



## ISLAMIC COLLEGE OF BRISBANE

# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

The year started with the departure of Ms Hopper. Many of you will know Ms Hopper through her roles as Y7 Coordinator and Netball Coordinator. Emilie lives on the Gold Coast and was offered a position at Southport State High School. Our loss is their gain. We wish Emilie well.

Ms Hopper's Year 7 Coordinator position has been taken by Mr Craig Burchell and her teaching position (and Netball Coordination) has been taken over by Ms Safeena Ahmad.

Mrs Robertson continues on her Maternity Leave and her role is being taken by Ms Amanda Dunn. It is a testament to the professionalism

of these three staff members how they have moved seamlessly into their new roles. Elsewhere in this Newsletter I briefly introduce the new Secondary staff that have joined us in 2019.

I very much look forward to working with these and the whole staff as we approach another exciting year in the life of ICB.

Part of that excitement is the introduction of a Leadership programme for students. Year 12 kicked off the year with a lead in day to their induction. The focus for the day will be "Servant Leadership". Each year group will have a full day activity through the year

which will be supported by opportunities to put into practice their learnings.

Year 11 have a special year ahead as they are introduced to the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) system.

Whilst there were briefings last year, it is important that, as the first group through, families are kept up to date with the nuances of the new system.



### PARENT LOUNGE

We are moving more and more towards 'electronic communication'. The past practice of sending out and collecting of permission notes and collecting of money was problematic at best. It was a painful process for both families and teachers; notes got misplaced, teachers were responsible for the security of money etc.

We are now using Parent Lounge for permissions and

for payment. When an activity is set up, families will be invited to accept an invitation. This invitation will be accompanied by an alert in the Parent Lounge account. In most cases families will also be asked to agree to the terms and conditions and to verify that their child's medical details are correct.

If payment is required, families pay online using either credit or debit card.

We have now created and run more than a dozen activities with a significant reduc-

tion in phone calls back and forth and last minute panics. An additional benefit of the Parent Lounge Tours system is that the information regarding the activity stays live so that parents can re-visit for details such as what to take and wear and return times. More and more we will be using features in TASS to improve efficiencies. I have reminded students on numerous occasions to ask their parents to log in to Parent Lounge. If you are having difficulty, please contact us.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Monday 25th February—Y7 Business Incursion*
- *Tuesday 26th February—Y7 Leadership Incursion*
- *Wednesday 27th February—Secondary Photos*
- *Wednesday 6th March—Catch up photo day*
- *Thursday 7th March—Year 7 Immunisations*

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## INTRODUCING THE NEW SECONDARY STAFF

We are very fortunate to have secured the services of some excellent new staff to build on our strong foundation. Full bios will appear in future newsletters (including photos)

**Erin O’Donoghue** joins the English Department and is a Year 7 Form Teacher.

**Caitlin Olliver** Joins the Humanities and English Departments and is also a Year 7 Form Teacher.

**Noelia Abdus Samad** is well known to us as a past student and as a teacher of Islamic Studies. Noelia has returned to ICB to teach in her preferred subject area of Mathematics. Noelia is also a Year 11 Form Teacher

**Reem Masood** joins us as a part of the Arabic teaching team and is a Year 12 Form Teacher

**Erin Murphy** joins us as part of the Learning support team and is responsible for supporting individual students in the classroom

## TERM 1 DATE SAVERS

Please log into Parent Lounge/Student Café and access the live calendar for up to date information. The following dates are meant as guides and are subject to change.

- Sunday 3rd March-CPAC AGM
- Wednesday 6th March– Catch up photo day
- Thursday 7th March—Y7 Immunisations
- Monday 11th March—SEQ Futsal titles (Girls)
- Friday 15th March—SEQ Futsal titles (Boys)
- Tuesday 19th March—Y12 Biology Excursion
- Wednesday 20th March—Secondary Assembly
- Wednesday 20th March—Y7 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 21st March—Secondary Swimming Carnivals
- Monday 25th March—Y9 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Monday 1st April—Secondary Quran Competition
- Friday 5th April—End of Term 1

## LORD MAYORS YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our delegate for the Lord Mayors Advisory Council (LMYAC) for 2019 is Salima Mezensof.

LMYAC aims to develop young people as leaders, and is specifically designed to provide an opportunity for young people in Brisbane to participate in decision making at local and citywide level. Students identify issues and engage with each other in a public forum, where they are encouraged to provide feedback and give their opinion about Brisbane City Council policies, local laws, services and programs that affect young people.

## 2018 OP RESULTS

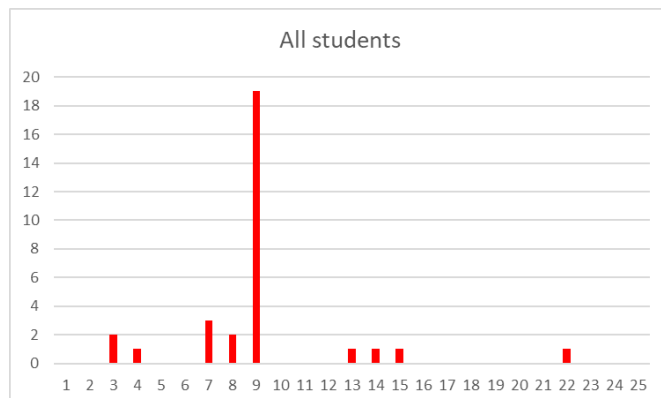
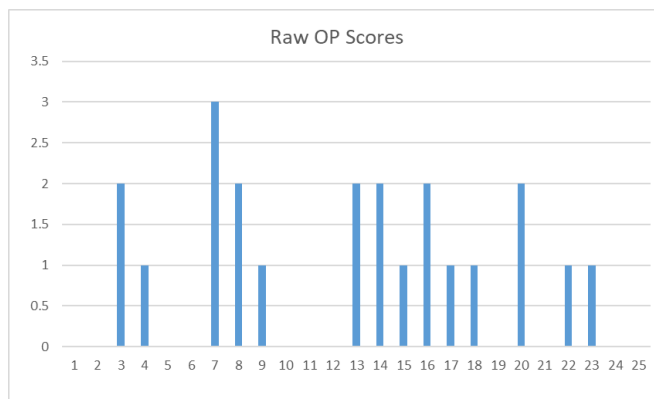
Congratulations to our 2018 graduating class; the greater majority of whom have been offered places at University. Whilst an initial scan of OP results is below par, the introduction of Diploma and Certificate courses has allowed students an alternative pathway or an insurance on their OP result.

Below are two graphs that represent the opportunities created by these alternative pathways. The first shows the raw distribution of OP results for the 22 OP eligible students.

The second graph shows the OP distribution (including equivalent ranks) for all 32 graduating students.

These results have allowed a greater number of ICB students their choice of course and a result of allowing students to take pathways other than a straight OP course.

**Stop Press:** QTAC have recently published the data relating to offers made to our 2018 graduating class. 30 of our 32 graduates applied through QTAC. 29 of those applicants received offers (96.7%) including 19 (63.3%) were offers for their first preference.



## FROM THE ISLAMIC DESK

Assalam u alaykum wr wb Dear parents and students.

**Annual Quran Competition**- The ICB Annual Quran competition will take place in Term 1 (Week 10). The Annual Quran Competition will take place on the following dates:

Monday –1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 Secondary grade 7-12

Tuesday –2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Primary grade 1-3

Wednesday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 Primary grade 4-6

All secondary students are encouraged to participate in the Quran Competition.

**World Hijab Day**- ICB celebrated world Hijab day on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The celebration was extended to Primary School students as well this year. All girls were allowed to wear a different colour and showcase a different styled Hijab for the day. Many staff members who do not identify as Muslim tried on the Hijab for the day. The day was summed up with an assembly organised by the Grade 12 girls on the importance of Hijab as well as individual stories about Hijab by staff members.



**New Staff**- We would like to introduce and welcome the following staff to the Secondary Islamic and Arabic Department

Mrs Reem Masoud- Arabic Grade 7 & 8

Imam Jahfar Oorpatt- Islamic Grade 7 C & D

Imam Abdullah Yoosoof- Islamic Grade 7-9

**Learning Support**- Mr Muamar will be heading a team to assist students who require extra support for Arabic and Quran Reading during class time. A program has been drawn up and students who have been identified will go through an intensive individual learning program to bring them up to the required level.

Shukran

Was Salaam

Imam Riyaaz Seedat

## OFFICE 365 COMES TO ICB



Office 365

We are pleased to announce that all students and staff now have access to Microsoft 365 for Education purposes college wide.

Microsoft Office 365 for Education will provide you anytime, anywhere access to the Microsoft Office Web Apps for Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote, as well as One Drive for document storage, in a monitored environment. Staff and students are entitled to download and install the latest version of Microsoft Office onto home computers (up to 5 devices).

Student login address format is

[student\\_number@icb.qld.edu.au](mailto:student_number@icb.qld.edu.au) (not icob.qld.edu.au)

For Office 365 login purposes.

**How to login to Office 365?**

**Visit:** <https://portal.office.com> or <https://www.icb.qld.edu.au/> then **STUDENTS** menu and click on **Office 365**

Type username and password (if you haven't created a password for the new system please visit Br Orhan sometime to reset your password)

**Username:** 000123@icb.qld.edu.au

**Password:** password

## FUTSAL ACADEMY

Over the past two years, Mr Burchell has led our Futsal programme with significant success. In 2019 we plan to take the programme to the next level

Mr Burchell has conducted trials to select 10 girls and 10 boys from Years 7-9 to be members of the ICB Futsal Academy. As with many similar programmes, the Academy seeks to combine success on the Futsal court with success at school. Members of the Futsal Academy have been asked to sign an agreement which includes goals for academics and behaviour. At the launch of the Academy there were two main themes that formed advice to the students. The first was discipline; at the AIS in Canberra there is a banner above the gym door which says "Discipline is the Spine of the Athlete".

The second theme was organisation. Students will need to keep up with their school work. They can only do that if they are organised.

**Year 7 Boys:** Abdallah Deya, Esa Daud, Imran Asfour, Alem Pjanic, Jihaed Bakker, Akmal Mohammed, Daffaras Mahardhika, Sameeh Alam, Sulaymaan Abdul-Rahim, Luay Ahmed

**Year 7 Girls:** Laila Ali, Linda Ayoub, Sarah Hijazi, Danya Mustafa, Ghdeer Al-Soudani, Munira Jama, Ruweyda Yusuf, Hanah Malic, Zahraa Radhi, Sadaf Momand

**Year 8 Boys:** Bilal Bouhired, Mustapha Nejari, Mazn Adam, Yusuf Yusuf, Afif Deya, Azeem Usaid, Ismael Erlan, Mohamed Ali Abdirahman, Ahmed Qureshi, Mohammed Al Kahi.

**Year 8 Girls:** Aayah Nour, Siana May Rabah, Hanaa Arackakkunel, Hanna Muamar, Habibah Ahmed, Sophie Lepers, Roudaina Khan, Nabiha Ahmad, Zobiya Muhammed, Hanan Hijazi

**Year 9 Boys:** Maaz Ahmad, Rashad Riaz Ali, Mevludin Isic, Aayan Tanveer Jahangir, Ghazi Mrad, Mustafa Muhammad Ali, Tulaib Muhammad Bin Arif Bhatti, Muawia Sadeed Tirmizey, Ahmad Taleb, Abbas Muhammed

**Year 10 Boys:** Abdullah Ahmed, Muhammed Ali Bugdayli, Yasin Abdulhamid, Hamza Al-Merhebi, Eddie Hasanovic, Malek Mousa, Tallal Ahmad Qureshi, Yusuf Abushaaban, Ahmad Adli, Issam Hadj-Mohamed

## SECONDARY PHOTO DAY

The 2019 photographs for Secondary students are scheduled for Wednesday 27th February . It is important that students wear clean correct uniform (including blazers) on this day.

The photographers will work through the morning, year group by year group. It is anticipated that the Form Class photos will be finished before Lunchtime and the sibling photos will then begin and continue through the afternoon.

Continuing students have received a pre-printed envelope. This must be handed to the photographer on the day (even if the family is not purchasing a photograph). If they have not already done so, new students can collect a blank envelope from their .

## Netball is coming (again) to ICB!!

We are about to enter our second season in the Macgregor Netball Competition..

Some include making new friends, learning to work as a team, boosting confidence, learning lifelong skills, developing strategic thinking skills, building resilience and many more!

Training will be held at school before or after school hours. There will be a fee which includes registration and insurance. (\$190 for a 15 week season + Finals).

We are currently looking for sponsorship to reduce this fee. If you are in Year 7-12 and interested in signing up, please see Ms Ahmad located in the upstairs staffroom (D6)

## 2019 STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

Our first formal event of the year took place on Friday 15th February with the Induction of our 2019 Student Leadership team.

Following on from the last two years, the Islamic Captains were also recognised and inducted.

The 2019 Student Leadership team is:

**Boy Captain:** Umair Shuaib

**Girl Captain:** Ma-azah Shah

**Boy Vice Captain:** Zainab Ali

**Girl Vice Captain:** Deniz Yilmaz



### Islamic Captains:

Zainab Ali

Aban Mohd Shaffie

### Prefects:

Junaid Hassan

Shais Rehman

Abdul Moqueet Azeem

Sheren Zein

Lina Weise

Sumayya Begum

### Year Level Representatives:

Year 8: Sumaya Abdulle Guled and Hoda Mahmoud

Year 9: Mehwish Ahmed and Mohammad Fareed Qaddoura

Year 10: Aleisha Saeed and Nafeesa Hussain

Year 11: Nur Guler and Najma Ali

### Sports' Captains

Mohsen Moussa and Hannah Ali

### House Captains:

Blue House: Aisha Ahmed and Mustafa Yahia

Red House: Hannah Ali and Mohsen Moussa

Yellow House: Rawan Abuazzah and Osman Legese