

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

12 February 2025



Pilgrims of Hope

Dear Families,

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year of Hope - a special opportunity for us at Immaculate Heart of Mary to journey together as "Pilgrims of Hope." This year invites us to explore meaningful ways to cultivate hope within our lives, our school and our community. Together, we foster an environment of support, encouragement, and shared purpose, to ensure students thrive.

A warm welcome to all our students, families, and staff as we begin the 2025 school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the opportunities for learning, growth, and connection that await. With big hearts, we welcome our Kinder Class of 2025 and new students and families. The exciting journey at Immaculate Heart of Mary has commenced!

Newsletter Focus

To enhance communication, highlight learning, and celebrate success, our newsletter will evolve in 2025 to include 'Focus From The Heart' and 'Classroom Heartbeat'. It will continue to be published fortnightly throughout the year.

Thank You

Returning from leave to start the year, I sincerely thank Mr Jackson Cracknell, Miss Shae Longey and Mr Kieran Gill for leading the way through an extraordinary Term 4. It's wonderful to be back at school, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in 2025.

Rachel

Focus From the Heart



Whole School Positive Behaviour Support Framework

In recent years Immaculate Heart has embedded our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support Framework (PBS) as part of our Wellbeing Strategy.

PBS is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioural, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. PBS is proven to improve social emotional competence, academic success, and school climate when implemented in a schoolwide construct. It is a way to create positive, predictable, equitable and safe learning environments where everyone thrives.

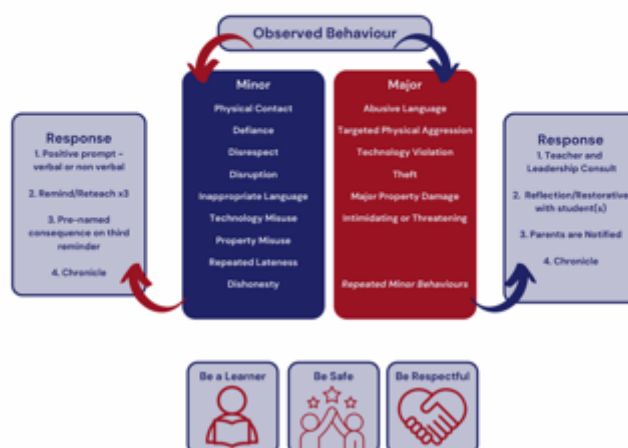
Attached for our school community are two key documents in this journey. The first is our Positive Behaviour Support Matrix, which outlines our three key expectations, and the actions that will be taught and demonstrated throughout our school. The second is our Behaviour Flowchart, which outlines the processes for dealing with behaviour when things don't go to plan, and how we can best learn from things for the future.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Positive Behaviour Support Matrix



	All the time, everywhere	Learning Spaces	Transitions	Playtime	Gatherings
Be a Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in all activities to the best of your ability Include and encourage others Listening and listening to the person speaking Help others succeed Understand we all behave and learn differently Use tablets during break times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to and follow directions Be an active learner Ask for help when needed Accept and respond to feedback Technology as a learning tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be organised with all belongings Be quiet and aware that others are learning Be on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a good winner and loser in games Show fairness in all games Use positive strategies to solve problems Follow wait another expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in songs, prayers and events Celebrate the success of others
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself Be aware of others Follow the expectations of the place you are in Choose the right thing to do when no one is watching Be kind to yourself and others Speak up when something feels wrong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move around learning spaces appropriately Stay in your learning spaces Follow ICT Agreement when using a device 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move carefully Line up with your class and wait patiently Stay to the left, look to the front Enter play spaces when duty teacher arrives Walk between spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek an adult help straight away when needed Use equipment safely and appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions Be aware of others' personal space
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show good manners by acting and speaking respectfully Value personal and school environment Listen when others are speaking Appreciate others' ideas Be a role model for younger students Wear your uniform with pride Consider the privacy and personal space of others Accept feedback and decisions positively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain attention by raising your hand Allow others to participate in learning Work respectfully and allow others to contribute Treat devices with care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk and wait quietly Stop your game when the bell goes Be on time Hold equipment with care Calm body, calm voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put food and rubbish in your lunchbox or bin Be thoughtful of others and their space with your games Look after school property and the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to and from Gatherings respectfully Listen when others are speaking Calm body Move quietly during transitions

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Minor and Major Behaviours



Keep an eye out for further information in weeks to come.

Welcome Parent Teacher Conversations

Our first Parent Teacher Conversations will take place on Tuesday, February 20, and Wednesday, February 21. We've scheduled these meetings early in the year to foster strong collaboration and ensure the best support for each student's growth and learning. This year, all meetings will be held in our Grade 3 & Grade 4 classrooms (old Prep & Grade 1). Bookings are now open on Compass. All parents/carers are requested to attend.

Welcome Liturgy

Our Welcome Liturgy will be held on Tuesday 25 February at 10.30 am. Our Grade 6 Leaders will be commissioned during this service. Weather permitting, this will be held on the Blue Court. We warmly invite all parents and carers to join our celebration.

Student Leaders



School Captains	Zoe Mathysen & Zikolas Schlie
Dillon Captains	Bethany Harley-Hill & James Sewell
Donohoe Captains	Amelie French & Ethan Shott
Young Captains	Prisha Stanfield & Sophie Chick

New School Bus

Our new 25 seat Fuso Rosa has arrived at Immaculate Heart! We are very excited to get our new bus into action in the coming days. Our new bus features lap-sash seat belts for all passengers, as well as many modern features to ensure our students are transported in safety (and luxury) for many years to come.



Canteen Service

We are in the process of finalising details with our new canteen service. Please keep an eye on Compass notes – all will be revealed soon!

Capital Works - Building Project

After years of planning, diggers are on site and the earth is moving to Transform the Heart of our school. It was a monster effort by our staff to set up our learning environments before school commenced. Our students have embraced these changes in their stride. I appreciate it is challenging for us all with restricted access from McCann Crescent at this point, and we thank you for working with us to always make pick-up and drop-off safe.

Later in the week, the Building Project Team will meet to advise the progression of works.

Walk through video

These arrangements are in place to prioritise the safety of all students and adults, all day, every day:

- Restricted Access: Entry from McCann Crescent is now restricted.
- Staff Car Park: Access to the staff car park will be limited during school hours.
- Kiss and Drop Zone: This will be relocated to Edge Avenue at this time of the year.
- Pedestrian Access: All students and adults entering on foot through the staff car park must use the designated pathways.
- Assistance: If you require help accessing the school, please contact the school office.
- School Bus & School Van Parking: The driveway of the blue Astro Court is reserved for our school bus and van only.
- Supervision & Support: Our Leadership Team will be out and about to support the logistics and compliance with these changes.
- Blue Astro Court 8:30 - 8:45am: To support safe access, kicking games will be restricted during this time as the Blue Court will be a major thoroughfare.



IHMS Complaint Procedures



Sacramental Program – St Mary's Cathedral Parish



St Mary's Cathedral Parish are now accepting enrolments from students in Grades 3-6 for the 2025 Sacramental Program.

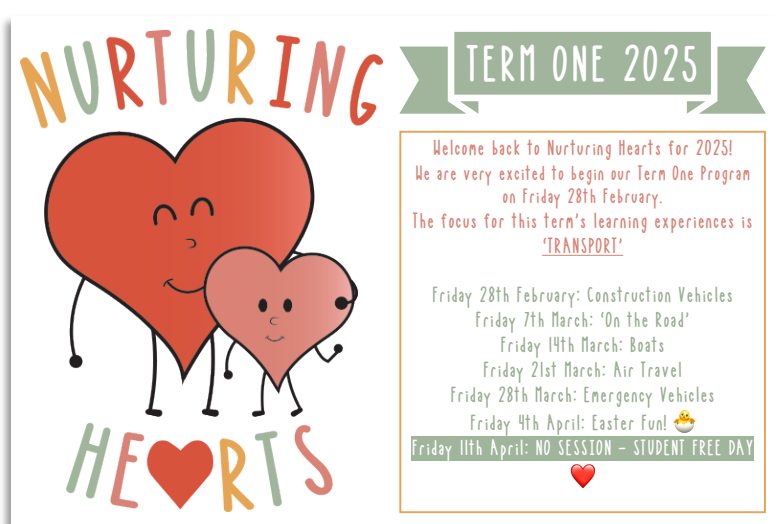
The Sacramental Program timetable will be confirmed and communicated early in 2025. Enrolment forms are available from our school office. Please contact the Parish Office on cathedral@aohtas.org.au if further information is required.

Birth to 4 Years Program

Our Nurturing Hearts Program will commence on Friday 28 February in Kindergarten.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn with your child and connect with our families.

Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall can't wait to see you!



Mobile Phones, Devices and Wearable Technologies

In line with Catholic Education Tasmania policies and procedures, all students are required to bring mobile phones, devices and wearable technologies to the office (switched off or in flight mode) at the start of each day, and collect them when leaving school.

Uniform Expectations

We take great pride in our school uniform and the expectation is that all students wear this correctly. Please take time to read our school uniform policy. This policy can be found on our website.

Kinder Enrolment

Kindergarten 2026 enrolments are now open and close on the 10 May 2025.

Grade 7 Enrolments

As part of the enrolment process for Catholic Secondary Colleges for Grade 7 in 2026, parents are asked to submit enrolment applications to their preferred secondary school by 14 March 2025. This includes enrolments to Sacred Heart College. To complete this, you must contact the school of your preference.

We are happy to support families with enrolment enquiries and help you with the application process if needed.

Calendar


Please click [here](#) for our school calendar: School Calendar

Key Dates

Catholic Education Tasmania has released the following school dates for 2025.

Term One Concludes (Students)	10 April 2025
Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff)	11 April 2025
Term One Student (Non-Attendance Time)	14 April 2025 – 25 April 2025
Easter (Good Friday)	18 April 2025
Easter (Easter Monday)	21 April 2025
Easter (Easter Tuesday)	22 April 2025
Term Two (Staff and Students Resume)	28 April 2025
Term Two (Concludes)	3 July 2025 (student free day 4 July 2025)
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time	7 July 2025 – 21 July 2025
Term Three Resumes (Teaching Staff)	21 July 2025
Term Three Resumes (Students)	22 July 2025
Term Three Concludes	26 September 2025
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time	29 September 2025 – 13 October 2025
Term Four Resumes (Teaching Staff)	13 October 2025
Term Four Resumes (Students)	14 October 2025
Term Four Concludes (Students and Teaching Staff)	18 December 2025*

Staff 2025

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM		
Principal	Rachel Kelly	
Deputy Principal	Jackson Cracknell	
Religious Education Coordinator	Simon Treweek	
Early Years Coordinator & Literacy	Shae Longey	
Primary Coordinator	Mikayla Lack	
Student Support Coordinator	Cristy Mahony	
Parish Priest / Parish Associate	Fr Steve Smith / Sr Monica Shelverton	
		
CLASS TEACHERS		
Kindergarten	Lucy Brook	
Prep	Madelyn Halouvas	
Grade 1	Lily Adams	
Grade 2	Simon Treweek (Wed-Fri) & Stephanie Bruce (Mon-Tue)	
Grade 3	Trudi Merkel	
Grade 4	Demi Tsai	
Grade 5	Millie Cooke	
Grade 6	Mikayla Lack (Thu - Fri + every 2 nd Wed), Nicole Morozoff (Mon - Tue + every 2 nd Wed)	
TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT STAFF		
Student Support Coordinator	Cristy Mahony	
Intervention & Support	Emma Bayley-Stark & Julia Park	
Chaplain	Ange Gates	
Digital Support	Grazia Parodi (Tue-Wed) & Jackson Cracknell	
Teaching Assistants	Nialah Patterson Fran Heynes Grazia Parodi Ange Gates Meghan Williams Lillian Cooke Lauren Tollard-Williams Chloe Mead Agnes Sakina Kathryn Wall Kate Choraziak Tadhg Waddington Brittany Marsh Jane Kirk Liam Dalla-Fontana Hannah Courto Meg Pinelli (STATI Cadet) Adam Baines (STATI Cadet)	
SPECIALIST TEACHERS		
Health and Physical Education	Sandy Clark (Thu-Fri)	
Technologies	Stephen Brook (Wed)	
Key Indigenous Teacher	Simon Treweek	
Music/Drama	Andrea van Emmerik (Mon-Wed)	
LOTE (Japanese)	Samantha Sangston (Thu)	
Nurturing Hearts	Lucy Brook (Fri)	
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT		
Counsellor	Elora Kingsbury (Tues, Wed, Thu)	
Compliance Officer	Maree McQueen	
AFL Sportsready Trainee	Jordana Drew	
Utility Officers	Paul Mihal & Oscar Larin	
Uniform Manager	Donald Ryan (Tue)	
Office Administrator	Jane Sargent (Mon-Wed) & Jane Kirk (Thu-Fri)	
Finance Manager	Casey Mullen	
Cleaners	Tony Hallam & Mirna Larin	



Calendar of Events

Mon 17 Feb	Basketball Trials
Tue 18 Feb	Grade 2 Bush School
Tue 18 Feb	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Tue 25 Feb & Wed 26 Feb	Parent/Teacher Conversations
Tue 25 Feb	Whole School Liturgy 9.30am
Tue 25 Feb	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm

Sacred Heart College Twilight Tours

Thursday 27 February
3.15pm - 5.15pm

Year 7 2026 enrolment applications
are due by 14 March, 2025



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