



IGNATIUS HOUSE NEWS

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Ex Nihilo Nihil Fit



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It is great to see the Year 11 Ignatius House students join the seniors, and other leaders that have gone before them, as they wear the College's blue shirt and blazer combination. Over the next few months, we will work together to harness and fine-tune those key qualities that make a leader successful. Already some have taken up opportunities presented such as guiding College Tours and getting involved in the Marist Youth Ministry forum.

In Pastoral Care & House Meeting's this term, we've spent some time unpacking a few key messages:

- True Character: the person you are when no one is looking, but also no matter who is looking. We provided a few examples and set the challenge for some personal growth:

Do you...



Help others without expectation of acknowledgement/reward?

Wear your uniform with pride, make your own adjustments?

Pick up "other people's" rubbish without being asked?

Tell the truth, even if it means getting in trouble?

Respect & actively protect the rights of those different to you?

THINK before posting online?

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- Rising by lifting others: there are many examples of "successful" personalities that cut others down to get ahead or put their needs above those of others. As students of Ignatius House, the message is clear that an individual's success should not come at the expense of another. Working together to achieve our goals is far more effective than trying to do it alone.
- Avoiding a victim mentality: feeling powerless, pointing the finger at others, waiting for others to save the day or even stepping in for others at the last minute to do it for them – all of these reinforce the drama associated with playing a victim. Instead, the Ignatius House Pastoral Care team have been working to empower the students by encouraging them to become accountable of their learning and behaviour: learning how to learn, taking responsibility, using the support available and aiming for success while learning from failure.

I have just returned from the Year 9 Camp in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. The trip saw the boys spending a lot of their time around Booloumba Creek in the Conondale National Park as well as some initiative and challenges in the Adventure Alternative's Education Centre at Kenilworth. The key focusses related to decision making and placing the needs of the group

ahead of individual whims. The boys were pushed to the edge of their comfort zone at times, and thankfully we were blessed with some spectacular weather that allowed them to take full advantage to everything on offer. My sincerest thanks to Mr Peter Serone, Mr Samuel Priddis, Mr Brad Neilson and Mr Jorge Ruiz for joining me on the trip to support the young Ignatius boys! Best wishes as we head towards Champagnat Day and the busy end of Semester assessment program – please continue to encourage the boys to take advantage of all we have on offer and always give their very best.

