Strategic Plan

Ite, inflammate omnia
When Saint Ignatius Loyola, the College’s patron and founder of the Jesuit order, missioned his best friend to the Indies, he gave him the simple instruction, “Ite, inflammate omnia.”

Go, set the world on fire.

For the last six decades, Saint Ignatius’ College and its graduates have been attempting to live out that instruction. By helping young women and men become competent, live according to their conscience and practise compassion, they have sparked the fire of change in their lives, their communities, and their whole world. And they do so in the name of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When you join the Saint Ignatius’ College community, you become part of an educational tradition that is over 450 years old. The hope, the entire reason that the Society of Jesus invested itself in the education of young people, was because we believed then, and believe now, that the best way to follow the blueprint for building the Kingdom of God found in the Gospel is to help people realise the vast potential they possess. This desire to help people become the human beings that God created them to be, and in that becoming to give glory to God, is the spark that has ignited the educational flame that we of the College have been entrusted with keeping.

The need for this type of education of excellence and care has attracted a whole community of people dedicated to fulfilling this challenge; a caring and skilled staff dedicated to the craft of teaching, a loyal and ardent base of Old Ignatians who experience the school as a home, parents who support the College and its mission, and, of course students who breathe life and spirit into the school to make it a warm and accepting place. All of these diverse groups come together to make the flame of the Spirit burn even brighter.

A Jesuit education is based on cura personalis, the care of the individual person. By modelling the care God has for each person, we seek to help every student fuel, ignite, and stoke the fire that dwells within every human person. In doing this we seek to create men and women who live most fully when they live not for themselves, but for others. We seek to deliver an educational experience that goes beyond academic achievements by helping young people become open to seeking and finding God in new and unexpected places, celebrating the life of the mind, entering into and nurturing their relationship with God, coming to an understanding that they are loved by God and living the Gospel value of Justice.

The document you now hold represents our communal attempt to speak about our plans to ensure that the fire of the Gospel entrusted to us burns brightly now and into the future.

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FR JACK MCLAIN, SJ, Rector
The Jesuit Ethos

• Promote awareness of the College's heritage and identity as a Catholic, Jesuit institution.
• Maintain a strong Jesuit presence at Saint Ignatius' College.
• Continue to develop Ignatian values as the essence of a Jesuit School.
• Demonstrate the Jesuit ideals of competence, conscience and compassion to the school community and beyond.

The Curriculum

• Encourage in students the ability to discern fundamental truths and instil in them a love of lifelong learning.
• Maintain the nature and rigour of an academic curriculum in the Jesuit tradition.
• Encourage independent, creative, critical and reflective thinking.
• Continue to emphasise the pursuit of intellectual and emotional growth and understanding that leads to the discovery of God in all things.
• Promote a preparedness in graduates for a more globalised future by drawing on our national and international Jesuit network.
• Develop a strong commitment to environmental sustainability that reflects the Gospel's call to respect and be responsible stewards of God's creation.

Pastoral Care

• Foster growth of the individual through cura personalis — care of the individual.
• Foster a sense of Ignatian identity in the students and their families.
• Be a community that helps individuals realise they are created in the image and likeness of God.
• Nurture relationships in our community which seek to build God's Kingdom.

Attraction and Retention of Quality Staff

• Identify, attract and help form staff members in the tradition of Jesuit education.
• Maintain leadership at all levels that is strong, professional and compassionate.
• Value staff through the provision of clear, transparent and contemporary policies for their wellbeing.
• Create career pathways and opportunities within the school and the Jesuit global network.
• Celebrate and affirm the long tradition of mutual respect between staff and students at the College.
Co-curricular

- In keeping with the Ignatian charism of forming the whole person, foster student commitment to the co-curricular program.
- Maintain our current requirement of student participation in the co-curricular program.
- Ensure staff and student leaders reinforce Ignatian values as they relate to co-curricular activities.

Communication

- Promotion of Saint Ignatius' College and its values to the whole community.
- Ensure the College community remains fully informed in relation to school ethos, programs, expectations and activities.
- Establish and maintain relationships and modes of communicating with community members, both past and present, that leads to responsible stewardship and giving.

Facilities

- Plan, establish and ensure that the facilities of the College maximise the educational experience for all and achieve the best possible educational outcomes.
- Ensure flexibility in future budgets to take advantage of opportunities for significant acquisitions of property or resources for the long term benefit to the College.
- Develop a long term financial strategy that ensures the stability and sustainability of the College, regardless of economic and governmental changes.

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Saint Ignatius’ College, a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition, is committed to helping all the members of the College community grow and fully realise their call to become the unique person that God has created them to be. Students, staff, parents, Old Ignatians, and those charged with stewardship of the College are all called to become persons in touch with their strengths and frailties, persons who maximise their intellectual potential, who actively engage in relationship with a God who loves and cares for them, and who respond to that love by striving to live out the Gospel call to justice.

Open To Growth. We seek to;
- create and sustain an environment that encourages a deep love of learning, develops curiosity, and fosters the ability to discern truth.
- ensure that the College is a place where community members are committed to its heritage and traditions, but flexible and discerning enough to adapt to an increasingly complicated and rapidly changing world and equips students to be leaders in such a world.

Loving. We seek to;
- support an environment where students and staff feel a mutual respect and care for one another.

Intellectually Competent. We seek to;
- continue a commitment to attracting and supporting a staff that practices the Jesuit fundamental of cura personalis – the care of the individual, in the pursuit of academic excellence.
- ensure that students of all academic abilities have the opportunity to achieve and realise their maximum potential.

An Ignatian Graduate is...

Religious. We seek to;
- form community members (Students, Parents, Staff, Old Ignatians, Administrators) in Ignatian Spirituality focused on contemplation and action.
- commit to a vigorous and personal Campus Ministry program that helps community members nurture their relationship with God.

Committed To Justice. We seek to;
- ensure that a Jesuit Education is always a possibility for people of all economic means.
- provide opportunities for community members to have experiences of learning beyond the classroom that offer direct, hands-on opportunities to build the Kingdom of God in our world today.
- encourage and equip all community members to identify and change unjust structures wherever they occur.
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