



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me."  
(John 14:6)*

Dear Parents,

I welcome everyone back to school from the summer holidays. I hope everyone had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are rapt to be back to school, ready and raring to have a very productive 2017.

### **Welcome New Kindergarten Class**

We welcome a brand new Kindergarten class to our lovely school. The students in Kindergarten are: Jack August, Autumn Blake, Jake Burt, Atseday Chide, Madyson Clay, Thomas Clifford, Maddison Geard, Divyanshi Gupta, Lulu Harris, Oscar Holmstrom-Hall, Harry-James Hutt, Hugo Kingston, Charlie Knight, Ollie Knuckey, Klara Kozlowska, Patrick Ladd, Aidan MacDonald, Fox McGregor, Charlie McGuinness, Kidus Mesfin, Connie Millar, Jacob Morse, Pla K'Paw Moo, Ruby Scott, Lucas Shott, Reuben Skinner, Kheenan Speed, Mosab Suliman and Owen Turner.

### **Other New Students**

We also welcome the following new students to other classes: Aarush Cheppalli and Molly McCarthy (Prep), Mala aye Khim Oo, Lillyann McAllister and Janeena Kannampuzha (Grade 1), Rohan Mittal and Jordan Graham (Grade 2), Ryan Pearl, Monika Hadolt and Chan Chan (Grade 3), Bana Deres (Grade 4), Taylor Cruse (Grade 5), Amelia Donoghue and Cayden Rossi (Grade 6).

### **Uniform – Policy**

This year the new Uniform Policy will be fully enforced. Over the past years I have been very impressed with the way the students wear their uniform with pride and I expect this to continue

A reminder that for Grade 3 to 6 students PE uniform is only worn on PE days (Friday for the whole school) and every Wednesday with their Buddy shirt. All other day's students are required to wear their formal uniform.

The Uniform Policy is attached to this newsletter.

### **Specialist Days**

In 2017 the specialist subjects will be taught on the following days:

**Monday** – Music & Library

**Tuesday** – Library

**Wednesday** – Nil (Buddy Uniform worn)

**Thursday** – Japanese

**Friday** – Art & PE (Sport Uniform worn)

### **Paperless Newsletters**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School sends out newsletter to parents via an email link. This allows us to save vital resources and enable us to place the money from this into other worthy programs.

We are well aware that some people do not have web access. Families who require a hardcopy (paper form) will be able to collect these from the school office. This information will still be available on the school web page and our School App.

If you have a new email address or you are a new family to our school, please contact Casey in the Office so we can update our database.

**\* We have sent you a hard copy for this first newsletter only\***

## Immaculate Heart of Mary App

I remind all parents that we have our own School App. We place all our notices, upcoming events, dates, etc. on the App. It can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store. If you type in "Immaculate Heart of Mary" then the App will appear. All school information is placed on this App. I encourage all families who have a smartphone to download this App.

## Grade 6 Leaders

We congratulate Abbie Johnston (Term 1 & 2 School Captain), Joe Vinen (Term 1 & 2 School Vice Captain & Donohue House Captain) Hollie James (Donohue House Captain), Liam Marshall & Stevie Skrepetos (Young House Captains), Declan Page and Oliver Kelly (Dillon House Captains) on being elected by the students and teachers. We are sure they will do a fantastic job.

## Welcome BBQ – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February (6.00pm to 8.00pm)

Our Welcome BBQ has been booked for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. This a brilliant community builder and is usually well attended. It is a great way to welcome and introduce ourselves to new members of the school community. I encourage everyone to attend.

## Working with Vulnerable People Check

I remind all parents who volunteer for parent help, coach a sports team, P&F member, Board member are required by Tasmanian legislation to have "Working with Children Check". Parents and visitors who do not have this check will not be allowed to participate in child related activities (e.g. go on an excursion, work in the classrooms, help in the canteen, etc). The cost for the individual is \$18.36 for three-year registration.

The website for more information is: [http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\\_with\\_children](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children)

## Parking

A reminder about car parking at drop off and pick up time. Firstly, regarding the small car park behind the Dillon Building (Grade 5 & 6 classroom) and the hall - children and parents walk through this area from 8.30am and after 3pm. To prevent any incidents this car park is to be a staff car park only with the exception of those with a disability permit (please come to the office to arrange this).

Also, if you collect your children from McCann Crescent, Edge Avenue or Pottery Road please take note of the street signs. There are clearly marked yellow lines and No Parking and Bus Zone signs that we all need to be aware of. These signs are positioned to help with the flow of traffic and safety of our children. We thank the families who already adhere to school safety requirements.

## Shade Shelter Near the Library

After a successful year of fundraising from the Parent & Friends Association, we have accepted a quote from Doyle Sails to install our permanent shade shelter over the artificial grass near the Library. This will be completed by early March.

## Late Pass – after 8.45am

In 2017 we will continue to track student's arrivals at school. A reminder to all parents and students that if your child arrives after the morning bell at 8.45am they will be required to collect a "Late Pass" from the Office and then give it to their teacher. The teacher will then record this on the weekly attendance sheet.

If your child is absent or sick from school then it is a requirement that the school is notified. Daily attendance will be taken around 9.05am and parents of absent students who have not notified their class teacher or the Office will be phoned around 9.30am. We take the education and safety of the students very seriously and this will assist us in this.

## School Shuttle Bus

The bus indication notice is attached to this newsletter. If you require this service please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible. Please note that those catching connecting buses or who are meeting siblings at SHC have priority.

I look forward to working with everyone again this year.

God bless

*Mr Nick McGann*

*Principal*





# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## UNIFORM POLICY

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The students of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School wear a distinctive uniform as a sign of their pride and membership of the school community. The uniform is a part of our public image as well as being as being serviceable and practical clothing for school wear.

The school uniform is the face of the school to the general public. The uniform builds pride and tradition in the school and provides equity for all students. It is expected that students general appearance be neat and tidy at all times and that the manner in which they wear the uniform, both at school and in public, be of a high standard.

The wearing of the school uniform aims to encourage a sense of belonging and reflect a commitment to the school.

### **UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

The uniform is compulsory and should be worn with pride

School uniform requirements shall apply when travelling to or from school or school functions as well as while at school

Representative teams shall wear uniforms appropriate to their particular sports

Cost, style, quality and compliance with the Sun Smart Policy will be taken into account when setting uniform requirements

Suggestions for additions and modifications to the school uniform must be presented to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Committee (made up of the Principal, Board and P&F Representatives, Uniform Shop Manager and a Staff Representative)

### **UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

Students are to present themselves in a clean and tidy manner at all times. This includes winter shirts being tucked in.

The sports uniform is worn by all students in Kindergarten through to Grade 2. Grades 3 to 6 are expected to wear formal uniform with the exception of sports / excursion / buddy days.

### **Summer - Boys**

Grey shorts, white short sleeved shirt with logo, grey socks, soft shell jacket

### **Summer – Girls**

Tartan skirt, white short sleeved blouse with logo, navy socks, soft shell jacket

### **Winter – Boys**

Grey trousers, white long sleeved shirt, tie, grey socks, soft shell jacket and winter coat (optional)

### **Winter – Girls**

Tartan skirt (preferred), or trousers, white long sleeved blouse, bow tie, navy stockings, soft shell jacket and winter coat (optional). *Please note that trousers will need to be purchased from the Sacred Heart College Uniform Shop.*

### **Sports Uniform**

Polo top, shorts / trackpants, white socks, polar fleece jacket, long sleeve polo top, winter coat (optional)

The sports uniform may be worn on a day when a student has Physical Education classes or sports team training immediately after school.

### **House Tops**

House polo tops (Young – Red, Donohue – Green, Dillon – Yellow) are compulsory and must be worn for school carnivals and events (ie swimming, cross country and athletics) as well as buddy group days.

All uniform items are available for purchase at the school uniform shop. The uniform shop is open every Wednesday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. The shop is located underneath the Prep / Grade 1 building.

### **Shoes**

Black polishable leather shoes (not boots) must be worn with the formal uniform. (No skate shoes or similar shoes with a flat sole.) Sports shoes must be supportive and in colours sympathetic with the uniform colours. Shoes are to be kept clean and in suitable repair.

### **Hats**

Only Immaculate Heart branded headwear is permitted. This includes sun smart approved hats in Terms 1 and 4 and beanies for winter. All hats are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop.

### **Bags**

All school bags must bear the Immaculate Heart logo. There are two sizes to choose from:-

**Medium** Backpack – recommended for Kinder to Grade 2

**Large** Backpack recommended for Grades 3 to 6

### **Hair and Makeup**

Student's hair is to be neat and clean. There should be no dramatic grading in length or undercutting. Hair of shoulder length or longer is to be worn tied back as a WHS measure. No unnatural colouring of hair is permitted.

Makeup and nail polish (other than clear) are not acceptable with the school uniform.

Ribbons, bands and clips are to be of school colours of navy blue, red or white. Suitable hair bands are available from the Uniform Shop. House coloured bands are acceptable on house sports days.

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery, other than a watch and a ring, is not to be worn. Students may wear earrings in one or both ears, a single plain sleeper or stud

Medical Alert jewellery is permitted.

### **NON-CONFORMITY**

If circumstances warrant an exception to the uniform policy (ie sports uniform is worn on non-sports day) a signed letter of explanation or note in the school diary is required from the parent / guardian. This correspondence should include a reason for the exception.

If a student does not wear the uniform correctly or present himself or herself as expected they will be counselled and their parents informed of the school's concerns.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Board:** The Board has a responsibility to ensure that the policy development is fair and reasonable and reflects the spirit of the school.

**Principal:** The Principal has the responsibility to ensure that this policy is implemented and enforced at all times.

**Uniform Committee:** The Uniform Committee has a responsibility to provide the best quality, value and functionality when making suggestions or decisions regarding the IHMCS uniform.

**POLICY DATES**

<i>Formulated</i>	2016	<i>Adopted</i>	TERM 4 2016
<i>Implemented</i>	2017	<i>Reviewed</i>	
<i>Next Review Due</i>	2020		

**POLICY AUTHORISATION**

<i>Principal</i>	Nicholas McGann	<i>Signature</i>	
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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

***BUS INDICATION NOTICE***

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Could you please indicate below what day(s) (if any) your child will be catching the bus from Immaculate Heart down to Sacred Heart College after school.

Please return it to school as soon as possible so we can update our bus list.

Could you also make note of the reason for catching. This will help with the organisation at school to allow things to run smoothly and safely.

**This bus service is limited to those students who catch connecting buses and meet siblings at SHC.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Detach and return to school office**

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My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/s \_\_\_\_\_

will be catching the bus on:

Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday  
(please circle)

Reason for catching:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Please print: \_\_\_\_\_