

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

17 December 2025



"Our Place" – Immaculate Heart of Mary

Loving God,
Thank You for the year we have shared.
May the joy and peace of Christmas fill our homes and hearts,
and guide us safely into the year ahead. Amen.



2025 has been an epic year at Immaculate Heart of Mary – "Our Place".

This year, we have all navigated the challenges of our Building Project. Thank you for keeping our children safe coming and going from school. To our Grade 1 and Grade 2 students, staff, and families who adapted to a full year of learning in the Hall - you have all been legends, making this arrangement work.

The long-awaited future of our school is almost here, and the flexibility and support shown by our community highlight the strength and spirit that make Immaculate Heart such a remarkable place to learn and grow.

Our focus on high-quality teaching, assessment, and targeted support has continued to drive strong learning outcomes. Students excelled across gifted programs, chess, camps, Bush School, sporting events, buddy activities, and excursions. We are proud to now be the highest-ranked Catholic Primary School in Tasmania based on the NAPLAN Grade 5 Average - a significant achievement and a testament to the collective effort of our whole school community.

Goodbye and Thank You Grade 6

Together, you have created memories that will last a lifetime and made a remarkable impact on everyone at Immaculate Heart. We wish you all the best as you move into secondary school. Carry your courage, your dreams, and your kindness with you - you will be missed.

As we wrap up 2025, we are deeply grateful to our students, staff, families, volunteers, and the School Advisory Board for their unwavering support and commitment. Your dedication ensures that Immaculate Heart remains a place of belonging, connection, and growth for every learner.

May your holidays be full of fun and rest - may 2026 be a year where we continue to grow and thrive as a learning community.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

With sincere gratitude – Rachel.

Sacramental Program 2026

Families of students in Grades 3–6 are invited to participate in the parish Sacramental Program for 2026.

A Parent Information Session will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00pm on Monday 10 February; enrolment forms are available from the school office or by contacting the parish office at cathedral@aohtas.org.au



We look forward to supporting our families as students continue their faith journey through the Sacraments.

Congratulations

Patrick Morse (Grade 6)

Selected for the U/13 Tassie Devils AFT Academy Squad – an outstanding achievement!

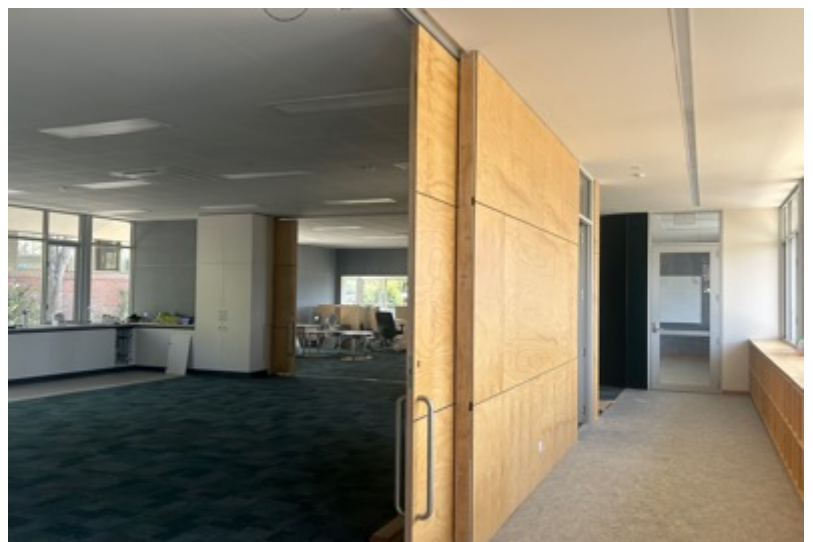
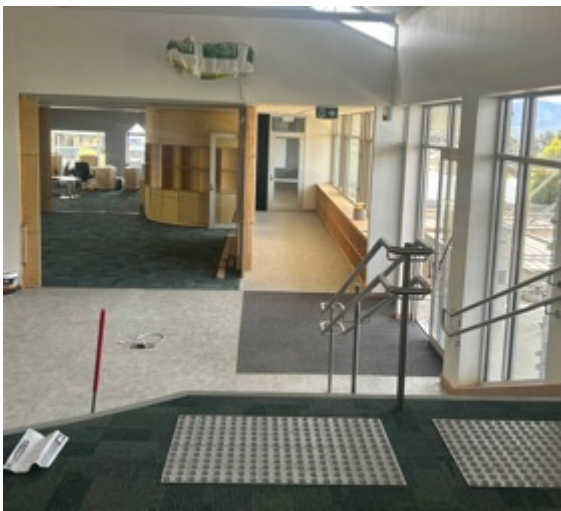
Denise Garcia

Recognised by the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council for her volunteer contributions to Early Years literacy. Thank you Denise!

Capital Works Building Project

Transformation of the Heart Fly Through

Many thanks to Luke and the team from Maveric for their work in 2025. The interior is pretty much complete, with external work happening throughout the school holidays to ensure our doors are open ready for Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2 and our new library in 2026!



Gazetted School Calendar 2026

Term One Resume (Teaching Staff)	2 February 2026
Term One Resume (Students)	6 February 2026
Term One Concludes (Students)	16 April 2026
Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff)	17 April 2026
Term One Student (Non-Attendance Time)	20 April 2026 – 01 May 2026
Easter (Good Friday)	03 April 2026
Easter (Easter Monday)	06 April 2026
Easter (Easter Tuesday)	07 April 2026
Term Two (Staff and Students Resume)	04 May 2026
Term Two (Concludes)	10 July 2026
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time	13 July 2026 – 27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Teaching Staff)	27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Students)	28 July 2026
Term Three Concludes	02 October 2026
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time	05 October 2026 – 16 October 2026
Term Four Resume (Students and Teaching Staff)	19 October 2026
Student Free Day	23 October 2026
Term Four Concludes (Students and Teaching Staff)	17 December 2026*

*In circumstances where a Show Day public holiday falls within student non-attendance time, the schools within that region will conclude on Thursday 17 December 2026.

Calendar of Events

Wed 28 Jan	Parents: Uniform & Book Day
Fri 6 Feb	First Day of Term 1 2026 (Prep to Grade 6)
Tue 10 Feb	First Day of Term 1 2026 (Kindergarten)



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School is located in Nipaluna on the Traditional Lands of the Muwinina people of the South East Nation who lived with and cared for this Land for many generations.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Palawa people, and the deep connection they have to Country and Culture. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community and to Elders past and present.

We are committed to learning as a part of this community, and to supporting the continued sharing of knowledge and culture.