



NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 2 • FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2017



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

"When God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he added an oath, so that through two unchangeable things (the promise and the oath), in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us." (Hebrews 6:17-18)

Hebrews tells us that God speaks some words to give us encouragement as we seize the hope set before us. What is our hope? What is it we are meant to seize?

"Those whom he predestined he called, and those whom he called he justified, and those whom he justified he glorified." (Romans 8:29-30)

That as Christians we are called, justified and glorified.

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23 - 24)

As Christians we are sanctified and blameless before God because of the saving work of Christ Jesus.

"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1: 3 - 5)

As Christians we have an inheritance that will never perish, spoil or fade.

What great encouragement we have knowing that no matter what this life presents us that all who call on the name of Jesus have eternal life!

REMINDER

A reminder to all school families that students are not to be dropped at school before 8:30am.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR 2018

It is recommended that if you require new uniforms for 2018, you come in for a uniform fitting before the end of Term 4.

We recommend this so that the wait times over the January period are reduced, making the shopping experience more pleasant.

We welcome lay-buys, but you are able to take the uniforms after your fitting if you choose.

Please log onto our website, or phone the shop on 4239 5220 (during opening hours) for available times.

Thank you.

www.alintaapparel.com.au

PRAYER & PRAISE

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." Colossians 100:5

Pray for Year 12 as they sit their HSC exams.

Continue to pray for those among us who have been unwell.

Pray for preparation for various orientation days this term.

KEY DATES

Monday 23rd & 30th October

ICS Running Squad

Tuesday 24th October

Year 10 History - Vietnam Veteran visit

Wednesday 25th October

Infants/Primary Assembly 2.40pm in the hall - 1R Presenting

Thursday 26th October

Stage 5 Textiles - Op Shopping at Unanderra Salvos store
CSSA Primary and Secondary State Biathlon and Triathlon

Friday 27th October

\$20 Boss Crew Stalls (change of date)
Senior Boys and Girls Basketball Friendly at Shellharbour Anglican

Friday 27th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st December

Infants Swimming at McKeon's Swim Centre Unanderra

Friday 27th October, 10th, 17th & 28th November

Year 6 Beach Education and Surfing Lessons

Saturday 28th October

Working bee (Stage 3 - Years 5 & 6) - please note change of date

Monday 30th October-Friday 3rd November

Prep 2018 Come and Play Days

Monday 30th October

Secondary Captains - Halogen Leadership Conference

Tuesday 31st October

Prep 2018 Orientation Evening 7pm

Monday 6th—Wednesday 8th November

Year 8-10 Exams

Tuesday 7th November

School Captains - Student Synergy Breakfast

Wednesday 8th November

Year 3 Excursion to visit museum and sites around Wollongong Harbour

Monday 13th—Friday 17th November

Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 7th December

Last Day Term 4 Students



HSC AND THE CARPARK

HSC examinations run from October 16 to November 7. Some of these exams are taking place in lower D Block, just off the school carpark. Some examinations run past the end of the school day. On these days, please make sure if you are near lower D block, you are as quiet as possible.

A reminder that the carpark is restricted to those who have a school parking permit or those picking up their prep child only.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr Hewitt

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours

Mondays 8.30am–11.30am
and 1.30pm–4.00pm,
and Wednesdays 8.30am–11.30am
e: iccordeaux@alinta.com.au
Ph: 4239 5220 (shop hours)

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Available stock list can be found on the ICS website under Enrolments - Uniforms - Preloved Uniforms. Eftpos & cash payments accepted.

Enquiries to Sam Palmer. Ph: 0410 559 009

Email: sandypalms@hotmail.com

NEW SEQTA ENGAGE APP NOW AVAILABLE FOR ANDROID

SEQTA has released the SEQTA parent portal as an app for Apple IOS devices and now Android.

Search the Apple App Store or Google Play Store on your device for SEQTA Engage, and you should find the app.

When you first open the app, you will be asked to enter the school website. Use parent.ics.nsw.edu.au, and then your normal SEQTA username and password on the next screen.

A reminder to check your SEQTA messages as there are lots of important messages from staff sent this way.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder that work experience forms were due on Friday. If they have not been handed in please do so as soon as possible.
Mr Hewitt

PRIMARY CHOIR DAYS FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 4th December

Mini Tour all day

Sat 9th December

Performing at Figtree Community Carols

YEAR 7 2018 ORIENTATION DAYS

Please note the days for Year 7 2018 orientation have changed. Orientation is now being held on:

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November

The first day is an opportunity for Year 6 to experience something of what secondary schooling will be like. There will be introductory lessons in specialist rooms so students will have a sample of subjects including English, Mathematics, Science, History, French, Music, Art, Technology and PDHPE.

The following day, students will spend the day at the beach, where they will be involved in a variety of games and activities, providing an opportunity for students in the year group to get to know one another. They will be accompanied by their Year 11 student leaders who will assist in the running of the day.

Signmee notes will be sent out to current Year 6 students, and letters and permission notes will be sent out to new students joining us next year.

CHOCOLATE MONEY

A reminder that chocolate money was due back to school by Friday 22nd September.

Please send it into the office asap.

ICS Committee

WORKING BEE CHANGE OF DATE FOR OCTOBER

There has been a change of date for the Stage 3 working bee.

It will now be held on Saturday 28th October. 8.30am-11.30am.

Signmee notes have been sent.

INFANTS SWIMMING

Friday 27th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st December

Reminder - swimming bag checklist:

- wear sports uniform to school
- swimmers
- towel
- goggles
- extra jumper (to wear to and from the pool)
- spare underwear (if boys wear their swimmers to school)
- thongs or similar footwear

All equipment should be brought to school in a separate plastic bag. The bag and equipment need to be labelled with the child's name.

2018 STUDENT TERM DATES

Term 1

Mon 29th January–

Friday 13th April

Term 2

Tuesday 1st May–

Friday 6th July

Term 3

Monday 30th July–

Friday 28th September

Term 4

Tuesday 16th October –

Thursday 13th December

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A workshop with Stuart Passmore

You are invited to join us for an exclusive webinar with psychologist and author, Stuart Passmore.

Saturday 4th November 2017 6.45pm at Citylife Church

We have an exciting seminar planned for Nov 4th with Stuart Passmore for parents, carers and teachers of children living with ADHD.

Stuart Passmore is a psychologist and will be joining us via webinar.

Please RSVP to office@citylife.org.au or call Amy on 0418 666 211 or Jill on 0413 048 453 to let us know you'll be there.



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2018 SCHOOL FEES SCHEDULE

PRE ENROLMENT – APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT FEES

An application fee of \$50 applies to each new enrolment application made to the school. An assessment fee of \$100 is charged when a student attends a pre-enrolment assessment. These fees are non-refundable.

ENROLMENT ACCEPTANCE FEE

Upon accepting an enrolment offer a family will be required to pay an enrolment acceptance fee of \$500 per family. This is refundable upon the last child leaving the school subject to finalisation of the school fee account. This amount is forfeited, if, after acceptance the enrolment does not proceed.

ANNUAL TUITION FEES K-12

Tuition fees for Years K to 12 are based on the eldest child attending the school. Families with more than one student attending the school are entitled to discounted tuition rates for their younger children. Sibling discounts do not apply to Prep fees.

Tuition fees will be invoiced to the family account as an annual amount in January of each year. Fees should either be paid in full before the commencement of the school year or a periodic payment plan must be in place. Tuition Fees must be paid in full by the end of term 4 each school year.

ANNUAL TUITION FEE	1ST CHILD (ELDEST)	2ND CHILD	3RD CHILD	4TH CHILD	SUBSEQUENT CHILDREN
Stage 6 (Years 11-12)	\$8,751	\$6,125	\$3,938	\$1,750	\$1,750
Stage 5 (Years 9-10)	\$7,873	\$5,512	\$3,543	\$1,575	\$1,575
Stage 4 (Years 7-8)	\$7,626	\$5,338	\$3,432	\$1,525	\$1,525
Stages 1 - 3 (Years K-6)	\$6,282	\$4,397	\$2,827	\$1,257	\$1,257

PREP FEES

Prep fees will be invoiced to the family account as an annual amount in January of each year. Fees should either be paid in full before the commencement of the school year or a periodic payment plan must be in place. The school does not charge for public holidays. Make up days or refunds for absences are not available. Prep fees do not qualify for the Child Care Rebate.

PREP PROGRAM	TIME	COST PER DAY
Regular enrolment	8.15am – 4.00pm	\$46
Indigenous students and health care card holders	8.15am – 4.00pm	\$30

INCLUDED in tuition charges are all text books, study guides and workbooks, access to technology, excursions, sport (except off-site elective sports), compulsory school camps and student accident and injury insurance.

EXCLUDED from the tuition fees are uniforms, some stationery requirements for Years 7-12, repair or replacement of damaged, lost or stolen books or technology, fund raising activities, external education programs, non-compulsory excursions, sports, camps and service activities and extra costs in relation to HSC courses. This list is not intended to be exhaustive. Families will be notified of any additional costs and these will be invoiced separately to school fees and must be paid within 14 days.

UNIFORMS

All uniform items except shoes must be purchased from the Alinta Uniform Shop either in person or online. The ICS Committee operates a second hand uniform shop. Opening hours, prices and product range for both shops are posted on the school website.

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS

A full term's written notification to the Principal is required prior to the withdrawal of a student from the school. Where insufficient notification is given a further charge of one quarter of the annual tuition fees will be incurred. Parents are reminded that this also applies to students withdrawing at the end of the year and written notice must be provided by the end of Term 3. A change of enrolment or withdrawal of a student enrolled in Prep requires two weeks notice.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Members of the School Association will be invoiced at the commencement of the school year. Membership must be paid in full by the date of the Annual General Meeting. A single/joint membership (1 vote) is \$46 annually. Unpaid memberships will lapse.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNT PAYMENT

2018 school fees for enrolments in K – 12 paid prior to 7th December 2017 are eligible for a 5% discount.

Fees should either be paid in full before the commencement of the school year or a periodic payment plan must be in place to ensure that school fees are paid by the end of Term 4.

The non-payment of fees by the required date may lead to termination of enrolment. Unpaid school fee accounts may be referred to the school's solicitor for management. This may incur additional charges.

PAYMENT METHODS

Approved periodic payment plans include:

- **Direct debit** payment plan deducted from a selected bank account which occurs Thursdays weekly, fortnightly or monthly.
- **Payway** payment plan deducted from a credit card account which occurs on a day nominated by you weekly, fortnightly or monthly.
- **CentrePay** payment plan deducted from your fortnightly Centrelink payments.
- **Payroll deduction** for school employees deducted from salary/wages.

For upfront payments, payment methods including bank deposit details and BPAY codes are listed on the School Fees statement. Cash, EFTPOS and credit card payments are accepted in the school office.

BUILDING AND BURSARY FUNDS

Gifts to the Building Fund are voluntary and are used for the acquisition, construction or maintenance of buildings for the benefit of the school community. When making a donation, please inform the Business Centre to ensure a tax deductible receipt is issued. Gifts to the Bursary Fund are not tax deductible and help those families who are experiencing financial hardship, to allow their children to remain at Illawarra Christian School.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Families experiencing temporary financial hardship should meet with the Business Manager as soon as practicable to discuss an alternate payment plan.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Students born overseas must provide the school an eligible visa to maintain enrolment. The school is not registered to accept all students visas, therefore enquiries must be made with the Business Centre regarding eligibility prior to enrolment.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For general enquiries regarding school fees please contact the Illawarra Christian Education Business Centre on P: 4230 3777 E: schoolfees@illawarrace.nsw.edu.au