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# Welcome to Ignatius Park

Ignatius Park College is proudly dedicated to boys: *Their spiritual, academic, social and physical growth.*

We are committed to creating an environment where all students' safety, well-being and participation are paramount.

The College's changing academic programs revolve around recognising that boys think and learn differently from girls. Therefore, our routines and curriculum are carefully structured to allow maximum personal growth within an environment tailored specifically to cater to boys' development.

As Townsville's only boys' school, we are uniquely placed to cater for their specific needs.



# Message from the Principal

*Here at Ignatius Park College, we provide a balanced and holistic education within the Edmund Rice network, building on the Christian Brothers' proud tradition of educating young men as leaders of the community, with a strong focus on faith education and Christian living.*

We pride ourselves on promoting structure, processes and relationships that build connections through the integration of academic and co-curricular programs that recognise the learning demands of boys. Having recently completed our College Master Plan, we are excited to begin enacting it as we start upgrading and modernising our campus, which will support our students to reach their academic goals.

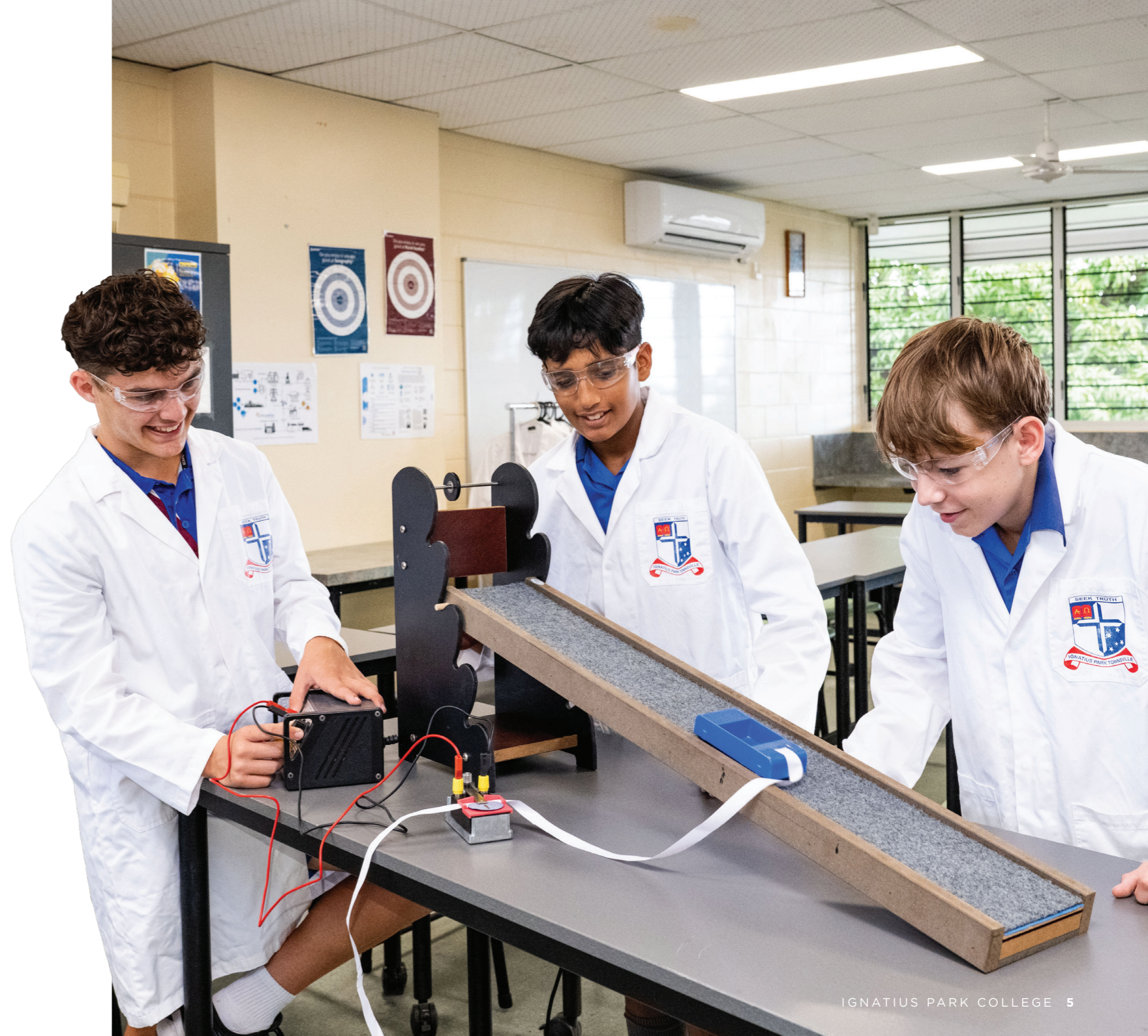
Our pastoral system nurtures and challenges our boys to become confident, happy and responsible young men with a highly developed sense of social justice. We strive to create an environment where each student can feel confident in achieving his potential.

Our prime focus is to promote the safety and wellbeing of students under our care. At Ignatius Park College, we take our responsibilities for child safeguarding extremely seriously, and therefore, we commit to ensuring that our school has appropriate policies and practices to make it a place that is both safe and inclusive. Our child safeguarding programs are regularly updated and checked for compliance with regulatory requirements.

We believe that Ignatius Park College students – the boys of today – have a vital role to play as outstanding young men of tomorrow with highly developed skills in leadership, critical thinking, creativity and emotional intelligence. Ignatius Park College offers a *Liberating Education* based on *Gospel Spirituality* within an *Inclusive Community* committed to *Justice and Solidarity*.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

**Luke Thomson**  
PRINCIPAL





# Our Curriculum

Ignatius Park College provides a challenging academic curriculum aimed at engaging our students in improving their learning outcomes. Our curriculum is carefully structured to allow maximum personal growth within an environment tailored to cater to boys' development.

*We are an inclusive school catering to different learning styles. Students progress and performance are carefully monitored to ensure boys achieve their potential.*

AT IPC, THE CURRICULUM IS STRUCTURED IN TWO LEARNING STAGES:

## 1. Middle School (Years 7-9)

### YEAR 7 AND 8

Year 7-8 serves as the introductory years which allows students to sample the six (6) core subjects and the eight (8) electives which are offered at Ignatius Park College. The Middle School curriculum is fully aligned to the requirements of the Australian Curriculum and, as such, content includes both knowledge and skills.

#### Students study the Key Learning Areas of:

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts
- Technologies
- Languages

### YEAR 9

Year 9 provides an opportunity for students to begin to make choices and begin to take ownership of their own learning journey. They will study six (6) core subjects and can choose two (2) electives per semester.

#### These include:

- Technologies - STEM, Design, Digital, Food and Industrial
- Arts - Music, Drama and Visual Art
- Humanities - Economics, Geography, Legal Studies and Modern History

## 2. Senior School (Years 10-12)

### YEAR 10

In Year 10, students make more refined choices regarding their learning journey and can begin to undertake courses of learning that accrue Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) points.

Students will continue studying subjects from the six (6) core subject areas and three (3) electives per semester.

Additionally, some students will have the opportunity to undertake short courses which can help students meet the QCE requirements in numeracy and literacy.



### YEAR 11 AND 12

Our Senior Curriculum is designed to prepare students for the next phase of their lives, whether it be in tertiary study, or preparing for the workforce. Ignatius Park College offers a wide range of QCAA General and Applied subjects, along with VET courses to cater for the interests and abilities of all our students.

Year 11 and 12 students are provided with a pathway to a successful future based on their personal goals and skills. The College provides opportunities for boys to go on to further study at university, secure a trade or move directly into a career. Students are guided towards a pathway that suits their interests and aspirations. Whatever pathway a student chooses they have ample support to find success during their educational journey.

More information can be found in our Curriculum Handbooks, located on our college website.







## Pastoral Care & Student Support Services

Ignatius Park College's philosophy and approach to Pastoral Care serves to provide students with the opportunity to develop self-discipline and positive behaviours in a caring, supportive environment.

*It holds students at its centre and acts as a mechanism for individuals to obtain a holistic education successfully.*

Through planned strategies and informal experiences, the Ignatius Park College pastoral care infrastructure enables students to feel a sense of belonging, in a safe supportive environment whilst being motivated towards achieving their goals.

To ensure Ignatius Park College is building a healthy and safe community, the Pastoral Care and Behaviour Development system has been based on the following principles:

- A commitment to the values of Edmund Rice Education.
- The promotion of positive self-esteem and personal spirituality.
- Rewarding positive behaviour based on Integrity, Pride and Commitment.
- Establishing self-directed correct behaviour, developing in students a responsibility for their actions and an awareness of their consequences.
- The nurturing of the right relationships among all members of the community.
- The deliberate building of social-emotional competencies, psychological and social resilience in our students.
- Teaching our students how to navigate the online world with respect for others.



Forming the foundations of the Ignatius Park Pastoral Care program is the College House System. Students of Ignatius Park College are welcomed into one of 7 Houses, each house led by a College Pastoral Leader and comprising approximately 150 students, broken up into homerooms ranging from Years 7 to 12.

Throughout their life at Ignatius Park College students will belong to the same House and homeroom, led by a homeroom teacher. These homerooms are integral to developing an environment of trust, belonging, support and friendship.

**Support for the men of Ignatius Park College is undertaken by a team of highly qualified, compassionate staff members from the following areas:**

- Director of Students
- Dean of Student Wellbeing
- Cultural Coordinator
- Pastoral Leaders
- Homeroom Teachers
- Student Counsellors
- Defence School Mentor
- Careers Advisor
- Inclusive Education Team
- Indigenous & Multicultural Team



# Identity & Mission

*Ignatius Park College is an educational facility within the Edmund Rice tradition, offering an internationally renowned Catholic education exclusively for boys.*

We are proud to be part of a network of 280 schools in 20 countries across the globe. The schools and educational entities in the Edmund Rice tradition across Australia are unified by a Charter comprised of touchstones giving principles authentically linked with the Charism of Blessed Edmund Rice. These touchstones underpin the ministry in the schools and educational endeavors in the Church's overarching mission.

The Touchstones of the Charter are: *Inclusive Community, Liberating Education, Justice and Solidarity and Gospel Spirituality*. These Touchstones are lived daily in every Edmund Rice school and especially here at Ignatius Park College.

Our everyday faith life includes whole-school, class and small group liturgies and Masses, as well as Christian meditations and retreats.

Students are encouraged to complete service opportunities within the College and in the broader community to achieve not only charitable outcomes but also to foster increased solidarity, improving society.



## INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, LIBERATING EDUCATION, JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY AND GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY.

**Students at IPC are offered a wide range of activities as part of service learning including:**

- Reading with students from nearby local primary schools
- Visiting and engaging with elderly residents at Brooklea Lifestyle Village
- Various volunteering opportunities around the Townsville community
- Global Immersions (eg. South American Edmund Rice Schools in 2024)

- Cycling to Cairns to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer
- Townsville Community Learning Centre - spending their time playing games, making new friends and fostering relationships
- Peer mentors - the Senior students formally guide the younger students
- Project Compassion (Lent) & St Vincent de Paul (Christmas) appeals
- Townsville Drop In Centre
- Homeless Sleep Out
- Clean Up Australia Day

Service learning is a vital part of educating the whole person and the ethos of serving others is a guiding principle of an education at Ignatius Park College.



# Sport & Co-Curricular

*Ignatius Park College offers a wide range of sporting and co-curricular activities throughout the year as part of our dedication to supporting students' whole-self development.*

Students are encouraged to participate in several sports, as determined by Townsville Secondary Schools Sport, NQ School Sport and Queensland School Sport competitions. These sports include Rugby League, Rugby Union, Football, Basketball, Water Polo, Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Cricket, Touch Football, Volleyball, Hockey and AFL. We also participate in other sports where there are organised competitions (for example, Rowing).

Rugby League and Rugby Union development squads are excellent opportunities for IPC boys to develop their skills in these sporting arenas.

Local, State-wide, National and International Tours are a feature for our many sporting teams each year.

Opportunities also exist for many of these sports to be taken further at an interschool or representative level.

The College is an active participant in local and regional interschool sporting competitions and has an excellent record of achievement in this field. For over two decades, the College has held the Melton Black Shield for Excellence in Townsville Sport continuously.

In addition to sporting opportunities, the College also offers a variety of co-curricular activities for students.

## Productions

Teaming up with St Margaret Mary's College and St Patrick's College Townsville, School Musicals are an exciting opportunity for boys who love being under the lights and backstage to participate in quality local productions.

## Debating

Our extensive Debating program is available to boys of all ages. Several teams compete in the Townsville Interschool Debating competition each year, with many teams reaching finals. The debating season spans three terms, providing students with opportunities to hone their skills in problem-solving, teamwork and public speaking.

## Chess

Chess creates a great social activity each lunchtime and students can compete several times each year in the Regional Queensland Schools Chess Competitions.

## Instrumental & Ensemble Music

The instrumental program runs during the school term during school hours. Visiting tutors with extensive experience come to the school once a week to undertake private lessons with those students who nominate to join the program. The Music faculty has tuition available in Guitar, Bass, Drums, Piano and Keyboard, Ukulele, Voice, Music Theory, Songwriting and Production.

As an extension of our Instrumental Music Program, students are encouraged to join one of our many, exciting music ensembles.

Bands and ensembles are invited to play at college events and the wider community. We're proud to have established the following bands and ensembles:

- The **Fire-Starters** our junior band for beginners;
- The **Flame-Riders** our top musicians;
- The **Deadly's Band** featuring the musical talents of our Indigenous students;
- The **Liturgical Band** who perform at liturgies and Masses throughout the year; and
- Our newly-established **Marching Drum Corps** which aims to perform at events such as Anzac Day Parades and sporting events.





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