
Meeting Ignatius – For New Parents

Mr Sam Di Sano and Fr Ross Jones SJ

This presentation over two nights is compulsory for all parents new to the College. It is offered as an introduction to the life and works of our founder, Ignatius Loyola and some understanding of who we are as a school in the Ignatian and Jesuit tradition.

Some of the content area we will cover:

Who was Ignatius de Loyola?

What is meant by the terms "Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality"?

What are the Characteristics of a Jesuit Education?

How distinctive is the Ignatian way of teaching?

How does the school teach boys to reflect?

Dates:

Year 3 and 4 new parents Monday, Feb 9 (Term1) and Monday, May 25 (Term 2)

Year 5 and 6 new parents Monday, Feb 16 (Term 1) and Monday, May 4 (Term 2)

Year 7-11 new parents Monday, March 2 (Term 1) and Monday, May 11 (Term 2)

Time: 8.00 – 9.30 pm

(tea and coffee available from 7.30 pm)

Venue: The Miguel Pro Playhouse

Do you know what drugs your son has access to at parties?

Ms Jill Pearman

In the last 12 months the Federal Government has committed itself to advertising campaigns that focus on binge drinking, drink driving, smoking and the use of stimulant drugs.

Despite these endeavors there are continuing concerns with binge drinking and the use of other drugs particularly the amphetamine type drugs being used by young people. Being educated about the effects of drugs on a developing brain and aware of the risk and protective factors in relation to drug and alcohol use is important knowledge for a parent. The drug prevention strategy that the College has designed aims to answer your questions about young people and drugs.

In 2009, we will be focusing on Year 6 and Year 9 as the targeted years for drug prevention. On the evenings we will ask both parent and son to attend.

The College's Drug Prevention strategy involves a range of speakers and specialists in this area such as Paramedics. Jill Pearman is St Aloysius' Drug Prevention Consultant and assists in designing a plan for the year including the release of drug education resources on the College intranet. Jill has worked with parents, young people and communities for the past 25 years in this specialist area of drug prevention. She is the Director of Prevention Resource Centre. Jill is the author of videos and books on the subjects of drug prevention for parents and young people.

Drug Education Information Evening

Date: Thursday, May 21
Who: Year 9 Parents and Sons
Venue: The Bellarmino
Time: 8.00 – 9.30pm

Date: Monday, October 26
Who: Year 6 Parents & Sons
Venue: The Bellarmino
Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

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*The following are confirmed dates for this year,
but there may be others that arise.*



Ignatius Draws us to Jesus

Ross Jones and Alex Gorman

What is this program about?

The 'Ignatius Draws us to Jesus' program invites participants to take a fresh look at their spiritual journey through the eyes of St Ignatius.

How do we run the program?

The program is run in a very relaxed and welcoming way with about 15 participants over 9 weeks for 2 hours/week

You do not need any prior religious understanding to attend.

No-one is required to speak but all are encouraged to share what feels comfortable.

The focus is on the everyday lived experience that people bring to the group.

The group follows an Ignatian process or 'way of proceeding' that sees a small amount of input on Ignatian spirituality followed by time for individual reflection, then sharing in pairs and finally group sharing.

What do we focus on in the group?

Our old images of God and how these might hold us back from experiencing a deeper relationship with God;

The idea that we are gifted and loved by God and invited to respond to God's call;

Learning to listen deeply to build more loving relationships;

Reflecting on our daily experience to make sense of and discover the movement of God in our every day experience and where that might lead us;

Learning to discern and make wise decisions;

Understanding the different types of prayer including silent prayer (meditation) and

Beginning to live the messages and values Jesus shows us in the Gospels.

What are the benefits previous participants experienced?

An opportunity to step back from busy stressful lives and take a fresh look at our spiritual journey; being conscious of God's presence, power and love.

A greater sense of peace and genuine happiness;

An understanding of how to apply Ignatian spirituality to everyday life including our parenting;

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Venue: The Juano Mateo Room

Time: 7.30 pm





Safety on the internet

Kellie Britney

Who is NetAlert?

NetAlert is Australia's Internet safety advisory body and was established by the Australian Government in 1999 to provide independent advice and education on Internet safety and managing access to online content. NetAlert provides the wider community with information about the issues, risks and dangers associated with using the Internet.

NetAlert visits metropolitan and regional centres throughout Australia, providing presentations to parents, teachers and community members on the dangers confronting children online, and inform them of appropriate measures to make their Internet experience a safe one.


Support resources for parents and teachers

NetAlert has a range of free resources to help teachers and parents understand and develop safe Internet practices with children:

- Online advice centre at www.netalert.net.au
- Free downloads, including guides, lesson plans, student activities
- Phone and email Helpline – call 1800 880 176 or email netalert@acma.gov.au
- Online educational resources for children, young people and parents

Date: Monday, March 30 (Part of the P and F forum)

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm





P& F Forums

Term One:

Date: Monday, March 30

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Venue: The Juana Mateo Room

Topic: General Discussion followed by Kellie Britney from NetAlert.

Term Two:

Date: Monday, June 1

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Venue: The Juana Mateo Room

Topic: General Discussion followed by Patricia Smith speaking about Anxiety.

Term Three:

Date: Wednesday, Sept 9

Venue: The Juana Mateo Room

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Topic: General Discussion followed by Guest Speaker tba.

Term Four:

Date: Thursday, November 5

Time: 7.00 - 8.30 pm

Venue: The Juana Mateo Room

Topic: Annual General Meeting

