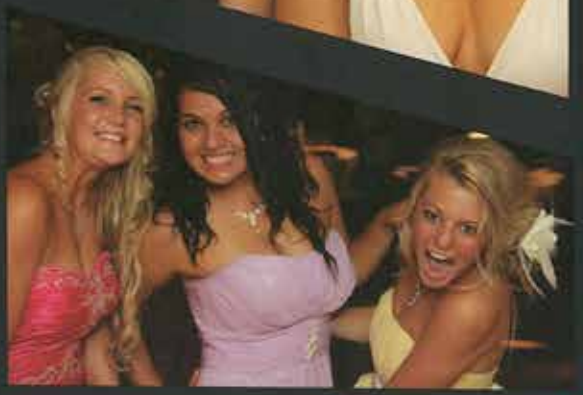
Irene McCormack College Ball











Frasers Restaurant February 2011

Year Twelve Awards

...and the winners are....

'Gotcha Back Baby' Award
Emma-Lee Wharepapa

'Did Someone Say Cats?' Award
Hannah Stow

'The Gillard' Award
Stephani Muller

'Dictator' Award
Kieran Parkes

'The Einstein' Award
Dillon Lau

'Talks Underwater' Award
Elly Campbell-Foulkes

'Barbie' Award
Kayla Theron

'Most Likely Couple' Award
Brett Roberts & Emily Gorst

'Double life' Award
Maddi Grainger-lee

'The 6 Husbands Later' Award
Chloe Bush

'Most Likely Future Principal' Award
Mr Ginnanne

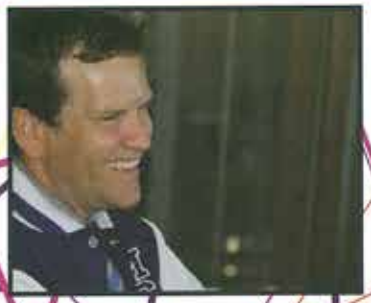
'Most Likely To Be Famous' Award
Corey Chalmers

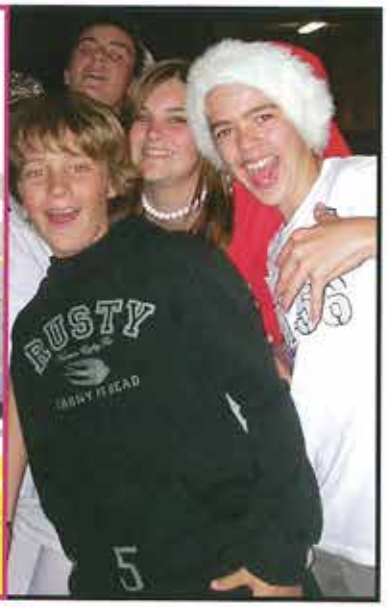
Most Likely To Go To Jail
Carlo Gimondo

'Already Married' Award
Shane Elton & Talysha Jessop

'Most Disorganised' Award
Jade Kingston

'Likely To Work At Maccas Til They're 50' Award
Jamie Moss

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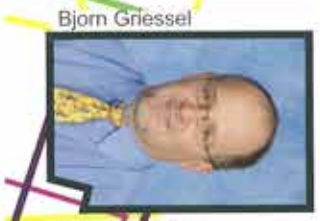
Staff of IMCC


Bjorn Griessel

Sandra Finn

Julie Cole

James Gullen

Nathan Fonceca

Ryan Coutts

Narelle Hines

Erin Gallen

Ken Dillon

Julien Hunt

Brad Giles

Jessica Dixon

Judith Jarvis

Lauren Gillespie

Peter Dymnicki

Tammy Johns

James Ginnane

Dawid Englebrecht

Tara Johnson

Lisa Green

Harry Fairclough

Belinda Bonomelli

Laura Alban

Kim Boscarino

Elena Alecu

Robi Boscarino

Mery Babic

Peter Boylen

Lincoln Barrett

Neil Bright

Trevor Bastow

Mitchell Bristow

Janice Bell

Dave Bubb

Robert Blair

Fiona McGowan

Amanda Keats

Cheryl McKensie

Nicole Kompara

Ray Metcalfe

Julie Lawson

Kate Minchin

Karolina Lewy

Fiona Monger

Cammy Lindsay

Michael Newton

Kylie Malam

Angela Ngaata

Inez McGinley

Staff of IMCC

Byron Northmore

Kevin O'Brien

Paula O'Toole

Donna Papas

Alison Parker

Gillian Pearce

John Power

Liam Rafferty

Faye Ratajczak

Michelle Reed

Rosalie Richardson

Amy Sampson

Vanessa Schneider

Emily Seck

Kay Simpson

Michelle Smith

Phillip Smith

Jane Somerville

Vanessa Speary

Mike Speechley

Deborah White

David Williams

Sally Tabram

Tyrone Tuohy

Stephen Spiteri

Paul Stenner

Karen Wilson

Simone Wingham

Nicole Wolmarans

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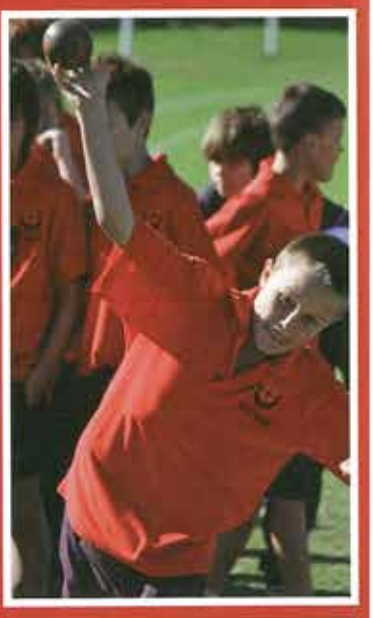

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head of curriculum

It has been an exciting year for curriculum development and programming at Irene McCormack Catholic College. 2011 has seen the completion of the first year after the introduction of the earlier start to study in October of 2010. Our College is the first Catholic school in Western Australia to undergo this organisational change, which has offered senior school students from years Ten to Twelve more time to complete courses. It also allowed for programs to include activities that contributed to the rich learning experiences that students are able to take with them beyond school.

Our one-to-one laptop program in Year Seven has proved to be most successful, with students using Macs to view clips, write assignments, read books and, in one case, Skype a scientist from NASA to learn more about space.

Year Eight students continued their studies in the core subject areas in addition to Integrated Studies where they completed investigations on issues outside the classroom that will impact on their adolescent lives.

In Year Nine, students have been taken outside of the classroom for experiential learning at a week long camp which aims to 'stretch the boundaries' and give students the opportunity to work on team skills. We very much look forward to 'growing' our programs of study and we are equally proud of our academic, religious, sporting, community and service achievements which promote the College motto of 'Prayer, Service and Justice.'

Mrs Liana Strutt
Head of Curriculum

integrated studies

YEAR 8 UNITS

Resilience: A health unit focusing on the five resilience skills – Helpful and Positive Thinking, Seeking Help, Planning Ahead, Courage, Reading Emotions - in order to develop life skills to cope and bounce back from the many ups and downs that come our way in this day and age.

Career Development and Enterprise: A business unit that looks at what a career is with a particular focus on small business. The students have the opportunity to create their own business venture. A market stall day is then the end product of the students' work.

YEAR 9 UNITS

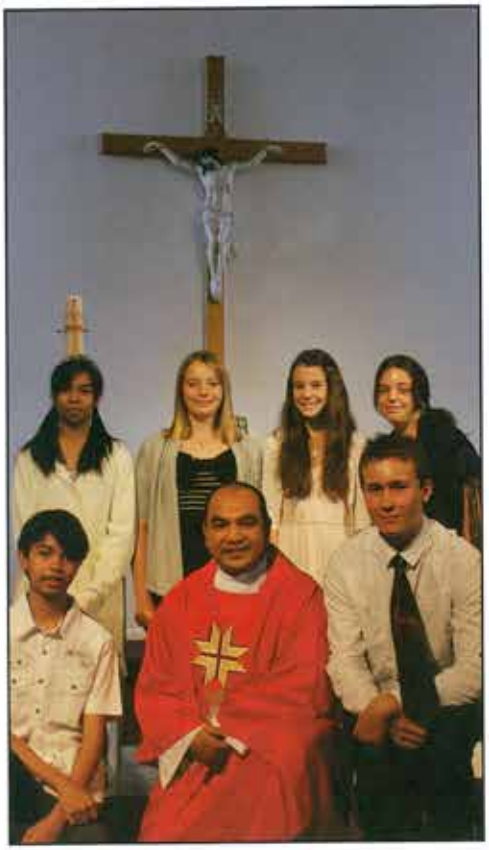
Developing Social Skills: A program designed to encourage confidence and social interaction skills in young people that will empower them in daily life and the workplace.

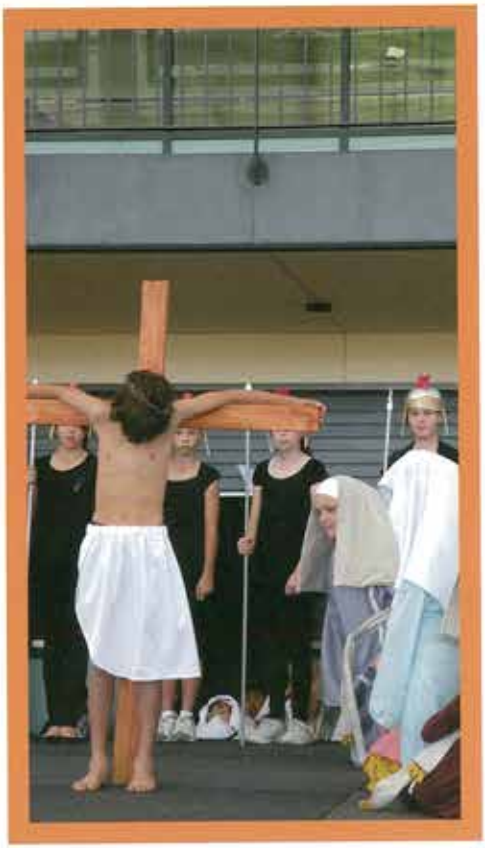
YEAR 8/9 UNITS

Cyber Safety: A unit focusing on the implications of technology on today's society, specifically looking at online safety. The students attended a presentation by ACMA which discussed the many issues that face young people when using technology. A parent information evening was also organised.

Drug Awareness: A health unit focusing on avoiding and reducing the risks and consequences of drug use. Jade Lewis, a reformed drug addict, presented a drug prevention seminar to the students with a clear message of 'just say no' after sharing her own personal struggle with drug abuse.

Mrs Erin Gallen
Year 8 Coordiator





Religious Education in the Middle School is a learning journey filled with information and experiences designed to enrich the lives of our students.

The Year Seven students began their journey with the Easter Passion Play called "What a week for Jesus." Their excellent performances for both the College and Parish communities told the story of the last week of Jesus on earth.

The student body also experienced the Easter Story by journeying through the 'Stations of the Cross' that were set up within the College grounds.

The Religious Education classes took time out to demonstrate Prayer and Service by becoming involved in the Lenten Caritas Program and, more recently, the East African Appeal. The generosity of our students is amazing. They are to be congratulated on the way they help those who are less fortunate. These exercises helped to publicise Irene McCormack Catholic College throughout Australia. Our program featured in the Catholic newspaper 'The Record' and Caritas showcased it in other Australian states.

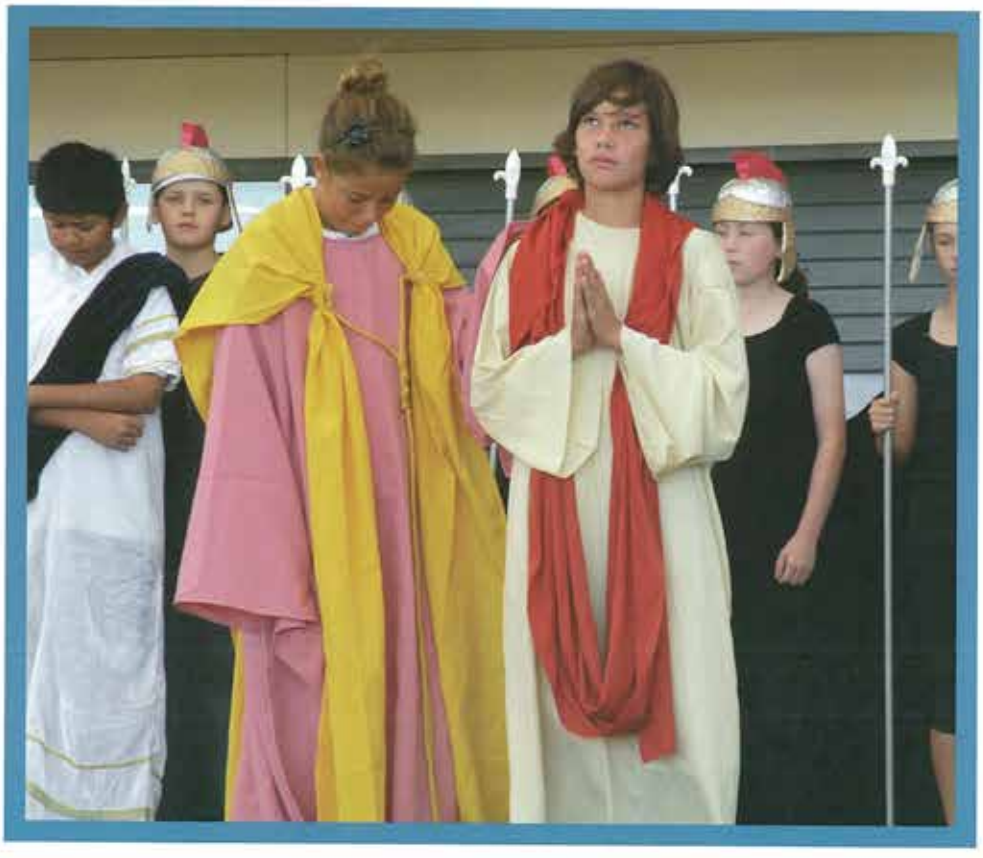
The Religious Education Department comprises of a dedicated group of staff that also have responsibilities in other learning areas. They are genuinely committed to assisting our students to live the College motto of 'Prayer, Service and Justice.' We are privileged to have them as part of our team.

Kevin O'Brien
Head of Religious Education

I often think about what our students will take from their learning in the subject of Religious Education beyond the high school years. As a Head of Learning Area, I've taken great pride in the fact that our students as a whole have performed very well in the 'Religion & Life' courses of study. However, as a devout Catholic (a person of faith, prayer, and lover of Theology and Philosophy), what I believe is my greatest joy in teaching our senior students is witnessing their growth, both in knowledge and understanding of the church that Jesus Christ himself established (the Catholic Church) and the students' ability to analyse and approach everyday life situations and issues affecting the global community with Christ if not at the centre, but very, very close to them.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the Senior Religious Education team for 2011, in helping instil an awareness of the mercy and love of Jesus Christ in the lives of our students: Paul Rafter, Liam Rafferty, John Swindells, Liana Strutt, Mery Babic, Nicole Kompara, and Emily Seck. Our thanks go to our students as well for making the experience of teaching Senior Religious Education - although at times testing - a fulfilling and enriching experience.

Stephen Spiteri
Head of Senior Religious Education



PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Leadership Day in the Summer Term allowed our future leaders the opportunity to shine. The venue was John Wollaston Anglican Community School in Mount Claremont and the students were treated to a corporate style venue. Groovy music was played by three of the College Prefects and Emily Gorst, Emma Wharepapa, Michael Hannigan, along with Mr Mitch Bristow and myself facilitated a variety of activities on the day.

Students could access the 'God voice' (a microphone) to discuss ideas to support the new Year Seven students. Concerns and improvements for the College as a whole were discussed in a very mature and innovative way. Students were positive and inventive and displayed great potential as leaders.

The Year 11 students were all given a Care Group to look after for the year and they took to this position with enthusiasm and a great deal of compassion for the younger students. Mr Bristow would agree that the Year 7 students idolised the older students and really enjoyed the periods each Thursday conducted in Personal Development during the year. The Year 11 students were delighted by the responses they received from the younger students and a genuine, warm relationship was formed.

I would like to thank all the Peer Support leaders and tell them how proud we are of the support and effort they put into their position. I would like to thank our Peer Support Prefect, Emily Gorst, for her tireless involvement with the Year Seven and Eleven students. Her infectious enthusiasm was contagious and it was so encouraging seeing the cross interaction of year levels. I would also like to thank Mr Bristow and the Year Seven Carers for allowing us the opportunity to become involved with the Year Seven students. The experience was so rewarding and demonstrates the natural empathy students have for each other at the College.

Ms Deborah White
Head of Year 11

Society & environment

In 2011, the Society and Environment department has gone from strength to strength at both ends of the learning spectrum. For the first time we were able to introduce SAE as an individual subject at Year Seven level, giving the students an opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills at an earlier stage. This engaging and enjoyable curriculum has been wonderfully put together and delivered by the exceptional Year Seven team.

This has allowed the programmes in Year Eight and Nine to be rewritten to enhance student progression further. At the senior end of the scale, we were delighted with the fact that for the first time the four disciplines of SAE were offered at both Stage Two and Three levels. This strong uptake is a credit to the hard work and commitment of the department as a whole.

Once again we were proud to lead the College's ANZAC remembrance ceremony, with this year proving to be the most moving and thought provoking in recent memory.

On the excursion front, we have gone bigger and better in 2011 with the Geography trip to Rottnest, History excursion to the Holocaust Institute and the Politics and Law students meeting former Prime minister John Howard.

Year Nine Medieval Night was once again a highlight for the department as it is always pleasing to see the effort the students go to with the costumes and their medieval castles.

As a department, we are very excited about the prospect of 2012 and beginning the move towards the Australian Curriculum with its strong focus on SAE subject areas.

Mr Paul Stenner
Head of Department

"Try to learn something about everything...

... and everything about something."

Thomas Henry Huxley
(1825-1895)

mathematics

Congratulations to the top students in the Australian Maths Competition for each of the year groups.

Year 7 – Jeremiah Ayalde
Year 8 – Joshua Romanelli
Year 9 – Dion Lau
Year 10 – Toba Siallagan
Year 11 – Rachel Dunbar
Year 12 – Kieran Parkes

Lots of things have been happening throughout the College in Maths this year. Mr Metcalfe happily gave his time to organise and coordinate the 'Have Sum Fun' Competition online this year. We had three teams of students from years Seven, Nine and Ten involved and we were very pleased with their efforts. All teams placed in the top third of the competition.

The Year Seven students all experienced an incursion with 'World of Maths' coming to the College for the day and taking over the Library. Students were engaged in solving a variety of 'hands-on' mathematical problems as a group activity.

All Year Seven students and Modified classes in Years Eight and Nine have had access to the Mathletics Website again this year and they have found this to be an engaging and useful addition to their learning of Mathematics.

We asked for some of the senior students to be creative in their Mathematics. The Stage 1B/C students were required to design and create Probability board games appropriate for the age group they selected. The Year Ten Modified Maths students applied their skills in Measurement and Design to create a 'Cubby House.' They then had to make scale models of their designs.

Once again the College competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

We had a total of 124 students involved this year, of which 13% scored distinctions and two of the students earned scores in the 99th and 100th percentile.

As I write this report, our Stage Two and Three Year Eleven and Twelve students are busy studying for their final examinations and we wish them every success.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the Mathematics staff. Your professionalism, enthusiasm for the teaching of Mathematics and genuine concern for the learning of your students is appreciated.

Faye Ratajczak
Head of Mathematics

Science

2011 has been an exciting year in Science. We have had the usual capers of blowing things up in Chemistry, making things work in Physics, cutting things in up in Human Biology and even exploding ginger beer bottles in Integrated Science. However, it is the times when the students have been out of the classroom that they have shone with their knowledge.

Excursions to places such as Scitech, Perth Zoo and Adventure World have brought out the best in our students and as a science department, we have been very proud.

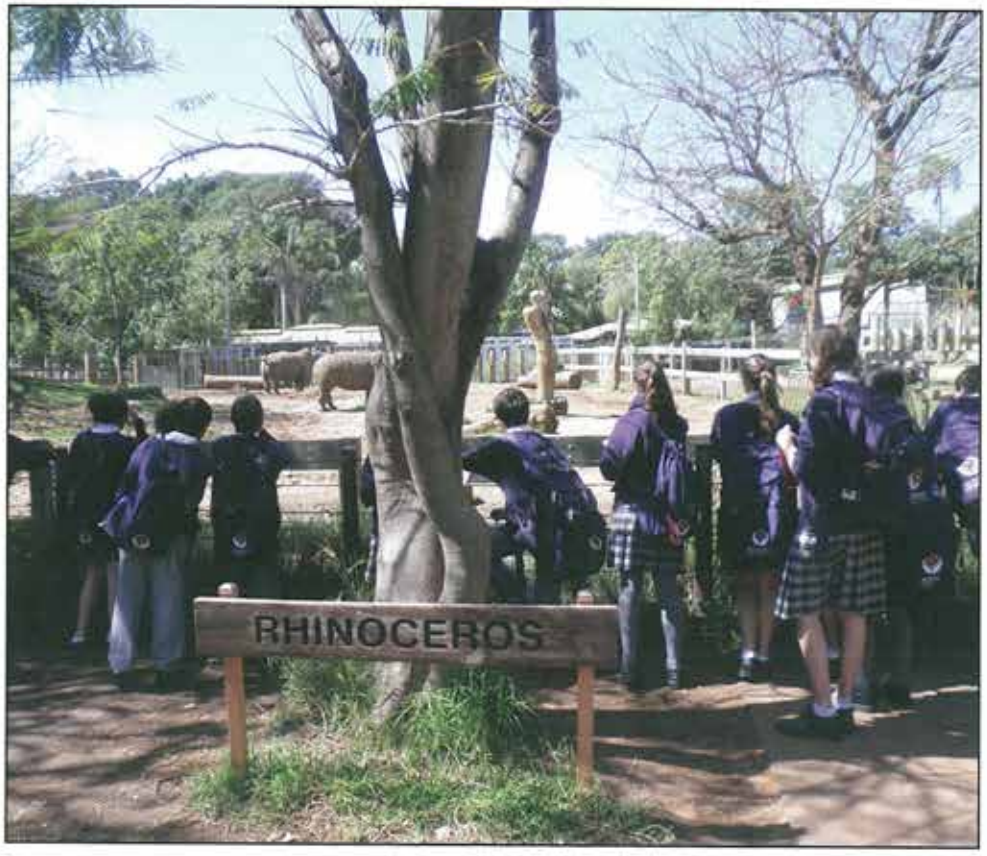
At the start of the year while I was on leave, Science was ably lead by Miss Fiona McGowan who did a brilliant job overseeing the term and ensuring the Open Day was a success for Science. This was evident from the positive feedback from students, parents and even prospective families.

My thanks also to Debbie White, Tony Summers, Kay Simpson, Mitch Bristow, Janice Bell and Nicole Kompara for everything they have done this year. I would especially like to thank them for the time they have given up before and after class to run tutoring sessions to allow the students to achieve at their maximum ability. With this commitment and dedication, it is no wonder that our students are generally keen for class and are a credit to the College both in their studies and their behaviour on excursions.

Mr Peter Boylen
Head of Science

"Science... the Ultimate Learning Frontier. Sometimes I am a little unkind to all my many friends in education ... by saying that from the time it learns to talk, every child makes a dreadful nuisance of itself by asking "Why?". To stop this nuisance, society has invented a marvellous system called education, which, for the majority of people, brings to an end their desire to ask that question. The ones who keep asking the question are known as scientists. So Science's goal is simple. It is complete understanding of the universe, why it is as it is and why it exists at all".

Hermann Bondi (Mathematician/Cosmologist)



English

"write to be understood, speak to be heard, read to grow.."

What a fantastic year it has been in English! Our continual goals of supporting 'experiential learning' have engaged the students with more hands on activities and assessments, while still upholding standards of academic excellence.

Year Seven students recently had the privilege of speaking to Norman Jorgensen, the author of the text they were studying in class and the Year Eight students were impressed by the process of creating, printing and delivering newspapers during their excursion to The West Australian Newspaper House.

Year Ten students had the opportunity to view a live performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth, while another group took a trip to the cinema to enhance their film analysis skills. Our Year Twelve students also made us proud with their behaviour and eagerness at the Annual English TEE Conference at Curtin University.

Literacy Week was an overwhelming success with the English staff hosting the first ever Literacy Week Quiz Night. We had a library absolutely packed full of eager and excited students. The students did not stop raving about the event all week and loved the opportunity to get together and battle it out with their knowledge of films, books, plays, authors, spelling, grammar, music and poetry. During the week, we also had lunch time activities like anagrams, word puzzles, our annual Spelling Bee and our first ever Amazing Race Literacy Treasure Hunt.

Staff members have continued to work tirelessly, dedicating after-school hours to holding tutorials for students to assist with homework, assessments and preparation for exams on a weekly basis. The attitude of students in English has been impressive; with remarkably large numbers coming to the library for this extra help in their own time. This academic rigour is something we continue to promote and develop in English.

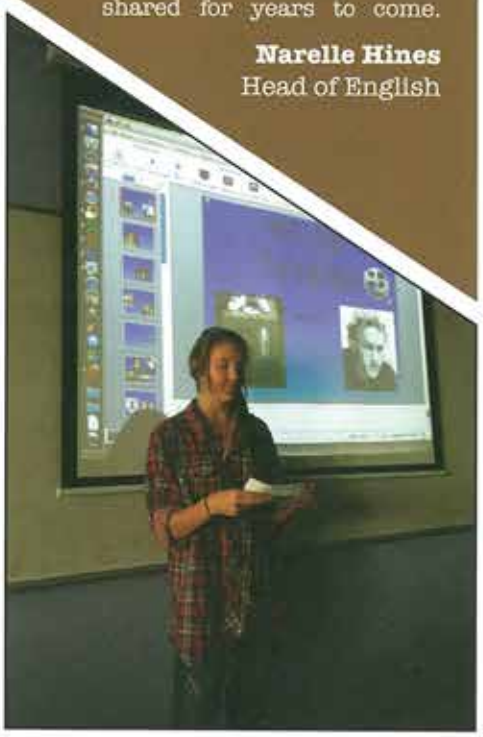
My role as Acting Head of English this term has been a fantastic and rewarding experience due to the dedication to resources, planning and teaching demonstrated by the English staff. Their support, hard work and passion for teaching students has meant yet another successful year for the English Learning Area.

Miss Jessica Stylianou
Acting Head of English

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

A quote from American philosopher Benjamin Franklin in the 1700's is extremely relevant to what we want our students to achieve in all of the English courses at IMCC. Whether it be students preparing essays for their WACE exams, creating a picture book, writing a short story or crafting a poetry anthology, students can produce some magical work which can be treasured and shared for years to come.

Narelle Hines
Head of English



debating

Teenagers … being argumentative? Being opinionated? Never!

Well our debaters this year could argue, and argue, and argue. It was great to see them get fired up and extremely competitive as they went head to head against other schools in the Western Australian Debating League. From years Seven to Twelve, our students were eager, dedicated and organised. With topics ranging from beauty pageants to politics, there was certainly a lot to be argued about and the students had a tonne of fun doing it.

Being our second year of debating, we were very excited when students joined up for a second time, and also when new students joined teams to give it a go and do their best.

The Year Seven Novice team, coached by Fiona Monger and Simone Wingham, consisted of: Jeremiah Ayalde, Ryan Collinson, Alycia Whan, Lauren Axiak, Mariah Abad and Jordan Cook.

Our Year 8 Novice team, coached by Emily Seck, included: Arabella Lesperance, Bianca Gimondo, Jessica Rowcliffe, Yana Ryakhovskaya and Melissa Makdessi.

The Year Ten Junior team, coached by Gillian Pearce, consisted of: Michelle Broughton, James Clegg, Isabella Greco and Fiona Cope.

Our Upper School Senior team, coached by Jessica Dixon and Mery Babic, included: Kieran Parkes, Anne Rene, Rebecca Carey, Stephani Muller, Reiss McKay, Luningning Lopez and Ana Abad.

Congratulations to these students on their enthusiasm, eagerness and dedication I encourage them to keep battling it out next year in Debating. I would also like to thank the coaching staff for giving up their time to help the students prepare and also for supporting them and cheering them on at the debates.

Miss Jessica Stylianou
Acting Head of English

LIBRARY

The IMCC library continues to be the vibrant hub and haven of the school. Not only are there numerous literature and research classes, but the constantly changing displays and the arrival of new books encourage the students to visit their library in their free time. It is packed every lunchtime with students reading and borrowing books, doing assignments in the computer lab or at the tables, playing board games or cards and using their Macbooks.

Lately, the Year 12s have availed themselves of the early opening times to prepare for exams or sign the leavers' sheets. On Open Night, many students took the opportunity to advertise what they liked best about their library such as Book Club and the Request Book. Book Club goes from strength to strength with up to 29 students promoting books to each other weekly. We even have the occasional teacher popping in to promote a book. It is good to see that our community of readers continues to grow.

Book Week 2011 was a resounding success, with many care groups entering the daily quizzes having wisely recorded the clues in the previous daily notices. There was also a family quiz in the newsletter. Amongst the Year 7 classes, a competition for the best bookmark produced many entries. The 2011 Book Week theme was One World, Many Stories and many students visited the library displays which highlighted books to borrow from world sports such as the Olympics, stories of saints from different countries, international recipe books for our budding master chefs, and the shortlist from the Children's Book Council of Australia. As well as this, novels which are set in various countries were accompanied by maps, flag bookmarks and photos of our students who were born there.

I would like to wish everybody a happy and holy Christmas. Encourage your children to read even if only for a few minutes daily in the holidays.

Mrs Jarvis
Teacher Librarian

career development and transitions

VET/Work Experience

It has been an industrous year in Workplace Learning. Workplace Learning students were out of school one day a week at various workplaces and this process was managed by CareerLink. Our Year Eleven and Twelve students gained employability skills and life experiences at two different workplaces. Each week, students were able to share work placement stories with the class and reflect on their successes and areas of improvement.

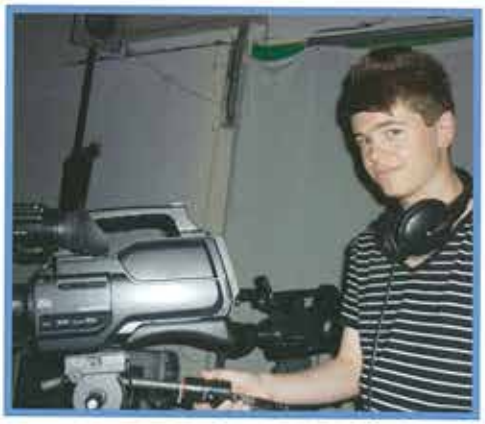
Some of our Year Twelve students also went to TAFE for one semester in 2011. Courses attended by IMCC included Certificate II in Make-up, Certificate I in Leadership Skills and a Partial Diploma in Nursing. Holly Wignall also completed a pre-apprenticeship in Hairdressing and Sean Lenihan is working towards a Certificate IV in Business and a Certificate IV in Frontline Management.

Cammy Lindsay
VET Co-ordinator

Career Education

The 2011 Career Education programme has included several major activities. For instance, Year Twelve students were given individual counselling to provide guidance on their transition plans and to address any concerns they had regarding the transition process. Speakers from several tertiary institutions and a motivational speaker from Sydney spoke to our senior students with the aim of inspiring them to achieve their career aspirations. The Career Poster Competition held in May resulted in over 100 posters being produced by students in Years Seven to Nine. The Career Education programme has been strongly represented throughout the College during Personal Development and intergrated into most curriculum areas.

Margi Watson
Career Co-ordinator



physical education

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career.

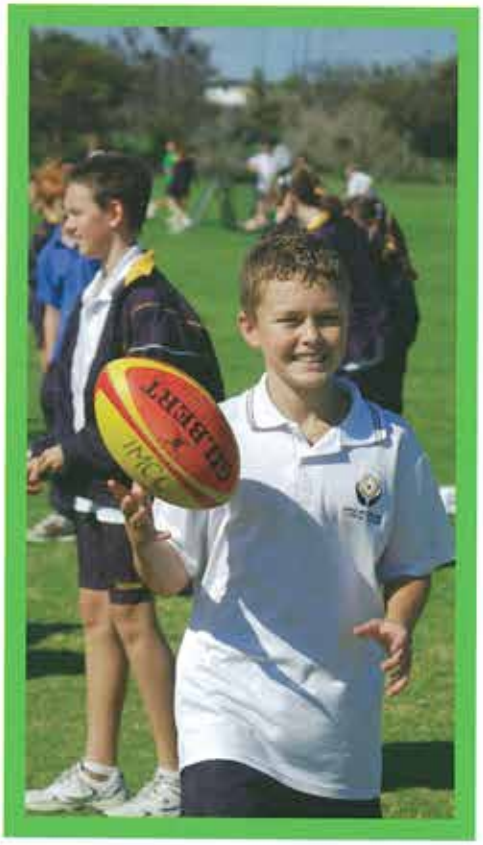
I've lost almost 300 games.

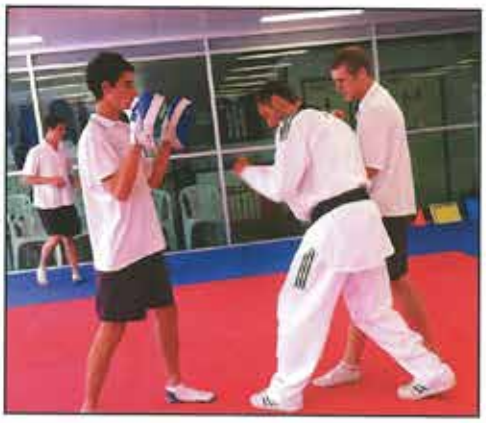
26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed.

I've failed over and over and over again in my life...

... and that is why I succeed".

Michael Jordan





2011 has seen students experience a wide range of physical pursuits as a part of the Physical Education program at Irene McCormack Catholic College. As a department, we aim to allow students to participate in all sports undertaken at a competitive level. Hopefully through our program, we can encourage students to take up some of these sports through local community clubs or socially with family and friends.

Throughout the year we have had visits from professional athletes from the Perth Wildcats, Western Force, West Coast Fever and the Western Warriors to help students develop their skills. Students have also travelled to High Flyers Gymnastics, Squash Zone Wangara, Quinns Surf Life Saving Club and Joondalup Arena (Swimming and Badminton) to further experience the opportunities available in our local area. Our Year 10 students also undertook a Social Recreation unit where they experienced Indoor Beach Volleyball, Ten Pin Bowling and Bodytech Fitness to conclude the end of their formal Physical Education.

We also offer students opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities such as the 100km club and Sky High Trapeze on various occasions throughout the year. The benefits of what we offer would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the Physical and Health Education Department; Mr Brad Giles, Mr Hugh Wendelin, Ms Jane Somerville, Mr Neil Bright, Miss Belinda Bonomelli, Miss Karolina Lewy, Mrs Janice Bell, Mr Mitch Bristow, Mr Ken Dillon and Mrs Lauren Gillespie. The Physical Education staffs' expertise and enthusiasm ensure students get the most positive and rewarding experience from their Physical Education classes.

Mr Ryan Coutts
Head of Physical & Health Education

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

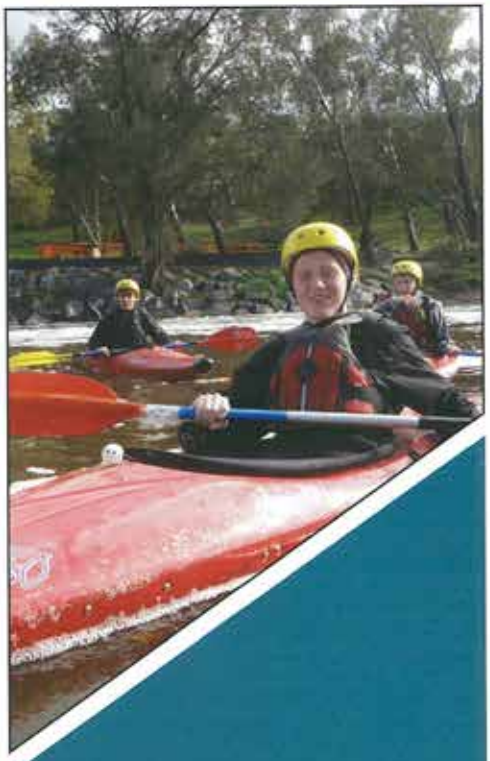
Outdoor Education continues to grow here at IMCC with the addition of Stage 3 Course of Study and the inaugural Year 9 Camp. Both have given students the opportunity to try new experiences in the outdoors.

The Year Nine camp was an initiative that Paul Rafter was keen to implement as to give students a rite of passage into their senior schooling. It was an opportunity for students to take responsibility for themselves, as well as develop interpersonal and leadership skills in a challenging environment.

The Stage 3 course gives students the opportunity to use their course grade to go towards an ATAR score but more importantly, it gives them an opportunity to develop leadership skills through facilitating an outdoor experience.

This developed into the Year Twelve students designing, then leading, a surfing and activity based camp in the Dwellingup region for the Year 10 Outdoor Education students. It gave the students an opportunity to teach the skills they learnt in previous years. The students also got to experience a week-long sea kayaking expedition in the Cape Range National Park near Exmouth, an experience which will live forever in their memories.

Neil Bright
Head of Outdoor Education



"Outdoor Ed holds some of the best memories of my life" Jayde Harvey

"Outdoor Ed has given me a valuable insight into the beauty of nature, how to appreciate it, and preserve it. All thanks to the amazing staff and program at IMCC" Renae Cooper

"Choosing Outdoor Ed has enabled me to see and appreciate some of natures most beautiful aspects. I'll never forget the early mornings and late nights with the most wonderful people" Hannah Stow"It's a subject that I always look forward to and a subject I will never forget." Carlo Gimondo

"Each Outdoor Ed expedition I have experienced has allowed me to be who I am today." Elly CAmpbell Foulkes

Coastal Associated Sports

This year we entered 31 teams into the Coastal Associated School (CAS) Inter-school Sport Competition played during Terms One and Two. For the first time, we welcomed Year Sevens into the competition playing Soccer, Netball and Basketball.

The CAS competition demands commitment and dedication from students and staff to attend both before-school training and after-school competitions.

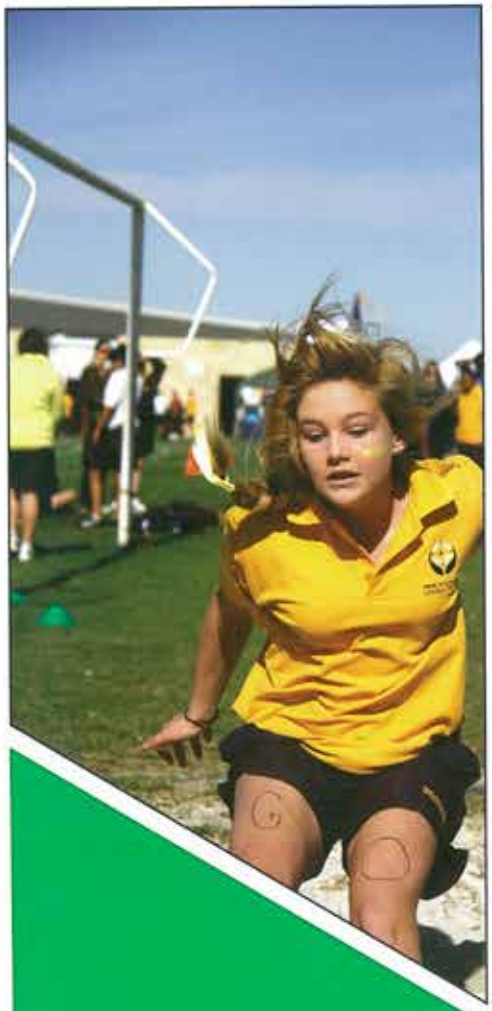
Our teams represented the College with enthusiasm, sportsmanship and assurance. Often we were successful and when we weren't winning, we battled and gave it our all, refusing to give up.

Congratulations to our 2011 Premiers: Year Eight and Nine Boys Soccer, Senior Boys Soccer, Year Seven Girls Netball, Year Eight and Nine Girls Soccer and Senior Girls Beach Volleyball. Along with the results from other sports, Irene McCormack Catholic College was awarded the exclusive shield of 2011 CAS Winter Champion School. Being named Champion School has never been accomplished before in IMCC history.

As Premiers, the Senior Boys Soccer Team, went on to compete in the School Sport WA finals. They won their first gripping final against Clarkson Community High School, making it to the quarter-finals, before being defeated by Mercy College. Congratulations on this achievement after five years of development and training.

Jane Somerville
Head of Middle School Sport

Athletics



1st - McGarry: 4754 pts

2nd - Evans: 4651 pts

3rd - Golding: 4267 pts

4th - Dunlea: 3940 pts

After a few postponements due to weather, the Irene McCormack Catholic College Inter-house Athletics Carnival was finally on! Dressed in house colours, students and staff brought along their enthusiasm to match their competitive spirits. Students rotated through all activities including long jump, shot put, tug-O-war, discus, bucket relays and the 100, 200 and 800 metre races, with the aim of achieving maximum points possible. Individual prowess was on display from those vying for Champion Boy or Girl. Others stood tall and had a go, happy to contribute to the overall House tally. Teams worked together to lay claim to team titles including Tug-O-War victors!

The day finished with the excitement and flurry of the age-group 100 metre relay races. The crowds cheered as Houses earned double points for each win. Could this final grab for points drive the winning House to glory? Ultimately, McGarry was pronounced victorious!

Jane Somerville
Head of Middle School Sport

Swimming

ACC Swimming Carnival

Friday the 18th March culminated six weeks of hard training for our swim team as we participated in the ACC Inter-school Swimming Carnival.

The team trained relentlessly in the pool with gruelling training sessions twice a week. They are to be congratulated for their attitude as they simply got on with it without complaint. The team demonstrated persistence and dedication with all team members swimming for the team, making the day the success it was.

Our team had been elevated to 'E Division' after winning last year's 'F Division' carnival. We finished third overall, not far behind Mandurah Baptist College who were the overall winners on the day. Throughout the day, the top three schools were very close and it was clear that it was going to be a nail-biting battle to the finish.

We are proud of the team's efforts as a whole and we had some fantastic results, including taking out the Junior Girls Shield and the Overall Girl's Shield.

Mrs Lauren Gillespie
ACC Swim Team Coach

As students spilled off the bus, awash with red, blue, green and gold, excitement and anticipation filled the air for the Irene McCormack Catholic College Inter-house Swimming Carnival. They eagerly filed into Challenge Stadium, some nervous yet prepared to compete for Champion Boy or Girl, others happy to represent their house faction in all the events on offer.

In the stands, as the students settled in their factions; Dunlea, Evans, Golding and McGarry, the House rivalry was in full swing. House leaders stood at the front, with supporters on side, conducting their team in cheers, chants and claps. Noise echoed through the complex and spirits lifted. The competition was on; who would win this year's coveted prize?

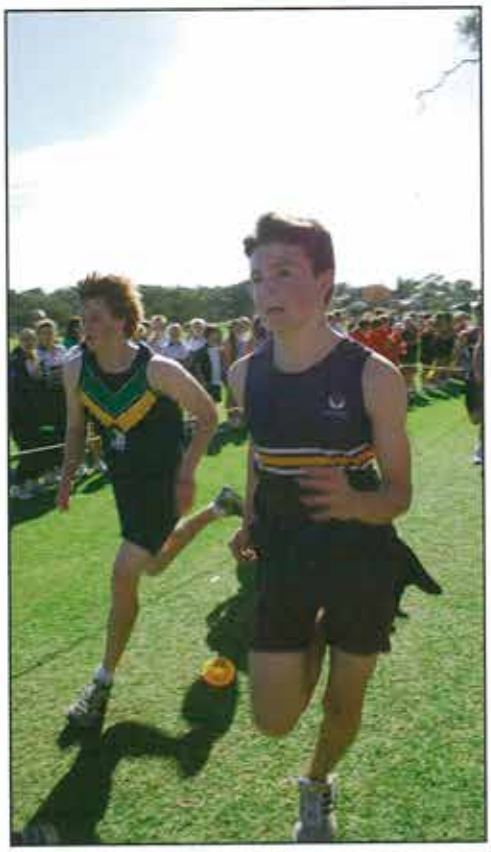
Freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly were on display in the Main Pool where the top four students nominated for each event raced for first place. Across in the Dive Pool, novelty team races were in full swing. Accompanying the relay races were props, including inflated animals, rings and beach balls, along with flippers, fins, goggles and snorkels. Plenty of laughter, cooperation and fellowship were demonstrated. Outside, it was house versus house in Beach Volleyball. Students relished the opportunity to play in the sunshine and showcase their land-based skills.

Overall, it was an enjoyable day that culminated with age-group relays in the Main Pool. While the scores were being counted and the points added, staff volunteered to join students in comical house faction relays. Mr Bright's mixed team representing Evan's House claimed the title!

Finally, it was time to announce and congratulate Champion Boy and Champion Girl age-group winners and their runners-up. The final house points were delivered and the winners revealed. Congratulations to the winners of IMCC Inter-house Carnival – Evans!

Jane Somerville
Head of Middle School Sport

CROSS COUNTRY



Interhouse Cross Country

It was a sea of colour at the annual Inter-house Cross Country event, which was held on Thursday 31st March at Kingsbridge Reserve. Students from all four houses gave their all in the quest for individual and house glory.

The final results saw a triumphant Evans repeat their win from 2010. Evans has had a stronghold on the Cross Country events, winning in four of the last five years.

The final standings were:

1st - Evans: 310 points
2nd - McGarry: 298 points
3rd - Dunlea: 274 points
4th - Golding: 249 points

Brad Giles
Head of Senior Sport

ACC Cross Country

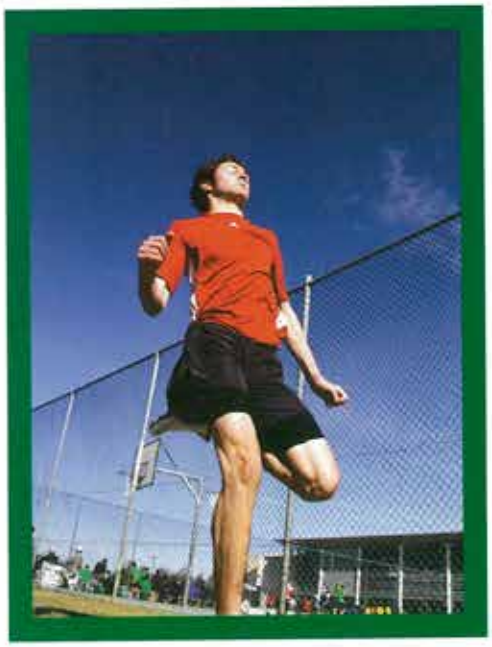
On Thursday 2nd June, the Irene McCormack Catholic College Cross Country Team travelled to Alderbury Reserve, Floreat, to compete in the Annual ACC Cross Country Carnival. 55 other schools joined us from across Western Australia to compete in the 3-kilometre event for girls or the 4-kilometre event for boys. We took a strong team of 65 students, all eager to beat their time trial and attain a personal best.

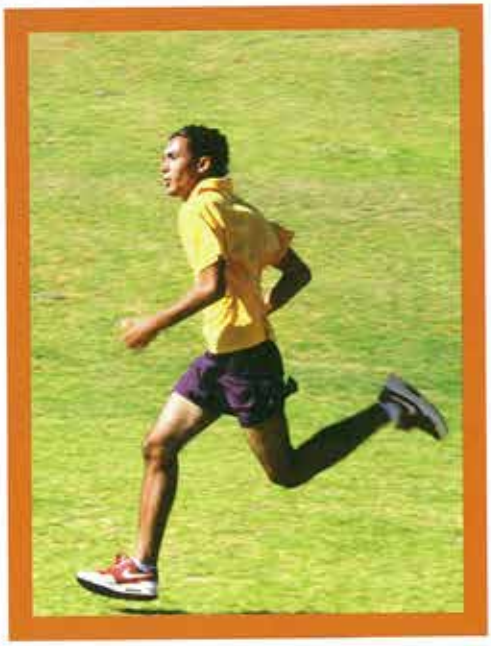
With the sun shining and the rain staying away, it was a perfect day for running. Excellent personal results achieved on the day included David Part who came in 4th place for the Under 14 Boys Division, Olivia Plunkett who ran 12th in the Under 15 Girls Division and Jason Little who placed 18th in the Under 13 Boys Division. With some events comprising more than 400 competitors, to finish in the top 50 is an excellent result.

This year, IMCC qualified for a final place by having all runners finish before the cut-off time. Only 28 other schools managed to do this and it is a pleasing accomplishment by our team. Overall, we finished in ninth place, a terrific team effort!

Jane Somerville
Head of Middle School Sport

SPORTING CHAMPIONS





INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS

Year 7 Champion Boy
Jae Yates

Year 8 Champion Boys
Callum Duffy & Elliot Banks

Year 9 Champion Boy
Callum MacDonald

Year 10 Champion Boy
Andrew Jackson

Open Champion Boy
Jesse Way

Year 7 Champion Girl
Jade Shields

Year 8 Champion Girl
Claudia Whittaker

Year 9 Champion Girl
Ricci-Rose McAlister

Year 10 Champion Girl
Demmi Chalmers

Open Champion Girl
Josie McKnight

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Year 7 Champion Boy
Leo Eley

Year 8 Champion Boy
Laughlan Roe

Year 10 Champion Boy
Luke Beissel

Year 11 Champion Boy
Ricardo Marques

Open Champion Boy
Kyle Rohloff

Year 7 Champion Girl
Holly Kincart

Year 8 Champion Girl
Maggie Emmett

Year 10 Champion Girl
Erin Delaney

Year 11 Champion Girl
Megan Kincart

Open Champion Girl
Jessica McAuley

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Year 7 Champion Boy
John Little

Year 8 Champion Boy
David Part

Year 10 Champion Boy
Coire McGuigan

Year 10 Champion Boy
Luke Beissel

Open Champion Boy
Jesse Way

Year 7 Champion Girl
Jessica Aylett

Year 8 Champion Girl
Sienna Lipscombe

Year 10 Champion Girl
Olivia Plunkett

Year 10 Champion Girl
Maira Maddox

Open Champion Girl
Michelle Broughton

ACC Swimming Team

ACC Athletics Team

ACC Cross Country Team

100km Club

Senior Netball

Snr. Boys Soccer

Snr. Dance Girls

Snr. Girls Soccer

Snr. Girls Basketball

Senior Boys Rugby

Year Twelve Graduants of 2011

Irene McCormack Staff of 2011

This July 53 Year 11 students, along with seven staff members, embarked on an adventure to Sydney, Canberra and Mount Perisher for the annual Year 11 Ski Trip. Students spent two days in Sydney marveling at the sights of Taronga Park Zoo, the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and The Rocks heritage area.

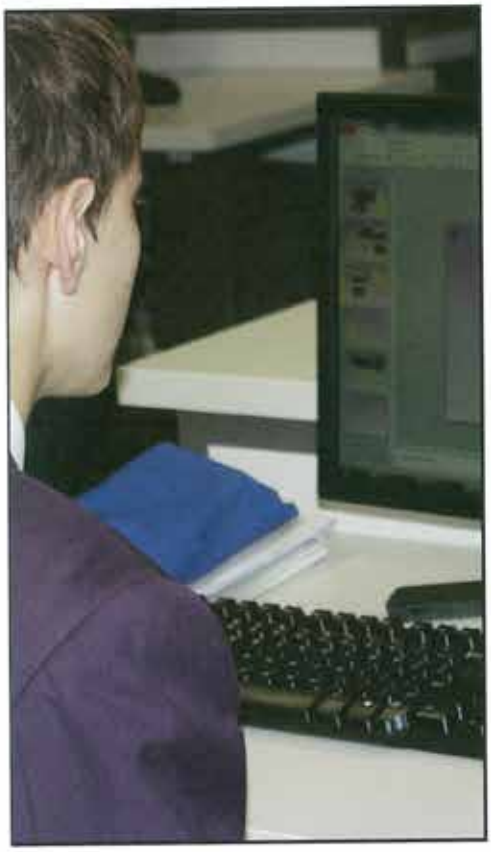
In the nation's capital they participated in various educational tours at Old Parliament House and Parliament House where they learned more about our culture, political history and democracy. A visit to the Australian War Memorial proved particularly poignant as students were moved by the solemnity and importance of Australian sacrifice.

Tours of the Australian Institute of Sport and the National Science and Technology Centre provided the students with fun, interactive experiences whilst broadening their understanding of various sports and science facts.

Finally the key part of the trip, six days at Mount Perisher, saw the students take to the slopes with great enthusiasm and flair, pushing themselves to learn the new skills of skiing or snowboarding and enjoying their time in the snow. Once again it was a truly exciting and unforgettable ski trip.

Sandra Finn
Ski Trip Coordinator

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY



"Whatever big problem you can imagine, from world peace to the environment to hunger to poverty, the solution always includes education, ... We need to depend more on peer-to-peer and self-driven learning. The laptop is one important means of doing that".

Nicholas Negroponte
MIT Professor and founder of OLPC

The dynamic and forever changing area of Information Technology has enjoyed another successful year where we have consolidated on the recent changes made within the College and have looked to the future in the implementation of new initiatives.

We have introduced Robotics for the first time this year using the Lego Mindstorm Robots as an introduction to Mechatronics and Programming. Students have found that designing, building and programming a robot to achieve a set goal to be a very engaging experience.

This year has seen a number of subjects evolve with the introduction of 3AB Applied Information Technology to complement our existing AIT and Computer Science courses.

The IT Department are also very proud of what students have achieved during the past year including the news early this year that 2010 Graduate Ashley Tyndall was awarded the Course Exhibition for Computer Science. This award was given to Ashley, as he was the highest achieving student of the considerable number of students who study Computer Science in the state. This was then followed by a series of very pleasing results achieved by many other students in 2011.

All of this while embarking on our 1:1 laptop program and planning for further integration of learning technologies into the classroom of all learning areas. It is indeed a very exciting time at the College with the future looking bright and "connected." I would like to thank a number of people who have made significant contributions to the IT Department this year, including Mr James Ginnane for his professionalism in delivering our course content and to Mr Nathan Fonceca, Mr Robi Boscarino and Mr Jason Meldrum for their expert Technical Support.

Mr Rob Blair
Head of Information Technology

HOME ECONOMICS

"Some people like to paint pictures, or do gardening, or build a boat in the basement. Other people get a tremendous pleasure out of the kitchen, because cooking is just as creative and imaginative an activity as drawing, or wood carving, or music."

Julia Child

Skills and knowledge for life, no matter your career path, is what we endeavour to provide in the Home Economics Department at Irene McCormack Catholic College.

We believe every person should be educated about what foods they should be eating for better health and should have the knowledge to select that food and the skills to prepare it for themselves and others.

With so much emphasis in the media about cooking and making it more interesting and fun, the enthusiasm and interest demonstrated by many students to step out of their comfort zone and 'have a go' has been wonderful to see.

We also believe that all people should have a greater understanding of what it means to care for others. Through Childcare Studies, the students investigate the many facets of caring for a baby and are given the chance to care for a "virtual baby" for two nights to see just how demanding it can be.

The students were also involved in an activity where they raised money and created lovely baskets to be donated to mothers in need.

Students are seeing real applications of what we learn in the classroom and how it pertains to real life, which is what all areas of education should be about.

Michelle Smith
Home Economics Co-ordinator

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Measure twice..

..cut once"

-Ancient Woodworkers proverb

This adage holds true every time in the workshop and in life. There is no substitute for proper preparation.

One of the beautiful things about being a student in the Design and Technology Department is having the ability to be able to explore a concept, think of an idea, then develop a plan to create it. Then, with your own hands and guidance of a teacher, build anything your imagination could conjure up. What ever you could imagine, the teachers in the D&T Department will always do their best to accommodate and give direction.

It is because of that, the Department is always in a state of flux. Always adapting, changing direction and introducing new techniques, tools and machinery to accommodate the wide range of needs of the students.

It is because of this we have seen the production of electric powered racing vehicles, life sized robots, fire pits, cubby houses, dressers, scooters, blanket boxes and most amusingly, motor powered bar stools. The list goes on and on.

It is because of this, the department can offer something very few subject areas can offer these days: the ability to imagine and create objects.

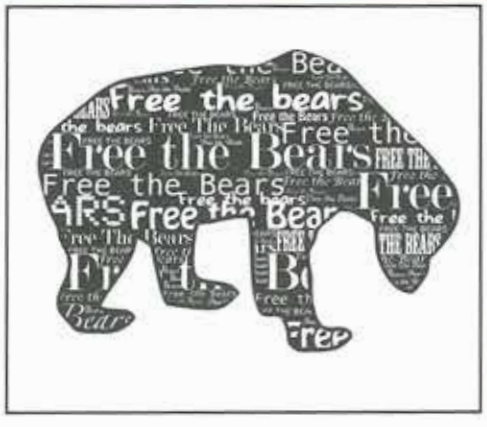
Students will always leave the course with something tangible, something functional and most importantly, something THEY have built with their own hands that they can keep forever.

Julien Hunt
Head of Design & Technology

GRAPHIC DESIGN

"Design is the search for a magical balance between business and art; art and craft; intuition and reason; concept and detail; playfulness and formality; client and designer; designer and printer; and printer and public".

— Valerie Pettis



In today's society, learning takes place most effectively when subjects are relevant, stimulating, exciting and engaging. Modern students want to be both challenged as well as have fun. They want the opportunity to express themselves by learning both traditional methods as well as accessing and practising on cutting edge technology.

Graphic Design is one of these rare subjects that provide all of these opportunities for its students.

Less than four years ago, the Western Australian Curriculum Council introduced Design as a Course of Study. Irene McCormack Catholic College was one of the first Colleges in the state to take up the challenge and develop programs for this curriculum. It has been in the process of refining the structure and content of this course ever since.

This year the Graphics students, some of them now in their third year of classes, really started to excel and blossom. Many of the young designers now possess the knowledge and skills to manipulate images digitally, so are now able to focus on the creative and expressive side of Graphic Designing rather than simply learning how to use the software.

In response to students' requests, I am looking forward to the new year when we will be introducing new photographic elements into the courses as well as new, exciting technology into the Design Lab. These are all designed to challenge, extend and stimulate new ideas and possibilities for the students to undertake, whilst 'skilling them up' for future success in the field of Graphic Design.

Julien Hunt
Head of Design & Technology

ART

"He who works with his hands is a laborer.

He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman.

He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist".

- St Fancis of Assis

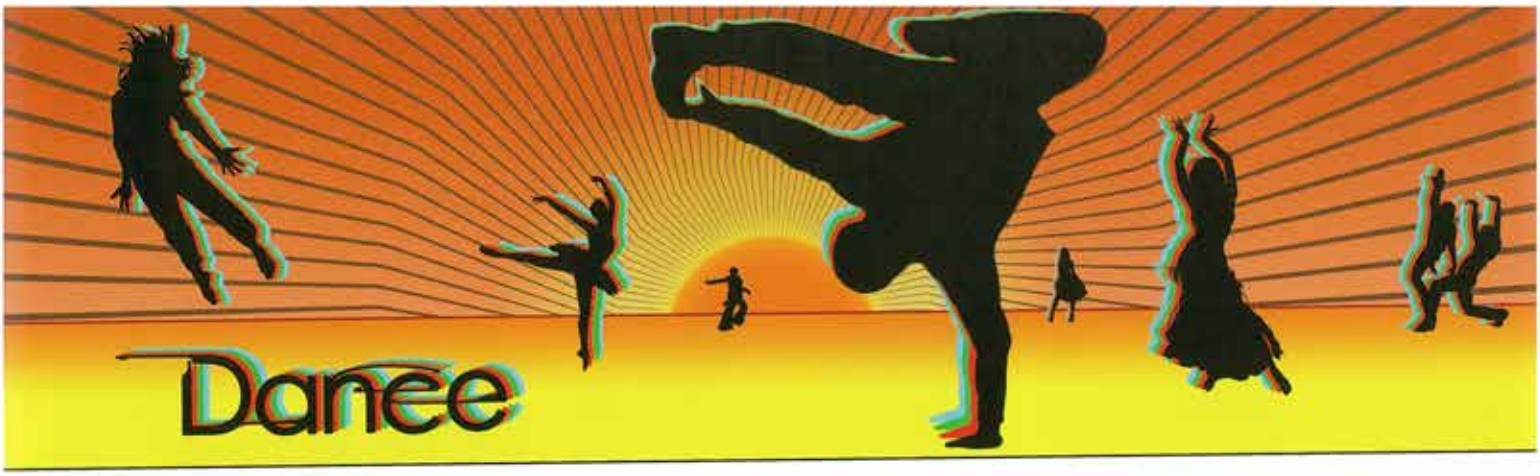
Students at Irene McCormack Catholic College should be very proud of the outstanding caliber of work that has been produced within the Visual Arts this year. Those who had the opportunity to view the 2011 Annual Visual Arts exhibition would agree that all Art students from Year Eleven and Twelve have demonstrated a genuine commitment and dedication to the subject area. As a collective, the Year Sevens produced an eclectic body of paintings and ceramics, the Year Eights demonstrated expressive drawing skills in the development of self portraits. With great success, the Year Nines tackled a range of mediums and processes to produce paintings and prints and the Year Tens demonstrated highly developed skills in the areas of drawing, sculpture and painting.

With the introduction of two new certificate courses in contemporary and visual arts,Year Eleven and Twelve, students produced an array of artworks ranging from mixed media painting, drawings, oil painting, decorative prints and textiles. Students in Stage Two and Three Visual Arts received outstanding results in their development of thought provoking artworks. I would like to make special mention of Year Twelve students Caitlin Reeves and Stephanie Muller, whose commitment and mature approach to the visual arts over the years has been inspiring.

As a result of the dedication and commitment to the Visual Arts, Year Ten student, Olivis Hall received first place in the 2D category at the prestigious Catholic Arts Angelico Exhibition. In addition, Year Tens Daisy Nidland and Melissa .Waldron, Year Elevens Jessica Welsh, Victoria Berryman and Laura Graham and Year Twelves Caitlin Reeves, Stephanie Muller, and Michael Glendenning were selected to exhibit their works.

The high standard of work is testament to the commitment and dedication of the Visual Arts staff. I would like to thank Mr Michael Speechley and Miss Amy Sampson who have had a great impact on the development of such an innovative and diverse department.

Vanessa Schneider
Head of Art



Dance at the College is considered a highly extensive subject not only in the classroom but also outside of school. With students completing their external Dance exams it has helped the subject in 2011 to continually rise to new heights. Performances ranging from school based entertainment to state competition has helped encourage students to step out of their comfort zone.

Throughout this year the Dance students of 2011 have performed at the College Open Evening, the Year 7 dance assembly and the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, all of which were very successful. The Drama students also accompanied the Year 10, 11 and 12 Dance students on their trip to watch the internationally renowned Broadway Production "Wicked" at the Burswood Theatre.

The College involved itself again this year in the annual Catholic Performing Arts Festival. This year three pieces were presented (the highest number of dance entries yet). The Year 10 Group, All Boys Group and Mixed Girls Group all performed to the best of their abilities, receiving positive feedback from the adjudicators.

Dance in 2011 has been a great success and hopefully will continue to entertain and push the boundaries in future years to come.

Georgina Stiffel
2011 Dance Captain

"Dance is your pulse, your heartbeat, your breathing.

It's the rhythm of your life.

It's the expression in time and movement,

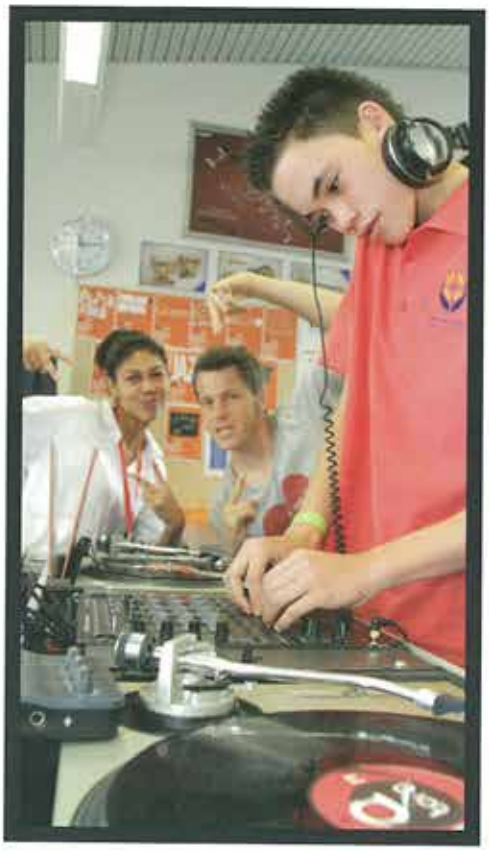
in happiness, joy, sadness and envy."

- Jaques D'ambroise

Music at IMCC this year has been a hectic, yet exciting experience. Right from the get go, the rehearsal process was intense. The Open Night and 10th Year Anniversary celebrations quickly came and both were a great success.

The student body has worked closely with the staff, and the department became a tight working team achieving very successful results. The Music Department has grown, with more ensembles that are bigger than ever before with students ranging from Years 7- 12. They span across all ensembles and ability levels who have participated in all the major cultural events at the school. There was a range of opportunities, both in recording and at live events, such as the Sounds at Sunset, Recital Night, the annual Escape Festival, Catholic Performing Arts Festival, lunchtime concerts, and the 2012 London Olympics auditions.

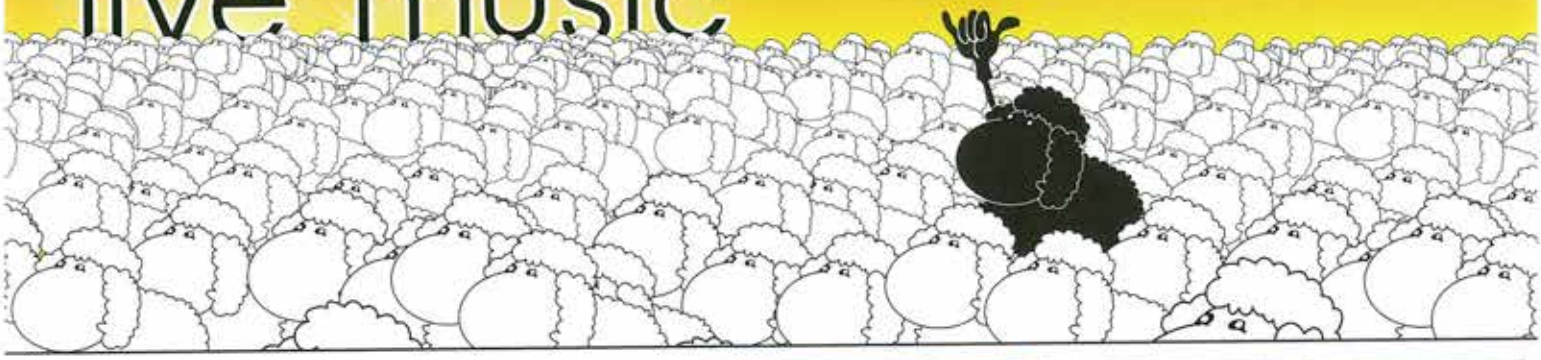
Rachel Dunbar
& Callum Francis
2011 Music Captains

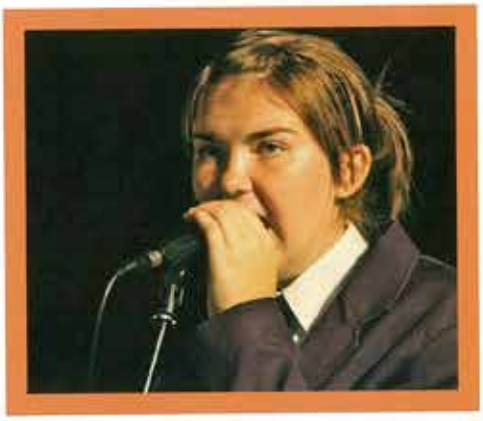


"Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good citizens. If children hear fine music from the day of their birth and learn to play it, they develop sensitivity, discipline and endurance. They get a beautiful heart".

- Shinichi Suzuki -

live music





"Here's to the future! The only limits are the limits of our imagination. Dream up the kind of world you want to live in, dream out loud, at high volume".

- Bono, U2

The thrill of performing never ceases to amaze me! In front of screaming fans feeling like you were born to entertain, all your nerves just leave and it's you and the crowd.

As music students at Irene McCormack Catholic College, we have had the opportunity to perform at events events like the IMCC Escape Festival, the bi-annual Sounds at Sunset Concert, and the IMCC Recital Night, which were all huge successes.

This year's Catholic Performing Arts Festival saw the most entries ever from Music and was highly successful across the board, with strong pieces from soloists and ensembles.

Events like IMCC's first ever Open Night, showcased to the public a rare insight into the Music Department, and the very high standard of the department and its student body to staff, parents and other people from the community exploring what the College has to offer. It was an opportunity for students to show off their talents, and to show the rest of the school what the Music Department is really made of.

Callum Francis
2011 Music Captain

Drama

"I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being".

- Oscar Wilde

Senior Drama students had the opportunity to visit the theatre on numerous occasions this year, seeing what a strong impact live performances can have on an audience. From Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream to Wicked! the Broadway musical, our students were thoroughly entertained!

Performing for an audience was a main focus of all courses this year with the upper school students performing in a group devised piece of theatre 'Have You Seen This Girl?' at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and receiving an Honourable mention, the highest accolade. Stage 3 students also performed solo works in the Festival, receiving invaluable feedback. Five years of studying Drama finally culminated in the Drama Night in September, an amazing showcase of the talent here at IMCC!

After studying Elizabethan theatre, Year 10 students performed in a site specific performance task – choosing a site around the College to stage their Elizabethan love triangles – a theme present so often in Shakespeare's works.

Lower school Drama has aimed to build the confidence and overall performance skills of students, and under the expertise of Miss Kylie Malam has developed into a popular creative avenue for all involved.

Drama Club has been a welcome addition to the department this year, with up to 30 Drama enthusiasts meeting each week to create their own Drama works and perform the scripted comedy Rapunzel Uncut for Year 7 students in a lunchtime performance. I wish to thank Drama Captain Shannon McGee for all her assistance throughout the year, especially in Drama Club each week.

Bring on 2012!

Miss Jessica Dixon
Drama Co-ordinator

Catholic Performing Arts Festival

Throughout Term 3, the Visual and Performing Arts departments worked relentlessly in preparation for the Catholic Performing Art Festival – and with outstanding results. All the students who took part in the Festival performed and exhibited brilliantly and did themselves and the College very proud. Across all areas the College has achieved success and this is a fantastic reflection of the dedication, hard work and passion shown by students and teachers alike.

IMCC musicians left few awards in their wake, sweeping up an outstanding collection of Certificates of Merit and Honourable Mentions, for their ensembles, soloists, bands and barbershop. The 3A Drama class presented a chilling self devised performance titled 'Have You Seen This Girl?' that received an Honourable mention and the Dance department took to the stage to demonstrate their outstanding ability. The performances were all wonderfully executed and left their audiences enthralled and captivated- with little doubt of the outstanding creative capabilities of IMCC students. Once again IMCC showcased the work of Visual Arts students in the Angelico Exhibition and this year Olivia Hall won the first prize in the two dimensional division for Years 7-10 for her beautiful drawing.

The students worked exceedingly hard and this has undoubtedly paid off with such success. But it would have been futile without the dedication of all the teachers who helped throughout the creation and rehearsal process as well as those who showed their support by attending the events. On behalf of all the students I would like to express my most sincere appreciation and ensure these people know that none of their efforts have gone unnoticed.

Thank you and well done.

Stephani Muller
Arts Prefect 2011

Barbershop

Yr 10 Dance

Yr 7 Rock Band

Swing Band

Brass Ensemble

Year 10 Rock Band

Year 12 Rock Band

Dance Boys

Dance Girls

Year 11 Rock Band

Artistic Excellence Award

'What am I worth?' Stephani Muller

Year 12 Graduate, Stephani Muller, has been acknowledged for her thought provoking and highly skilled mixed media artwork titled 'What am I worth'. However given the scale of the piece it could not be considered for the Acquisition Award.

'What am I worth', was inspired by the work of teacher Jane Elliott who segregated her year three class by eye colour to highlight the issue of racism. Focusing on race and the worth of money, the artwork aimed to remind viewers that these barriers exist only whilst we believe them to be truth and will only be extinguished when we accept them to be lies.

2011 College Aquisition

'Hunted and the Hunter'

Olivia Hall
Year 10

'Hunted and the Hunter' is a large scale drawings that applies aspects of symbolism to reflect the struggles that exist within all living things, especially those that are found in human relations. This drawing was nominated for and won first place in the Lower School 2 Dimensional Category Angelico Art Exhibition.

2011 Honour Board

Dux
Dillan Lau

Proxime' Dux
Stephani Muller

V.E.T. Award
Daniel Cliff

Principals Award
Stephani Muller

Sports Award
Kyle Rohloff

Arts Award
Caitlin Reeves

Arts Award
Stephani Muller

All Rounder Award
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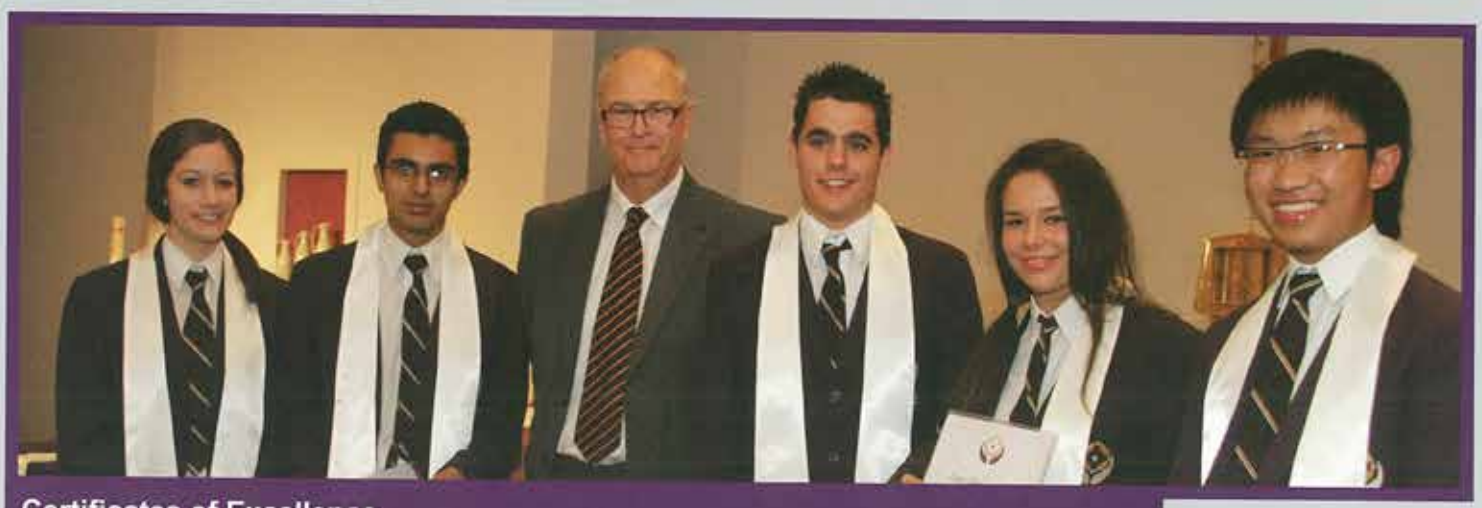
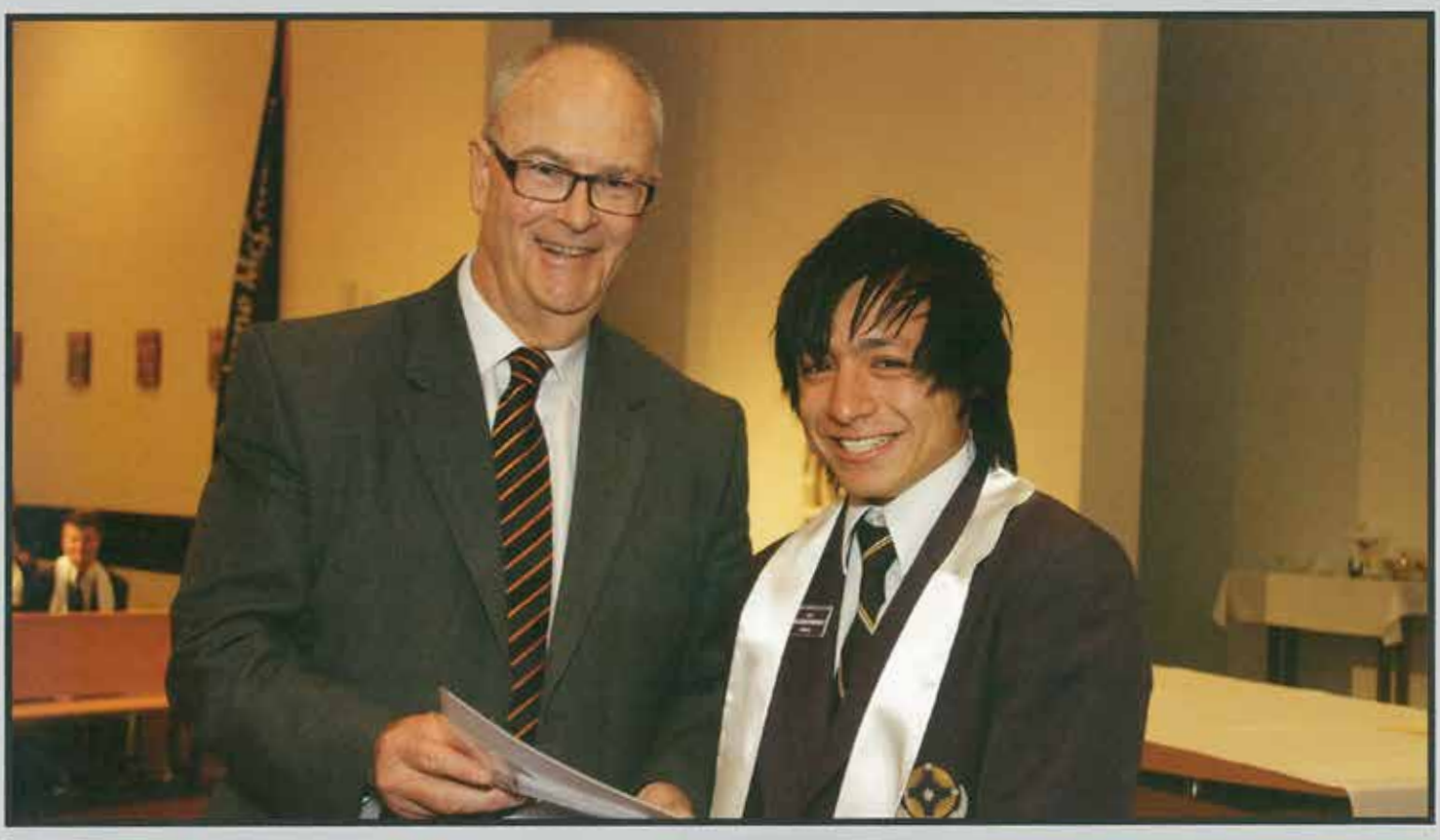


Certificates of Excellence
Caitlin Reeves; Mario Moussa; Kieran Parkes; Stephani Muller and Dillan Lau

Irene McCormack Award

Recipient of the 2011 Irene McCormack Award

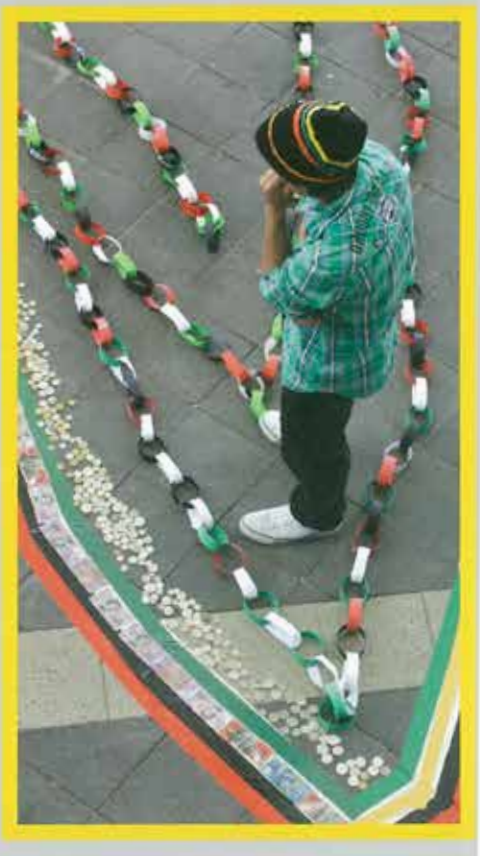
Andrew Shimmen



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

It particularly recognises a student's generosity of spirit in that this person has identified issues which need to be addressed in the 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.



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Head of Design & Technology

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