

John Paul International Newsletter

April 2012



From the Director

Term 2 has started successfully and is proving, once again, to be an extremely busy period at the International College.

As the International College celebrates its 15th Birthday, I reflect on how the College has grown since its first intake of 43 students in April 1997 and how the countries we work in and the courses we offer have changed. Whether it be SARS, Bird Flu, natural disasters, currency fluctuations or financial crises, we have managed to survive when other colleges have closed.

Certainly, the growth of Study Tours has been one obvious area of growth, but more recently it has been the Study Abroad market that has grown with this term, seeing the arrival of a group of 70 primary students from Shenzhen Nanshan Bilingual School, PR China for ten weeks.

This has been a significant project for our college and I wish to thank Michael Bos, Norm Kerley, Susan Burton, Kathryn Pincott and Lan Hoa for all their work in preparing for the arrival of this group. This model is one that is likely to be repeated each term and helps alleviate the recent decline in demand of long term Visa students facing not just our college but the entire sector in Australia.

As Russia is one of our enduring market, over Easter I visited Moscow and St Petersburg to attend student Fairs, visit agents and potential school partners. I also visited Seoul on the way home to attend two Agent Training Workshops organised by Austrade and the Queensland Government.

In May, I will travel to Vietnam with the Headmaster, Peter Foster to visit our families in Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi.

In this year of celebrations, John Paul College is also celebrating its 30th Anniversary by presenting *"Back in Time"*, a visual and musical extravaganza featuring past and present College students. Online tickets are available from www.johnpaulcollege.com.au; however you will need to be quick because tickets will sell fast.

I look forward to a great night at the Piazza and catching up with many past students, parents and homestay parents.

Russell Welch
Director

From the Manager, Education & Administration

Term 2, 2012 JPIC welcomes one of the largest ever intakes of international students. Students have come from China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, to learn at John Paul International College. Students are joining our High School Preparation, Primary School Preparation and Study Abroad programmes. We welcome all our new students and new Homestay families.

Homestay families provide essential support to JPIC students. The hours of work with the students at home are highly valued. It is with this academic and pastoral support that these students often succeed. We thank all Homestay families for your continued care.

I would like to remind everyone of the importance of the uniform. Not only does the uniform serve as a way to recognise JPC students, it is a way to proudly represent the school in the community. When students wear their uniforms, it should be with pride. Students can take pride in the past success and be part of the future success at JPC. I encourage all students to wear their uniforms with this in mind. I ask Homestay families to support the College by assisting students understand the importance of the JPC uniform.

JPIC will see increased integration with JPC this term. JPIC Study Abroad students will integrate into JPC Years 4, 5 & 6. Also, the Level 5 class will be joining the HPE lessons at Senior School. On each of these occasions, the students will join in with the learning at JPC. We are confident these integrations will enrich and enhance the JPIC student experience and better prepare them for future success.

JPIC welcomes JPC Senior buddies to its classes again this term. These buddies will assist the teachers in class. It is also a great way to help JPIC students learn more about JPC, particularly from a student's perspective. We look forward to another successful term with the Senior buddy visits.

We look forward to students achieving well this term. Exams will be held in Week 4 and Week 9 with reports following shortly after that. As always, teachers will be available to discuss these results as required. We trust that with the activities above, the regular teaching, consistent work by students and the support in Homestay, students can achieve strong results.

Dates to Note

Wed 25 April	ANZAC Day (public holiday)
Sat 5 May	John Paul College's, <i>A Night to Remember Gala Ball</i>
Mon 7 May	Labor Day (public holiday)
Fri 11 May	John Paul College's Mayfair (Markwell Car Park)
Mon 11 June	Queen's Diamond Jubilee (public holiday)
Fri 22 June	Term 2 ends, JPC & JPIC
Mon 16 July	Term 3 commences John Paul College
Tues 17 July	Term 3 commences John Paul International College

Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize

The prestigious Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize for 2012 was awarded in Singapore recently. Brisbane was on the shortlist of seven finalists from a field of 62 nominated cities as being one of the most liveable cities in the world, and coming in for a special mention among finalists.

Brisbane was the only Australian city named as a finalist for the prize that recognised the Queensland capital as excelling in urban design, good governance and innovation.

Homestay Updates

During School Holiday Periods

Please be reminded that if your homestay student intends to visit a friend or family member outside of Brisbane over the holidays their Head of School, Mr Michael Bos for JPIC or Mr Allan Dennis for JPC must receive an email from your students' parents giving permission for their child to stay with a nominated person. The email will also need to include travel dates, flight details, the name, address and contact number of the person they will be staying with. The trip will need to be approved by the College.

Please ensure your student understands this process. If you are in any doubt please contact Mrs Patricia White at Senior School on 3826 3414 or email patwhite@jpc.qld.edu.au, or Leila Reid at JPIC on 3826 3474 or email lreid@jpc.qld.edu.au or Kathryn Pincott at International Student Services on 3826 3442 or email kpincott@jpc.qld.edu.au.

If your student intends to stay with a friend or family member in Brisbane please ensure you have the usual information, for example who they are staying with, a contact number, where they are staying and a verbal agreement from the person with whom they are staying. You need to know that this is a suitable place for your student to stay. If you have any questions please call JPIC Student Services, 3826 3478.

Blue Card Reminder

As indicated in the Guidelines for Homestay we again take the opportunity to remind you that it is your responsibility to ensure that your Blue Card is current. The 'Renewal Notice' is posted to you. The school does not receive any communication from the Children's Commission. *If your card expires, any student in your home will need to be relocated until such time as you have a current Blue Card number.*

The Children's Commission does take a few 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 John Paul International College Student Services.

Uganda Trip Update

One of our previous stories featured our staff member, Robin Rough and her trip to Lugala, near Kampala, Uganda, in East Africa to run training programs for national teachers. We are pleased to report that an amount of \$184.45 donated by the JPIC students and staff was deposited into the account for COME Uganda. We think you will agree that this is a wonderful effort by all.

The schools only have children who are from very poor families and these children would not be able to attend school, without the support of others around the world.



The money will be used to help support some children – who can go to school, and have breakfast and lunch each day.

Study Tour News

Term 1 was very busy with study tours, especially in January when we had many Chinese and Korean groups from one to three weeks. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't very kind to them but they still managed to get out and about.

Our regular Japanese group from Hijiyama Girls High School came for the 14th year and they stayed for eight weeks. They do a lot of interesting activities, including a three day stay at Cherrabah Homestead, near Warwick, visit Stradbroke Island, with the one week of integration into Year 8 being the highlight.

Included are a few photos of the girls' activities.



This term we currently have a group from Thailand here for a month, and below is a photo of them up at the Daisy Hill Forest.

We will have a group from China and one from Japan later in the term. Term 2 is quiet as far as study tours go, but we already have a lot of bookings for Term 3, which are the longer summer holidays in Asia.

Carole Wilson
Study Tour Co-ordinator



JPIC Study Abroad Term 2 - Shenzhen Nanshan Bilingual School

John Paul International College and John Paul College are proud to welcome the students and teachers from Shenzhen Nanshan Bilingual School to the Study Abroad program. This program involves primary-aged students taking part in English Language classes, Integration with JPC primary classes and Australian cultural experiences.

We welcome our returning and new homestay families who are taking wonderful care of the students. Thank you very much. The students really appreciate being welcomed into your home and being part of your family. As part of the JPC family, we are pleased to commence our Integration with JPC primary classes, across Years 4, 5 and 6. The students will integrate with the Australian students on a regular basis. The Shenzhen students gave a wonderful performance of Chinese songs, dancing, music and martial arts during their first week with us. We thank you for your safe dropping off and picking up in the carparks.

During Shenzhen's first week, the students and teachers have enjoyed pizza, fruit and cordial for lunch, a tour of the JPC campus, giving a musical performance in the Queen Street Mall, meeting Primary Principal Mr Norm Kerley, sightseeing at Mt-Coot-tha and cuddling a koala at Lone Pine. The students have all received their laptop computers as well. We look forward to having a wonderful experience with the Shenzhen Nanshan Bilingual School and welcome all to John Paul International College and John Paul College.

Susan Burton
Study Abroad Co-ordinator

John Paul International College Term Dates 2012

TERM 1, 2012

Wednesday 25 January – Friday 30 March
New students will be tested on 23 January

TERM 2, 2012

Tuesday 17 April – Friday 22 June
New students will be tested on 16 April

TERM 3, 2012

Tuesday 17 July – Friday 21 September
New students will be tested on 16 July

TERM 4, 2012

Tuesday 9 October – Friday 7 December
New students will be tested on 8 October

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 (Main Campus) Term Dates 2012

TERM 1, 2012

January 23 Monday - March 30 Friday

TERM 2, 2012

Tuesday 17 April – Friday 22 June

TERM 3, 2012

Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September

TERM 4, 2012

Monday 8 October – Friday 7 December

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