



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“The Lord blesses His people with peace”. Psalms 29:11

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 2019.

Over the past few weeks a couple of our families have been affected by the fires that are raging throughout Tasmania. I pray that the rain we have had overnight and today helps ease these fires. Please keep all the families that have been affected by the fires in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Welcome New Kindergarten Class

We welcome a brand new Kindergarten class to our lovely school. The students in Kindergarten are: Abi Balmer, Nola Compton, Henry Davis, Ellis Delphin, Roz Desoza, Molly Fulton, Poppy Gordey, Anouk Grose, Nate Grygiel, Harry Halloran, Monica Holloway, Tom House, Amelia Jones, Thomas Jordan, Sienna Leitch, Toby Marsh, Elsabet Mesfin, Archie Marsland, Louisa Melitsis, Cherry Nguyen, Addison Page, Charlotte Page, Lewis Pepper, Scarlett Quinn, Chantelle Rodriguez, Billy Smith, Tomas Sutton, Ettie Tranter and Eli Williams.



Other New Students

We also welcome Dakota Williams (Grade 4) to our school. I am sure everyone will make her feel welcome over the next few weeks.

New Staff Members

We welcome three new teachers to Immaculate Heart in 2019. Miss Katie Pugsley will be teaching in Grade 6. Katie has previously taught at St Patrick's College, Strathfield in NSW and has two years teaching experience at this school. She relocated to Hobart this January.

Mrs Stephanie Melitsis will be teaching in Grade 3 every second Tuesday and every Wednesday and will be teaching Music for the entire school on a Thursday. Steph completed her final teaching practicum last year in Prep at Immaculate Heart and has also had several years of experience teaching music in Melbourne.

Mrs Emma Reid has been appointed as the new Prep teacher for each Thursday for Terms 1, 2 and 3. Emma is an experienced and excellent teacher who is currently working two days a week at St Therese's Catholic School.

We welcome all three ladies to our school and I am sure that the community will share with me this welcome.

Kinder Driveway and Stairs

The Kinder driveway to the bottom of Edge Avenue will be resurfaced very shortly (within the next few weeks). We will be placing a removable bollard at the end of the driveway. This will mean the driveway will only be used for pedestrian access.

As of today we have opened the stairs below Kindergarten and the children are encouraged to use these instead of the top of the driveway. This will make the entry and exit of the school much safer. The Hobart City Council has assured me that they will be constructing a short path from the bottom of our stairs to the path in the park. Hopefully this is completed in the near future.

Edge Avenue Footpath

I have been informed by the Hobart City Council that the Edge Avenue road from the basketball court to the bend will be out of action for parking for the next 4 weeks whilst they construct a new footpath. This will mean that McCann Crescent will be very busy.

I am suggesting that students from Grade 3 to 6 (without younger siblings at the school) should be picked up at the bottom of Edge Avenue Park. The students can walk down our school stairs to meet their "ride" from this spot.

I am aware that this is very inconvenient, however, it is out of our control. On a positive note, the footpath should be superb once it is finished.

Uniform – Policy

This year the Uniform Policy will again 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 (Tuesday for the whole school) and every Wednesday with their Buddy shirt. All other day's students are required to wear their formal uniform. We have introduced a tartan skirt for the Grade 3 to 6 students. This can be worn instead of the tartan skirt if the girls are interested. This can be bought from our Uniform Store for \$40.00. Our Uniform Store is open every Wednesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Orders can either be made over the counter or by our Qkr App. All of our uniform items are listed on our website (ihms.tas.edu.au).

A summary of the Uniform Policy is attached to this newsletter. I thank Mrs Nerida Clifford for collating the policy into one document.

Nurturing Hearts - Birth to 4 Program - Mondays (Pre-Prep students)

Nurturing Hearts will be returning to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in 2019.

The program offers an encouraging and nurturing environment for parents and carers to actively participate with their children in learning opportunities. A variety of play-based educational activities will be available to support you and your child's learning and curiosity in all areas of development.

The program will be run in our Kinder room, from 9am until 11am on Monday mornings during term time.

Specialist Days

In 2019 the specialist subjects will be taught on the following days:

Monday – Italian

Tuesday – Physical Education

Wednesday – Nil (Buddy Uniform worn - House Coloured)

Thursday – Music

Friday – Drama

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.



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 \$18.96 for three-year registration.

The website for more information is: http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

Welcome BBQ – Thursday 21st February (4.30pm to 7.30pm)

Our excellent Annual Welcome BBQ has been booked for Thursday 21st 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. A notice will be sent out in the near future.

Grade 6 Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers for leadership positions in 2019:

Term 1 School Captain

Thomas Hurd

Term 1 School Vice-Captain

Megan Smith

House Captains

Dillon

Cruz Thompson-Blight

Keigh Malonzo

Young

Alemach Chide

Mia Priest

Donohue

Nayte Dobson

Breeanna Wright



Email of Newsletters

This will be the only hard copy of the newsletter for 2019. All school newsletters will be sent home electronically from now. **A hard copy newsletter will only be sent to families who do not have internet access.** Please contact Casey at the Office if you do not have this access.

I look forward to working with everyone again this year.

God bless

Mr Nick McGann

Principal

**WASTE TIME
WITH YOUR CHILDREN,
SO THAT THEY
CAN REALISE,
THAT LOVE
IS ALWAYS FREE.**
POPE FRANCIS



2019 Term dates

Term 1 Thursday 7th February – Friday 12th April

Term 2 Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July

Term 3 Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

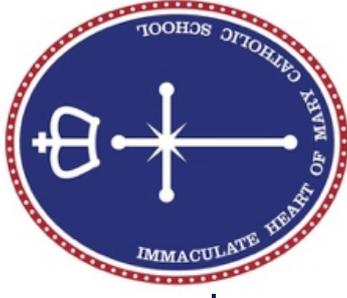
Term 4 Monday 14th October – Wednesday 18th December

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Summary

For full requirements, refer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Policy available at <https://ihms.tas.edu.au/>

All items are available to be purchased through the school uniform shop.

* Items marked with an asterix are required to be purchased through the school uniform shop.



Girls Formal Uniform – Year 3 to Year 6

Summer Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Tartan skirt or skort *
- Short sleeved blouse with logo *
- Navy blue socks (mid-calf length)
- Black leather shoes
- Bucket hat *

Winter Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Tartan skirt (preferred) or na skort or tartan trousers (trousers available at Sacred Heart Uniform shop only)
- Long sleeved white blouse
- Bow tie *
- Navy blue stockings
- Black leather shoes

Sports Uniform – Kindergarten to Year 6

- Polar fleece jacket or soft shell jacket *
- Shorts *
- Polo top (short or long sleeved) *
- White socks
- House top to be worn on Buddy Days and Sports Carnivals *
- Sports shoes (colour sympathetic to school uniform)
- Bucket hat (required Terms 1 & 4) *

Sports uniform to be worn on PE Days, Buddy Days & Sports Carnivals.
Kindergarten to Year 2 required to wear sports uniform on all days.

Boys Formal Uniform – Year 3 to Year 6

Summer Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Grey shorts
- Short sleeved shirt with logo *
- Grey socks (mid-calf length)
- Black leather shoes
- Bucket hat *

Winter Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Grey trousers
- Long sleeved white shirt *
- Grey socks (mid-calf length) *
- Black leather shoes

Required non-clothing uniform items

- Medium & large school bags *
- Library bag *
- Art smock *

Optional uniform items

- Beanie with logo *
- Winter coat *
- Navy blue scarf
- Navy blue gloves
- Soccer uniform *
- School Swimming cap (STCPSSA Swimming team only) *

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 (due to office by Wednesday 13th February)

My child/ren _____ Grade/s _____ will be catching the bus on:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (please circle)

Reason for catching:

Signed: _____ Please print: _____



POLICY STATEMENT

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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 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 and 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.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

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Required non-clothing uniform items

- Medium & large school bags *
- Library bag *
- Art smock

Optional uniform items

- Beanie with logo *
- Winter coat *
- Navy blue scarf
- Navy blue gloves
- Soccer uniform *
- School Swimming cap (STCPSSA Swimming team)*

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

All uniform items are available for purchase at the school uniform shop.

Items marked with an astrix (*) on the list are required to be purchased through the uniform shop.

The uniform shop is open every Wednesday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm during school terms. The shop is located underneath the Prep/Grade 1 building.

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.