



# THE CONVERSATION

WEEK 8 | TERM 4 | 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Trial Day

*Monday 4th December*

Last Trial Day for 2018 starters.

### Annual Staff v Students

*Tuesday 12th December*

Our students will get an opportunity to take to the field and tennis courts to take our staff on in some fun games for the day. Details will be released shortly, however, if you are able to get away from your commitments on that day and join in the school day you are most welcome.

### Celebration Evening

*Wednesday 13th December at Mingara*

From the inception of IFTS we have worked very hard to focus on the individual child and with that in mind this night allows us to celebrate the year that has been, 2017. It is not a speech night, it is not an awards night, it is simply an opportunity for our students and staff to give parents and families an insight into what it means to be part of this very special community. If you haven't been before we would highly recommend you come along as we see off 2017 and prepare for the holiday season.



## Reflections and Projections

*A message from IFTS CEO & Principal, Paul Chapman*

With just 2 weeks until the end of the year, Term 4 sees our students and staff engaged in loads of activities. Sometimes Term 4 is like a whirlwind with so many things going on at the same time. I wanted to thank the staff and also thank the students who attended the recent camp at **Lake St Clair**. The overwhelming feedback was very positive and we will take this into consideration as we plan and continue to enhance our outdoor program for 2018.

### *Cambodia Experience 2018*

I am excited to announce that in 2018 we will be launching a new experience for our Year 9 and 10 students. We will be travelling to Cambodia towards the end of the 2018 year where our students will be involved in a two week experience engaging with the local community and taking part in some once-in-a-lifetime community service experiences. Details of this trip will be launched in the coming weeks, however, I wanted to give parents advance notice so they can keep an eye out for the details.



## Annual Year 9 Trek

Last week a large number of our Year 9 students trekked the great north walk between school and Sydney, a walk that is over a 100KM completed over five days.

This is a challenging and tough experience for our students, however, we know that having completed this trek it will be one of the most memorable experiences in their lives.



## Futsal State League

Don't miss a minute as our senior students and special guests, stream the IFS Futsal Club home games live on Facebook. Even better, get down to Woy Woy Peninsula Leisure Centre to support the teams. IFS are currently on top of the Club Championship. There is a long way to go and every weekend matters as we work towards promotion. A big thanks to Andrew Peachey, staff and players for doing IFTS proud!



ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

## Survey & Strategic Plan

Parents may remember a survey that was completed in Term 3 and the great news is that this survey has helped us tremendously. With the information we were able to gather from your feedback; from current families, families no longer at IFTS and students, it has allowed us to better understand your needs and what your expectations are of us. On the back of this survey we have been able to clarify our strategic plan for the next three years and a number of staff have been engaged in the process in putting it together. This will be communicated with families early in 2018. Our goals have not changed, our intent is as it has always been, i.e. to create an environment which enables our students to be the best they can be. We believe the strategic plan will give all stakeholders much more clarity about the schools future over the coming years.

**Our Stage 2 students were involved in half time events at the Mariners v Adelaide A-League game**





**Stage 1 Spartans in tree pose whilst on a mindfulness walk through our beautiful grounds**

## 2019 Kinder Information Morning Tea

**Tuesday 5th December  
9:30-11am in our cafe**

Find out more about our Kinder program, meet staff, ask questions and meet other 2019 Kinder families before the new year. 2018 Kinder also welcome! To book in, please email Peta Fell, School Transition Coordinator at:

[peta.fell@internationalfootballschool.com](mailto:peta.fell@internationalfootballschool.com)



**Kinder Incredibles have been investigating the school environment using their senses to identify smells, sights and sounds for their current project on Growing and Changing.**

## In the Classroom

### *Canvas Capers in Stage 6 English!*

*\*PLEASE NOTE: All students in Standard English require a large A4 folder and plastic sleeves.*

Our Stage 6 English Standard class have settled in well to the rigours of the course so far. I have been impressed with their level of engagement and enthusiasm during their first couple of weeks of study. Participating through the Canvas platform has been most exciting. Students have been actively involved in the discussion pages and have been able to comment on the course in meaningful ways. Here are a couple of comments that have been posted in the discussion pages so far:

*The first week of English standard introduced the elements of drama and the different dramatic techniques that are used in plays and films. The play 'Run Rabbit Run' is an intriguing play that uses simple dialogue and is based on a true story of a determined club that won't go down without a fight.*

Zac Matthews

*This past week I have learnt about the many different types of plays. By creating a play where the people involved use real life situations it gives the audience a better understanding and also makes the audience more intrigued because it is about actual events that happened. E.g. Real characters telling real stories.*

Lola Tracey

*The past week has been a very informative week on the behalf of the Standard English class. The play had a very engaging start that really made me interested to read further into the play.*

*More of a thought-provoking topic was our introduction to Verbatim theatre, which is a form of documented theatre in which plays are constructed from the precise words spoken by people interviewed about a particular event or topic.*

Blake Melverton



## Netball Update

The proposed Netball Program for 2018 will not go ahead at this stage. While we received lots of interest in the program, a combination of factors, including netball numbers enrolled, has seen a decision made to put the potential program on hold. Stay tuned for further updates on progress.

Meanwhile, netball has made its debut in the K-2 Physical Literacy Program this term. Nerida Stewart is driving the one session a week for the students and has seen brilliant engagement from all involved.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO ORDER UNIFORM

1. Go to online shop and staff/student kits
2. Choose relevant kit
3. Choose item, size and item quantity
4. ADD TO CART - coupon will appear. Click the coupon. (To add more items, click the back button and repeat process)
5. Proceed to checkout

**Note:** There is no coupon code, the coupon itself is the code.

## On the Courts

*A message from Head of Sport Greg Brownlow*

Term 4 is always a term that flies toward Christmas and with the Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Event being the highlight in the Tennis Calendar, this year has been no exception.

Overall, exciting times on court. A mention to **Jessica Jeuong** for making the December Nationals Showdown in Melbourne for the 12 and under girls Event.



**Year 7 & Year 9 IFTS Tennis students at the Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Event in Sydney this week**

## Uniform Shop

Coupons for 2018 Kit have now been allocated to existing parent's email addresses (new families not included). You may order your child's kit in full

or in part, now, or at any time throughout 2018.

The coupon ordering system has been simplified for 2018 however the process is largely the same.

**OUT OF STOCK: Backpacks** - these will be restocked in time for the start of Term 1, 2018.

Please read instructions carefully before ordering.

If you did not receive coupons to your stated email account, please contact Kerry or Jules: [store@internationalfootballschool.com](mailto:store@internationalfootballschool.com)

**Cut-off date for 2017 orders is Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. No orders will be processed after this date.**

## GO MARINERS!

The next home game sees Central Coast Mariners take on Perth Glory on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 7:00pm. See you there!



## 2018 School Fees Form

The 2018 school fees form was emailed to all families from 22 September. If you wish to vary your fee payment arrangement from this year or will be registering a fee payment arrangement for the first time, you need to complete and return this form. Should you need the form to be resent, please let us know by emailing Tracey at

[accounts@internationalfootballschool.com](mailto:accounts@internationalfootballschool.com)

## SALE!

### 2017 IPAD Mini 2

IPAD Mini 2's will go on sale **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** however we are taking early orders from now. Get in early and secure your order. Limited numbers available.

Cost is \$160, 32GB, supports IOS11. **Pickup not available until 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

## On the Field

*A message from Mariners Academy Director, Ken Schemer*

Over the past 5 years the Central Coast Mariners have worked very closely with the school behind the scenes and we are very pleased to announce that we now formally recognising the International Football and Tennis School as part of our official pathway.

It is important to know that it is not essential to join one of our Mariners Development Squads as these programs are primarily designed for players outside of IFTS as we recognise players at IFTS as already being in the pathway.

Although there are never any guarantees in football, it is important to note, to give your child the best chance to be part of the pathway it is the Central Coast Mariners position that IFTS players within the ages of 9-12 in 2018 play with their school teams which will ensure they are seen and are part of our official pathway.



The Central Coast Mariners have seen the school produce many high quality players over the years, many of whom currently play an active role in our academy structure. We acknowledge that the school has some of the highest calibre coaches in the country and the environment that is created on a daily basis at the school is second to none. With players like **Trent Buhagiar** and recently signed NYL player **Kyle Johnson**, who is a recent IFTS graduate, we look forward to seeing many more students from IFTS make their way through the pathway, and achieve their dreams and aspirations with support from both the school and Mariners.