

John Paul International Newsletter

Edition 1 – March 2011



From the Director

Welcome to 2011 at John Paul International College. As we come to the end of week five, the majority of our students have arrived from overseas and have been placed in their appropriate class levels. The teachers have undertaken an orientation process with each class, outlining the Guidelines for Mutual Respect and the expectations of our College.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families joining us for the first time; we trust your adjustment and integration is a smooth one. We also welcome back returning students and families; we hope your break was restful, relaxing and refreshing. To everyone with us at JPIC in 2011, we hope the year is a productive, fruitful and successful one for you all and I look forward to working with you and thank you, in advance, for your ongoing support.

Russell Welch
Director

Dates to Note

Fri 8 April	Term Ends John Paul College & John Paul International College
Fri 22 April	Good Friday
Mon 25 April	ANZAC Day and Easter Monday
Tue 26 April	Public Holiday for ANZAC Day
Wed 27 April	Term 2 Commences, John Paul College & John Paul International College

From the Manager, Education & Administration

With the events this summer, the year has started with some trepidation. The flooding in the Brisbane and Ipswich areas has affected a number of family and friends of John Paul International College and John Paul College. The College has been actively involved in assisting our neighbours in these affected areas. These activities can be seen on the JPConnect portal. If you are interested in providing support or assistance of any kind, please contact the school.

The school year at JPIC is now well underway. Staff have been particularly impressed with the quick application of some students to their studies and personal grooming. The achievements of some students have been recognised at our assembly and we look forward to further recognition. However, some students have been slower to apply themselves. I would encourage families and Homestay families to support the College in maintaining the high standards renowned here.

Mid-term reports are now here. These give each student an indication of how they are progressing in their studies at JPIC. For English, it reflects the continued application to and achievement in school work, homework and assignment work. For Maths and Science, students results have been determined with mid-term progress tests. All of these results give an overall picture. Please take the time to review, reflect and respond.

On offer this term is Supervised Study, offered after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is a good way for students to get that extra bit of help that might be required. On Tuesday, English support is offered, including support for the Certificate III that students in 4B and 5B are studying. On Wednesday, students can receive support for Maths and Science. I encourage all students to take advantage of this offer.

This term is also a busy one for our graduands. Senior School graduands are involved in a new transition experience. From the beginning of this term, these students have been receiving a special lesson once a week with JPC teachers. Whilst it is in a trial stage at present, we look forward to its continued part in the JPIC syllabus. Further transition experiences will be taking place throughout the term with Primary School graduands soon to engage in a day a week of total immersion at JPC, and all graduands involved interviews, tests and other transition sessions. This is all in preparation for their entry to JPC next term, now only half a term away.

I look forward to the weeks ahead of shared success and achievement.

Michael Bos
Manager, Education & Administration

Passport / Visa Renewal Reminder

We would like to remind students who need to renew their Passport or Visa to allocate plenty of time for processing.

If you are applying offshore, make sure to do this at the beginning of your holiday and not the end, otherwise there will not be enough processing time for you to return to Brisbane and to your studies.



Homestay Updates – Blue Cards

As mentioned in the Criteria for John Paul College Homestay Families upon application to the Homestay Program, I would like to remind you of the following:-

- A Blue Card is required for any individual over the age of 18 living in the homestay premises. (*It is an offence for an applicant to provide false or misleading information or for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application form*)
- If Homestays let their Blue Card expire, the student(s) will unfortunately need to be relocated and there will not be another placement until the Blue Card is updated and issued.

At present the Children's Commission is taking at least eight weeks to process a Blue Card application or renewal. If you have any questions regarding your Blue Card please contact the Commission on 1800 113 611; visit their website at www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au or contact the JPIC Student Services.

Kathryn Pincott
Accommodation Officer



Notebook Care Policies and Responsibilities

TechSphere wish to remind students about notebook care policies and responsibilities. Currently there is an alarming increase in notebook computers being left unattended and in potentially dangerous and certainly unsecured locations during and before/after school. The number of lost computers is once again on the rise.

By not placing notebooks in secured environments we not only risk damage to notebooks but also theft. Damage and theft not only cost the college and our parents money, it also impacts significantly on our students through loss of access to applications and loss of their data (i.e. assignments, study notes, etc.).

JPC policies are clear. **Notebooks must never be left unattended in an unsecure location.** They must either be locked in a secure safe location or supervised at all times by an appropriate adult; other students are not appropriate supervision for notebooks. The responsibility for ensuring the security and care of our JPC notebooks rests with all staff and students at JPC.

Students can refresh their familiarity with JPC Technology policies via the Techsphere training site (<https://classroom.jpc.qld.edu.au/Collaboration/Virtual%20Class%20Rooms/techsphereTraining/Shared%20Documents/programPolicies.aspx>). All students have been provided with instructions on how to find them on the Techsphere Training site and our Notebook Handout training also takes them through the key points of notebook care and responsibilities.

Notebook Warranty and Servicing

There is **no charge** to the user for **repairs that are completed under warranty.**

*Cost of insurance excess for accidental damage or loss will be **\$100** (subject to change without notice).

*Cost of replacing parts either lost or from wilful damage will be varied (Cost will be current market price for all replacement parts required). An Invoice & receipt will be issued.

New Student Welcome

The students in Composite A class at John Paul International College were invited, by the Registrar (a former teacher at JPIC) Ms Kelly Ryan, to go to a New Student Welcome on Thursday, 17 February, 2011. Students went to the new Tuckshop Piazza where they were able to sit down at the tables and chairs and meet other new students to John Paul College.

They were given the choice of water or juice to drink and there were several choices of delicious Australian treats to eat such as chocolate cake, lamingtons or biscuits. There was no charge for this. Ms Ryan told Mrs Tavares (Composite A's teacher) that she thought they were lovely children. They certainly showed beautiful manners when offered their morning tea.



Hijiyama Girls High School Visit for the 14th Year

Once again we are very pleased to welcome the girls from Hijiyama High School for the 14th time. They visit our school for two months every year to improve their English and experience Australian life. They have ESL classes down in Perry Place each day and every Wednesday go on an excursion.

Already they have been to Lone Pine Animal Sanctuary, Mt Coot-tha and Brisbane City Mall. They will go to Stradbroke Island and Mt Tamborine next month.

Also recently they spent three very happy days away at Cherrabah homestead near Warwick where they experienced horse riding, whip cracking, sheep shearing, damper and butter making, bush walking and bush dancing among other things. The food at the homestead is delicious, so everyone comes back slightly heavier!



Next week some of them will be visiting the year 8 classes for a few days to see what it is like in the main school. A few of the students will go to Year 8 each week until they leave.

If you see them around the school please say 'Hello' and make them feel welcome.



Timings of the Day

New class times for John Paul International College students commenced this week and are below for your information:

Period 1	8.30am – 9.45am
Period 2	9.45am – 11.00am
Morning Tea	11.00am – 11.35am
Period 3	11.35am – 12.30pm
Period 4	12.30pm – 1.25pm
Lunch	1.25pm – 2.10pm
Period 5	2.10pm – 3.15pm

John Paul International College Term Dates 2011

TERM 1, 2011

Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April
New students will be tested on 27 & 28 January

TERM 2, 2011

Wednesday 27 April – Friday 1 July
New students will be tested on 27 April

TERM 3, 2011

Monday 18 July – Friday 16 September
New students will be tested on 15 July

TERM 4, 2011

Monday 3 October – Friday 2 December
New students will be tested on 30 September

Please note the above, and that John Paul International College term dates may differ from John Paul College. Students must be present on the last day of term at John Paul International College and must return for the first day of the new term, if travelling overseas.

John Paul College Term Dates 2011

TERM 1, 2011

Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April

TERM 2, 2011

Wednesday 27 April – Friday 24 June

TERM 3, 2011

Monday 18 July – Friday 16 September

TERM 4, 2011

Monday 3 October – Friday 2 December

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