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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

As we commence a new school year, I offer a warm welcome to all in our community. In particular, to those who are new to the College, I hope that you find us to be a community where our actions match our rhetoric and where you will feel a sense of belonging and meaning in daily life. As a Jesuit school our view of the world is fundamentally shaped by our belief that we may 'Find God in All Things' and I pray that this is true for all families in 2019. In the ups and downs that we encounter in any year as part of life I hope that all here will find love, friendship and support as consistent qualities that characterise our school. I wish everyone a happy and successful year ahead.

From a personal perspective, I feel very positive about 2019. Our Leadership Team,

- Fr Peter Hosking SJ, Rector
- Mrs Rosemary Allen, Head of Ignatius Early Years
- Mr Nic Boys, Head of Junior School
- Mr Phil Donato, Head of Senior School
- Mrs Jacquie McCabe, Head of Ignatian Ethos
- Mr Kain Noack, Head of Studies and Innovation
- Mrs Sam Trenerry, Head of Business

now well established during the course of last year, along with all other staff, shares a common purpose in striving to make Saint Ignatius' College a place where the formation of the young people in our care to be all that God calls them to be, is at the heart of all that we do.

Our ambition for our students is great, but then again, Ignatius always encouraged his followers to have such dreams and to live life generously and whole-heartedly

in the service of others. In 2019 we could not aspire to anything less than this!

Strategic Plan 2019–2023

During the course of 2018 much time, effort and energy was devoted to the creation of the College's new strategic plan. The process commenced in March and I am delighted to inform our community that Jesuit Education Australia (JEA) officially approved the plan in December last year.

Please click on the image below to view an e-book version of the plan on the College website.



I am particularly pleased that the final version of the plan reflects so accurately the input received from all those who chose to participate. Parents, students and staff all contributed, and the various focus groups formed provided insight and wisdom to the structure and content that ultimately emerged.

I am immensely grateful to the College Board for its leadership and direction of the work on the plan and for its support throughout the year.

Our Chair of Board, Professor Suzanne Le Mire, provided the introduction to the plan and in it she highlights the key priorities for our College Leadership Team in coming years. These priorities are:

Care of Students:

Supporting students with a system of care that gives contemporary expression to *cura personalis*.

Human Excellence:

Developing the full potential of individuals to lead positive change in the world.

Faith in Practice:

Being a source of hope and compassion.

Ignatian Ethos:

Contributing to Catholic education through our Jesuit charism.

Stewardship and Sustainability:

Demonstrating responsible stewardship of our resources, community and environment.

Professor Le Mire also succinctly summarises how Saint Ignatius' College, as a Jesuit school, must approach the education of our youth. She writes,

Jesuit schools are committed to a way of proceeding which includes:

Finding God in all things: we recognise that every aspect of our life and labour can affirm the goodness and presence of God.

Cura personalis: we encourage a culture of care and concern where students, staff, Old Ignatians and families feel accepted for who they are and for what they might become.

Encouraging human excellence: we support the full development of gifts to be used for others through our pastoral, academic, faith and service provisions.

Formation of the whole person: we focus on the intellectual, affective and ethical to develop a sense of self-worth and of one's place in the world.

Being men and women for others: we strive to serve others generously especially where human dignity is threatened.

Engaging with the wider world: we aspire to be aware of the challenges of our time and respond with love to those who are disadvantaged.

Co-operating in the mission of the Church: we seek to bear witness to Christ's presence in the world in the light of the apostolic aims of the Jesuits.

I encourage everyone to spend a few minutes (or more) exploring our plan – which belongs to us all – and having done so, I hope you feel like me in being inspired to the 'Magis'. Our work this year and in the future will be guided by our clear priorities.

Once again, welcome to the school year. I hope it is a good one for us all.

Deo Gloria

Mr Peter Coffey

Principal



RECTOR'S WELCOME

We hope you had a grace-filled Christmas and look forward to all that the 2019 school year has to offer. Welcome back to those returning. And welcome to our new students, families and staff to the Ignatian family. Here, we hope you find a community of friends and experience being part of a mission that calls us to love and serve. May this be a place where you feel you belong and where we share a faith that encourages our commitment to care for others.

The beginning of a school year is filled with possibility and promise. Many considerations and uncertainties claim our energy even before we engage with a task. The great Australian distance runner, Ron Clarke once said, "The hardest thing about training is getting changed." A new school year is a bit like that. Sometimes we just have to start and trust all will be well. We gradually learn that the more we throw ourselves into things, the more we learn how to do things well. It takes effort and perseverance but that is how we get good at what we do.

Importantly, there are always travelling companions even when the road is long and the way unclear. We are never alone on journeys. Please reach out to your friends, parents, teachers and others when you need.

We do encourage our students to try as many things as possible. Looking through our ATAR results it was very evident that some of the higher academic performers were also deeply engaged in faith and service

experiences, as well as being strong contributors to music, art, drama, and sport. All are opportunities to help fashion confidence and character.

Over the holidays, I was able to join an immersion to Cambodia and Vietnam and the Kairos retreats. The students who engaged in these formation experiences were indeed impressive and we thank the staff and their families who supported them to do so. It is a great privilege to be present with young people, to accompany them on their journey, and to discern with them how they make their choices. Young people learn well when they discover things for themselves. It is our joy to be able to accompany them in doing so.

Fr Peter Hosking SJ

Rector



FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

I join with the Principal and Rector in offering my heartfelt welcome to all in the College community as we prepare for another wonderful school year in 2019. We particularly welcome the 101 families who are joining us for the first time, 59 of these at the Senior School. As a result, we have increased to five classes in Year Seven. There will be a welcome function for new families to the Senior School on Wednesday 20 March, further details to come soon.

I strongly encourage you to attend the parent information evenings held in the coming weeks, as this is a great way of meeting key staff and other Ignatian families. Relationships are essential in schools, and it is paramount that we work together to develop a community where everyone is valued and loved. I am truly looking forward to meeting you all at the various events planned and at Saturday morning sport throughout the year.

It is with great enthusiasm that the staff have returned to work in 2019, and we especially welcome a group of new staff who I am confident will enrich our learning community. This year will also see the whole school begin our journey with the implementation of our new learning management system (LMS) called SEQTA, which is widely used in Australian schools. Our implementation strategy to bring about this exciting change has been planned over two years, and will

ultimately provide a collaborative teaching and learning environment and greatly improve our communication with students and families. We look forward to engaging with students and parents along the way in order to shape this platform to cater for our unique community.

During the summer holidays, a number of students and staff participated in a range of immersions, exchanges and carnivals. These activities included:

- An immersion to Cambodia and Vietnam with thanks to Mr Greg Dinon, Mr Shane O'Brien, Mr Con Kapnistis, Ms Kathy George, Ms Natalie Prior and Fr Hosking.
- A language exchange to Italy with thanks to Mr Rocco D'Onofrio and Mrs Gabby Puntillo.
- The Jesuit Cricket Carnival in Sydney with thanks to Mr Dillon Mullins, Mr Ian Dales and Mr Karl Button.

During this period, we also held Kairos retreats – Kairos #72 and #73, and for many senior students this remains one of their most significant experiences of all their years at the College. My thanks go to all those involved and in particular to our Youth Ministers, Miss Katie Gue and Miss Grace Frick.

As people of love and hope, let us remember to give thanks during 2019 and celebrate all that is Ignatian.

Mr Phil Donato
Head of Senior School



FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting year for your children. I would like to not only welcome back all students returning to the Junior School, but especially those who are new to the College this year. I hope your time with us will be the start of many fantastic years ahead. You may like to note that there will be a welcome function for new families to the Junior School on Thursday 21 March, further details to come soon.

You want the best year possible for your child - and so do we - so we need to share our expectations and goals for the year. For this reason, we have organized Parent Information Evenings as early as Weeks 2 and 3 for you to meet with your child's classroom teacher. If you feel there are particular concerns or interests that you would like addressed with respect to your child's education, please feel free to discuss them with your class teacher as soon as the need arises.

The onset of the new school year brings new opportunities to our community. We look forward to the introduction of iPads within the classrooms and building student capacity throughout the year as to how this tool can be used to assist their learning in new and exciting ways. Further communication will inform Years 3-5 students which day to first bring their iPad into school to 'enrol' their digital devices into our school system. We will also be hosting a hands-on Parent iPad Forum in support of parents who may be newer to using iPads,

demonstrating how to monitor child screen time and how to help safeguard children while at home.

We are thrilled to open the new Tuckshop from our first day back in 2019. With this facility comes new aspirations in providing healthy menu options as per the National Healthy School Canteens guidelines. I hope that you are able to join us at the official blessing on Friday 8 February at 8:50am – coffee on us from 7:30am!

We look forward to seeing the students return to school energized with their summer holiday stories and assure you that we will be doing our very best to ensure that 2019 will be an exciting, challenging and enjoyable educational experience for your children.

Mr Nic Boys
Head of Junior School



FROM THE HEAD OF IGNATIUS EARLY YEARS

I take this opportunity to warmly welcome new families and new staff to the College and trust that you quickly feel part of our Ignatian community. Welcome back to all continuing children, parents and staff. I trust you have all taken some time to recharge the batteries for the year ahead and to enjoy your families.

Over the summer holidays there has been a lot happening at Ignatius Early Years to get the new buildings and extensions ready for the children. A huge thankyou to Neville Turnbull and his grounds staff for all the hard work they have done getting the grounds looking beautiful and working hard to meet all those extra regulations required in early childhood. We received official approval for the rooms and new outdoor spaces on Wednesday 16 January 2019. A simple opening ceremony is planned for Monday 4 February 2019 at 6:30pm (straight after our Parent Information Session) and you are most welcome to come along.

Over the January holidays there was also significant work completed on the southern end of the creek. The creek was widened and new gabion walls were added. This should make a big difference to the water flow as it comes out from under the Junior School and prevent any further erosion.

We began the new year with 37 children taking advantage of the Early Years Vacation Care Program in our beautiful new building. We opened for 2019 on Monday 14 January, with some very excited children and temperatures of up to 42 degrees. We used the cooler mornings to be outside and took advantage of very good air conditioning indoors on the 35+ degree days.

This year, at Ignatius Early Years, we have 41 new families joining us in Semester One and 19 in Semester Two. We will have a total of 127 children with us over the year. We begin the year with an inquiry into our sense of belonging. The children will begin to make a connection or reconnection with others and with their new environment.

We are lucky at Ignatius Early Years to have a strong team of teachers and educators. This year we have an additional 3-year-old room and we welcome back Danni Rypstra who covered Long Service Leave for Roni Charles in Term 4 2018. She will be able to provide some continuity to the 3-year-olds that began in Term 3 2018 while Roni Charles will move in to the new Green Room with a group of completely new 3-year-olds.

Wishing all families good health and wellbeing throughout 2019, and I hope and pray that all of us in this Ignatian community feel connected with each other in a very positive way.

Mrs Rosemary Allen
Head of Ignatius Early Years

FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING – SENIOR SCHOOL

Academic Results 2018

I am very pleased to report to the College community that the academic results achieved by the Class of 2018 were of a high calibre and we are extremely proud of their wonderful achievements. Of particular note was that all our Year 12 students achieved their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). It was also gratifying to see the results attained by those students who, throughout their schooling, experienced academic challenges and, by virtue of the hard work of all parties, achieved pleasing outcomes. This reflects positively on the support structures, both pastorally and academically, that the College affords our students.

Below is a summary of key aspect of the results:

- Our students gained 63 A+ grades, including 24 Merits, 190 A's and 214 A-'s – a total of 467 grades in the A band.
- The average ATAR was 84.8 and the median score was 90.0.
- Sebastian Ricci achieved our highest ATAR score (99.85).
- 21 students achieved 24 Merits. This includes 3 Year 11 students of which 1 Year 11 student studied the subject externally.
- Merits were achieved in 11 subjects involving 15 teachers.
- 13.2% (18) of our Year 12 students gained Merits.
- Daniel Belperio, John Bian and Sebastian Ricci all achieved two Merits. Daniel and John also received a Merit each in Year 11.
- 7 students (5.2 %) achieved an ATAR of 99 or above, i.e., in the top 1% of the State. Compared to 8.8% in 2017.
- 30 students (22.4 %) achieved an ATAR of 95 or above, in the top 5% of the State. Compared to 22.3% in 2017.
- 67 students (50.0 %) achieved an ATAR of 90 or above, in the top 10% of the State. Compared to 41.2% in 2017.

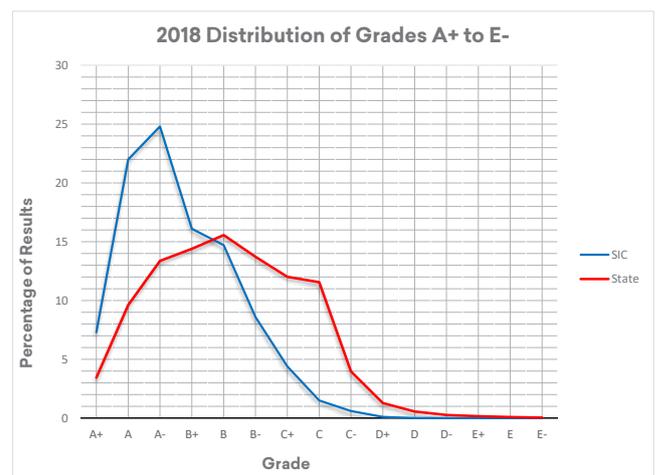
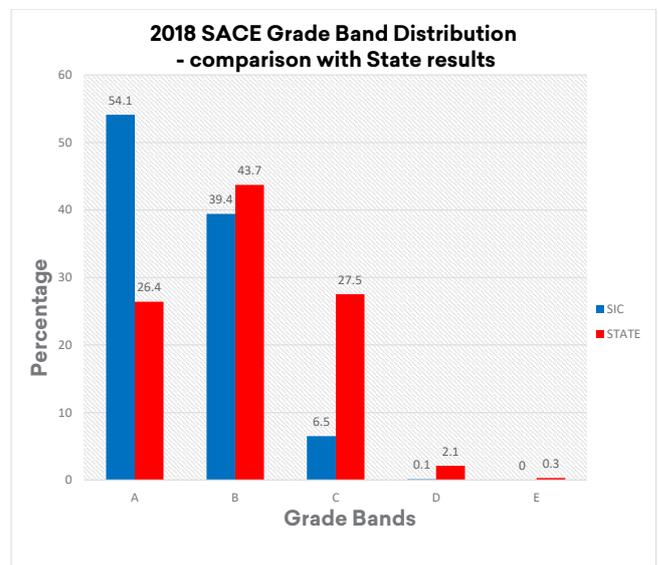
In addition, Sebastian Ricci was a recipient of a Governor of South Australia Commendation Excellence Award. The award not only recognises his outstanding academic performances but also his exemplary service to the wider community in one or more of the SACE Capabilities. Sebastian was one of only twenty-five students in the state to receive this prestigious award.

Summary of Grade Distribution

The SACE Board reports subject achievement using a fifteen-tier grade scale ranging from A+ to E-.

For the 2018 SACE results, 54.1% of the grades achieved were As, 93.5% of grades were As or Bs, and 99.9% were As, Bs or Cs.

The graphs below show the overall Grade Distribution and the Grade Distribution of A+ to E- standard for Saint Ignatius' College compared with the State results.



67 Students
or 50% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 or above

54% of grades were in the A band, including 63 A+ grades.

24 Merits awarded to 21 students in 11 subjects

9 in 8 9th Governor of South Australia Commendation Award received in 8 years

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

The ATAR is a percentile value indicating a student's ranking in comparison to the rest of the students in the state who qualified for an ATAR. Thus, a student who records a 90 for their ATAR has achieved results higher than 90% of the students in the State. The highest possible ATAR is 99.95.

Sebastian	RICCI	99.85
Daniel	BELPERIO	99.65
Georgina	BAILEY	99.35
John	BIAN	99.35
Lucy	PALM	99.15
Benjamin	MELVILLE	99.1
Stefano	PALA	99.1
Amy	TREGENZA	98.7
Claire	SERWAN	98.65
Vitor	KLEIN	98.6
Jack	BRANFORD	98.05
Sophie	BOOTS	97.8
Daniela	BORRELLO	97.75
Yuelian (Catherine)	ZOU	97.15
Christina	KALAMITIS	97.1
Samuel	WALSH	96.9
Blake	FERRARO	96.65
Stephanie	MONTATORE	96.55
Kiran	MCCAREY	96.5
Isabelle	BUHECKER	96.45
Michael	VAN DER PENNEN	96.45
Ella	HOSKING	96.35
Isabella	MCGRATH	96.25
Julia	MATTEO	96.2
Siena	BELPERIO	96.15
Seamus	ADAMS	96.1
Grace	HEFFERNAN	96
Paula (Andi)	CUSTODIO	95.7
Alec	GARNER	95.65
Lauren	TRENERRY	95.55
Olivia	PIATANESI	94.85
Cameron	SCOTT	94.5
Whitney	HAGENUS	94.35
Jamie	WONG	94.35

This year, a very commendable 50% of our Year 12 students achieved an ATAR of 90 or above. In addition, the Class of 2018 realised a noteworthy median ATAR score of 90. The median score indicates that half of the students in the cohort achieved an ATAR value greater or equal to the abovementioned score.

Listed below are the students who received an ATAR of 90 or above:

Aradhya	GARG	94.2
Ella	SARGEANT	94.1
Victoria	DE CONNO	93.95
Dale	GILBERT	93.9
Caitlin	MCCARRON	93.5
River	GONSALVES	93.35
Marcela	CASTRO	93.3
Anthony	D'ONOFRIO	93.15
Sanat	GOYAL	93.05
Corrina	PAPAGEORGIU	92.75
Uyen	NGUYEN	92.6
Isaac	KOSZEWSKI	92.4
Jack	MENCEL	92.4
Alex	GEORGNICAS	92.3
Celeste	DE PASQUALE	92.2
Christopher	DAVIDSON	92.05
Santiago	HERNANDEZ LASSO	92.05
Lia	PIPICELLA	92.05
Edward	ORMANDY	91.9
Georgie	BATEMAN	91.65
Lauren	SHELL	91.45
Samuel	SCHULTZ	91.4
Zhe (Mason)	ZHANG	91.25
William	BRITTEN-JONES	91.2
Benjamin	HOFFMAN	90.8
Lucy	RAGG	90.65
Krystina	VLACHOULIS	90.65
Mallory	PAPPS	90.45
Erin	ROBINSON	90.45
Molly	CASEY	90.25
Brittany	CASTELLUZZO	90.25
Jack	CUMMINS	90.15
Matthew	GORDON	90.05



The College would also like to congratulate the following students on achieving Subject Merits in 2018 or in previous years. Subject Merits are awarded to students who achieve an A+ grade as well as being judged by the SACE Board to have performed at the highest level in the Subject Performance Standards (assessment criteria) of the subject.

BAILEY, Georgina	Biology
BASO, Lauren*	Workplace Practices
BELPERIO, Daniel (3)	Mathematical Methods#, Physics, Research Project
BELPERIO, Siena	Research Project
BIAN, John (3)	Chinese (continuers)#, English, Research Project
BOOTS, Sophie	Research Project
BORRELLO, Daniela	Research Project
CEHIC, Francesca*	Mathematical Methods
CUSTODIO, Paula (Andi)	Religious Education (Integrated Learning)
GILBERT, Dale	Research Project
HAGENUS, Whitney	Research Project
HOFFMAN, Benjamin	Psychology
HOSKING, Ella	Psychology
KLEIN, Vitor	Physics
KOSZEWSKI, Isaac	Business and Enterprise
MENCEL, Jack	Ancient Studies
PALA, Stefano	Research Project
PALM, Lucy	English
RICCI, Sebastian (2)	Chemistry, Physics
ROBERTS, Charlie*^	Workplace Practices – Elite Athlete
TREGENZA, Amy	Biology

* = Year 11 student # = achieved whilst in Year 11 ^ = studied externally

Whilst the information presented above has primarily focused on and acknowledged the achievements of the students who achieved high ATAR scores and/or Subject Merits, we are extremely proud and delighted with the significant number of students who attained successful outcomes due to their consistent approach to their studies. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our dedicated staff who have guided and supported the students throughout their years at the College.

We wish our most recent graduates every success for their future.

Mr Michael Martin

Acting Director of Teaching and Learning
– Senior School



STAFFING MATTERS

This year we welcome the following new staff to the College:

Junior School

Mr Jared Centenera	Year 1 Teacher
Ms Narelle Honan	Personal Assistant to Head of Junior School
Ms Alice Nixon	Year 3 Teacher
Mr Zixuan (Robbin) Wang	Chinese Teacher

Senior School

Mrs Michaela Carey	Senior School Receptionist (replacement for 2019)
Ms Lucy De Palma	Coordinator of Library Services
Mr Alex Graham	Film Studies and English Teacher
Mr Matthew Panos	Sports Coordinator
Mr Jack Prebble	Adaptive Education Teacher
Mr Chris Robinson	Information and Digital Technology Teacher
Ms Anelle Van Aardt	Mathematics and Science Teacher
Mr Michael Warrender	French Teacher
Ms Kathy Wills	Gifted Education Coordinator
Ms Rosette Zerella	Adaptive Education Support Officer

Internal Appointments

As in any year, there are a number of internal appointments to various roles within the school and without attempting to list them all, it is perhaps helpful to note the following at the Senior School:

Mr Remo Borgo	Year 12 Coordinator
Mr Simon Butler	Dean of Students (Years 7-12)
Mr Nicholas Hauschild	Year 11 Coordinator
Mr Michael Martin	Acting Director – Teaching and Learning
Mr Dillon Mullins	Coordinator of Student Leadership
Miss Catherine Prior	Acting Prefect of Studies – Middle Years
Miss Natalie Prior	Acting Assistant Director – Teaching and Learning
Mrs Judy Symons	Acting Office Manager and PA to Directors

We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Marnie Eddington (Personal Development Teacher - Term 1) and Mrs Jaimee Weight (English/Religious Education Teacher).



TERM DATES FOR 2019

	Opening Dates	Closing Dates
Term 1	<p>Tuesday 29 January Senior School, new students Years 7-11 commence: from 8.30am to 12.00noon (ie all Year 7 and new students Years 8-11)</p> <p>Year 12 Orientation Day (ie all Year 12 students attend from 8.30am to 3.30pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 30 January All students in attendance</p>	Friday 12 April
Term 2	<p>Tuesday 30 April All students commence</p>	Friday 28 June
Term 3	<p>Monday 22 July All students commence</p>	Friday 27 September
Term 4	<p>Tuesday 15 October All students commence</p>	Friday 6 December



KEY CALENDAR DATES FOR 2019

Friday 8 February	Senior School House Swimming Carnival
Thursday 7 March	Years 3 to 12 House Athletics Carnival
Saturday 30 March	College Fair
Friday 5 April	R-2 Junior School Sports Day
Friday 24 May	Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday 26 May	Sacrament of Communion
Friday 31 May	Year 8 Grandparents' Morning
Friday 31 May	Music Cabaret
Thursday 20 June	Grandparents Day, Junior School
Wednesday 31 July	Saint Ignatius' Patronal Feast Day Mass

Friday 9 August – Sunday 11 August	Saint Ignatius' College Art Show
Wednesday 18 September – Friday 20 September	Theatre Arts
Wednesday 25 September	Senior Years Sports Presentation Evening (Years 10-12)
Thursday 17 October	A Night at the Theatre: Senior School Music
Friday 1 November	Speech Day
Friday 8 November	Junior School House Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 20 November	Sports Presentation Evening (Years 3-9)
Thursday 21 November	A Night at the Theatre: Junior School Music
Saturday 23 November	Graduation Ball
Sunday 24 November	Valete Mass and Dinner

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