

**INTERNATIONAL
FOOTBALL SCHOOL**



Every School Day Fulfilling Your Child's Passion For Football...
A Project Based Education That Engages, Motivates And Challenges
Giving Your Child Exactly What They Need To Achieve Their Full Potential In Life!

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IFS: OUR MISSION

“At the end of their time with us, your child will be fit, well educated, well balanced and focused on creating and living a successful life.

Your child will know that they are masters of their own destiny and will have the confidence, capability and tools they need to shape the life they want to live and be a complete success in that life.”

Paul Chapman, Founder & CEO, International Football School

IFS: AN OVERVIEW

At The International Football School	What That Means For Your Child	What It Means For You, The Parents
Your child will be taught using a project based style of teaching	Your child will be presented the curriculum in a way that engages, motivates and challenges them on a daily basis. They will look forward to going to school each morning	Knowing that your child is getting a high level and relevant education in a way that allows them to grow and mature as a person taking their first steps to achieving their full potential
Your child will not be getting homework	Your child can spend more time with their family, their friends, engage in other interests and help in their community.	The ability to spend more time with your child as their parent rather than as a supervisor making sure homework is done.
There is a caring, supportive and nurturing educational environment	Your child will have constant support from teachers. They will be encouraged and supported to work hard towards achieving their full potential on the pitch and in the classroom	Knowing that your child will not be left behind if they are struggling with some issue and that someone will always be there for your child when they need them.
We have professional football coaches creating the football program and coaching.	Your child's football skill will increase at a greater rate than ever before under the direction of our professional coaches	The knowledge that our football programs are not just knocked together by people who aren't qualified and that your child isn't being coached by volunteers.
All of your child's football training is finished before they get home to you.	Your child can spend more time with their family, their friends, engage in other interests and help in their community.	No more spending many hours of your week getting your child ready for, and travelling, to and from training.
Your child will play in elite competitions.	To be the best, your child will have to play against the best. They will have the chance to do that as an IFS student.	Knowing there will be access to quality opponents whose skills your child will naturally strive to emulate.
There is zero tolerance towards bullying and violence	Your child can gain an education without impedance and interference, or the fear of impedance and interference, from others.	Knowing that your child is in a safe learning environment, at all times



Welcome to the IFS from Paul Chapman, Founder & CEO

Firstly, thank you for your interest in our school.

As a parent of budding young football players, and with many years as an educator, I have, over time, developed a vision to create a school where a child's passion for football could be blended with their academic education, giving them the best of both worlds.

I wanted my school to be an alternative to everything else out there, a place where your child could live their love for football in an environment where they were safe, happy and most of all, respected.

Access to quality training, quality coaches and successful role models are the cornerstones to creating high-class football players, so I have assembled some of the very best and most successful coaches in Australia. This means we can offer an unparalleled opportunity for your child to become a stronger and more skilful player, laying the groundwork for a possible future career in football.

There is more to life than football, however, and at the IFS we place as much emphasis on academic success as sporting success. I want the students in my school to be engaged, energised, motivated and challenged on a daily basis. Extensive research has led me to the firm conclusion that project based learning (PBL) is the leading proven method in achieving this, and as such, I have made it the backbone of our academic program.

The learning environment in which a child finds themselves is of vital importance in determining whether or not their full potential is reached. Our learning environment promises high standards with a strong focus on ensuring children are happy, increasing their confidence in their ability to succeed and motivating them to chase success on the football field and in the classroom.

An important aspect of this environment is our approach to bullying and violence which **WILL NOT** be tolerated at IFS. Regardless of whether it's during or out of school hours, via social media, SMS or face-to-face, IFS has a zero tolerance policy.

Success won't come easily at IFS. Your child will be challenged on a daily basis.

They will be encouraged to be the best they can be in rising to challenges. In our supportive and nurturing environment, your child will grow mentally, physically,

emotionally and socially, taking their first steps on the path to achieving their full potential in life.

At IFS, we value open, honest, transparent and respectful communication between staff, parents and students. I am proud to provide a communication system that keeps you completely up-to-date and informed about your child's progress while incorporating your feedback.



At this point we are confident we will receive official Board of Studies approval and open our doors to Classes 5 through to 10 in Term 1, 2013.

We are delighted at the prospect of having your child join our new school and become part of this exciting new chapter in Australian education and football development and invite you to begin the application process soon.

IFS: OUR VALUES

- We value a willingness to learn in all our students.
- We value leadership and mentorship from our teachers and Principal.
- We value hard work and focus from our staff and students.
- We value the ability of our staff to enjoy the learning process, while striving to help the students achieve their full potential.
- We value respect and dignity for our staff, our students and their parents.
- We value the teaching of self- respect and respect for others for all our students.
- We value happy, engaged, motivated and challenged students.
- We value a caring, supportive and nurturing learning environment created by students and staff.
- We value open and transparent communication between the IFS staff, parents and students, for both positive and negative feedback.
- We value new experiences for our students.
- We value a safe learning environment.
- We value zero tolerance for bullying, violence or any form of discrimination.



WHAT IS PROJECT-BASED LEARNING?

When students are challenged to work on solving real-life problems the whole world becomes a classroom. Project-based learning (PBL) is designed to engage students and empower them with responsibility for their own education.

In PBL students work in small collaborative groups to solve authentic, challenging problems that develop cross-curriculum-skills. Actively gathering information, synthesising, analysing and deriving knowledge from it, students are inspired to obtain a deeper knowledge of subjects they are studying.

Research indicates that students are more likely to retain the knowledge gained through PBL than through traditional textbook-centred learning. In addition, they develop confidence and self-direction as they move through both team-based and independent work. In the process of completing their projects, students hone their organisational and research skills and develop better communication, collaboration and reflective skills. The real-world nature of projects often leads students to work within their community, getting a chance to see the positive effect of their work.

Students are judged on how much they have learnt and how they communicate it. Assessment of project-based work is often more meaningful to students, as they quickly see how their academic work can connect to real-life issues. They may even be inspired to pursue a career that relates to a project they developed.

PBL effectively integrates technology into the curriculum. Students can typically be required to utilise word processing, spreadsheets and databases, undertake web-based research and electronic communication, and create electronic compositions of art, music and video.

Throughout the process, teachers act as guides and advisors, rather than directors and managers of students work. Subject areas are no longer separated with teachers working in isolation. Our teachers collaborate to ensure that students gain a deep understanding of important concepts and content that has real world applications.

Students plan and sequence their learning program based on their needs, receiving individual one-on-one guidance from our teachers as frequently as required.

In this atmosphere of trust, sharing, collaboration and guidance, we know your child's learning will flourish.

IFS EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

Our aim is to provide your child with an education that is full of relevant and authentic learning experiences which are meaningful and which engage, motivate, excite and challenge them on a daily basis

With a team of educators who draw on many years experience in a variety of different systems, we are able to adopt an innovative and highly effective approach to education – an approach that is ground breaking in Australia.

Fundamentally we believe in respect for students and facilitating freedom in learning. By allowing your child to take control and responsibility for their learning, they will strive to achieve their best and in doing so, achieve their full potential.

Across our entire school curriculum we offer a student-centred, personalised and project-based approach. Subjects including English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Art, Music, Technology, Language and PDHPE will be taught in a project-based style to maximise your child's focus, engagement and motivation and ensure authentic and relevant learning opportunities.

Students will be provided with a variety of Creative Art experiences to enhance their overall learning. High School students will be expected to participate in a major stage production.

Current research indicates many benefits to studying a second language, including assisting academic progress, higher order and abstract thinking and increased career opportunities. As such all students at IFS will learn an Asian language.

We know that social media is a huge element in today's society. At IFS students will be taught the correct etiquette to interact with people on social media sites including Facebook and Twitter.

According to Dr. Stephen Covey all highly effective people share certain principles. At IFS students will work first and foremost on how to be a better person, how to work well with others and then how to take time to reflect and think about the next steps to self-improvement.

Our curriculum will be delivered according to the NSW Board of Studies requirements, incorporating the National Curriculum when introduced in 2014.

Promising low student-to-staff ratios, our focus is on individual support, as and when required.

Age-Appropriate Education

In years 5 and 6, your child is emerging as an independent learner in a teacher-guided learning environment. In year 5 they will move through a range of age appropriate lessons, gaining confidence in a classroom that encourages meaningful learning pursuits. In year 6 the blending of teacher-guided and self-directed learning grows and your child builds the skills needed for later project-based learning.

In years 7 through to 10 the Project Based Learning (PBL) approach is introduced alongside Service Learning Programs (SLP). Students learn syllabus content, gain leadership skills and an awareness of community needs.

No Homework Policy

The IFS has a no homework policy. We believe that our PBL approach allows students to fully and effectively engage in their education during school hours, thus eliminating the need for homework. We also believe that balance is a priority: school time is for learning and home time is for spending with family, participating in other interests, spending time with friends, helping in the community and growing on a social level outside of the school environment.



IFS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY

The aim of our football program is simple:
To turn your child from a player who just plays football...into a player who plays *beautiful football*

Adopting Football Federation Australia's National Curriculum we will ensure that your child has every opportunity for selection in representative teams and to follow other elite football pathways, where appropriate.

Our focus is on developing players who have a love for the game and aspire to be the best they can be. By focusing on the technical aspects of individual skills your child will be mentored into becoming part of a bigger unit and learning how working together as a team can produce great results.

We aim to develop your child into a technically masterful player who is creative, imaginative and passionate. A significant focus will be to ensure your child becomes a master of the ball. Players who can move through the game without fear of losing the ball with a heightened level of confidence.

As your child develops ball mastery, the next phase is to understand that the whole team can achieve more than any one individual. Your child's confidence in not only themselves but their team mates is fundamental to building a great footballer and will be a major focus of our philosophy at IFS.

Long Term Development Versus Short Term Glory

In the formative years (from 8 –14 years or slightly older) the most important focus should be on learning how to develop as a player. Participating in long term competitions, with points, ladders and pressure to win, can interfere with this focus on learning how to play football. For this reason IFS will not enter into such competitions.

Its not that we think competition is wrong, its just that we will be selective about what types of competitions to participate in. IFS teams will play against elite teams from academies such as Mongo Football, AC Milan, AS Roma, 1st Eleven, Red Devils, AESFA, Brazilian Soccer, Soccer De Brazil and SAP teams. Playing against the best there is in Australia, your child will only be exposed to playing against elite players,



enhancing their development to becoming the best they can be. We believe the wins will come, and keep coming on a consistent basis when, and only when, the skills are mastered.

IFS: OUR PEOPLE

An organisation is only as good as the people in it, and as such IFS has employed some of the best people in football development and training.

Julie Dolan (Football Technical Director)



Julie Dolan is nothing short of Australian football royalty.

Julie captained the Australian women's national football team on 6 different occasions while playing 18 international games. To honour her achievements and service to Australian football, the Australian Women's Soccer Association in 1988, created the *Julie Dolan Medal* which is awarded annually to the player voted to be the best in the Australian Women's Football League.

Julie is an inductee to the FFA Football Hall of Fame and a nominee for the title of "Greatest Ever Australian Footballer".

Julie is the driving force behind every IFS football program.

Joey Peters (Senior Coach)



Hailed as one of the greatest female midfielders to ever play the game, Joey Peters is a football tour de force. For 13 years, between 1996 and 2009 she played as a member of the Matildas', the Australian women's national football team, and was capped 109 times scoring a total of 28 goals for her country. During her career, she played in no less than 4 World Cups from 1999 to 2007.

Joey is also a nominee for the title of "Greatest Ever Australian Footballer". Recently Joey had the position of assistant coach at the Newcastle Jets W-League team.

IFS is proud to have Joey as its Senior Coach, working closely with Julie Dolan to create the best football training and youth development programs in Australia.

Brad Porter

Joining the Mariners in 2005, and re-appearing in the 2006-07 season, Brad Porter is a much beloved football player on the Central Coast. During his tenure at the Mariners Brad played against quality opposition such as Melbourne Victory FC and Adelaide United FC, and quickly impressed the other players and coaches with his versatility, strength and skill.

On the 11th of July 2012, Brad announced his retirement from professional football, immediately speaking of his excitement at starting the new phase of his football career, as coach with the IFS.



IFS PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Through our Pathways to Success Program we are committed to ensuring your child's success continues long after they leave our doors.

Professional Football Success Pathway

If your child wants to progress to professional footballer status, we have an effective pathway established to facilitate this, including relationship development with professional football clubs across Australia and worldwide, including English Premier League teams.

These relationships include:

- Constant communication with professional clubs worldwide.
- Visits to IFS by professional club scouts.
- Presentations by professional players outlining the life and commitments of professional football players.
- Presentations by professional club officials, outlining what they look for in a new player signing and how to be successful at their particular club.
- Regular updates on your child from IFS to all professional clubs in our network.

Our football curriculum and the IFS elite coaches will make sure that your child has an equal opportunity to maximise their ability and pursue the dream of becoming a professional player.

University Success Pathway

Not every child passionate about football wants to pursue a professional career in the sport. In other sporting and educational organisations your child would be left to find their own way. At IFS we offer effective and successful pathways to higher-level education in Australia and worldwide.

These pathways include:

- Inviting university officials and academics to IFS to give lectures on issues of interest.
- Ensuring IFS has up-to-date news regarding requirements for selection by universities.
- Constant communication with all universities with updates about your child.
- Information directly from officials and professors about what they expect from their students and how to gain entry to their chosen university.
- Trips with IFS to Universities.
- Presentations to IFS students by current and past students of universities explaining the many sides of university life.

- Your child being coached on the application process for each university.
- Your child being given help choosing the best university for their talents and strengths and their chosen career path
- Information from experts and universities on the best way to secure scholarships to universities in order to reduce financial burden on you...the parents.

Business Success Pathway

If your child wants to get into the workplace after completing their schooling at IFS they will be given the tools needed to not only succeed in gaining full time employment but also the tools needed to be a success in their employment.

To facilitate this, IFS has strong and beneficial relationships with businesses, companies and registered training organisations at local, state and national levels and we will be:

- Inviting business owners to IFS to tell the students what they are looking for in new employees.
- Collaborating with business owners and business associations in order to fully understand their requirements.
- Arranging meaningful work experience for your child in the industry of their choice.
- Arranging for business owners/ managers to come to IFS and “scout” for employees for their companies.

IFS will help your child create the best CV/resume possible. Students will be taught:

- interview skills, including pressure-situation interview role-plays.
- How to effectively answer interview questions and put their best foot forward in an interview.
- the best places to search for jobs and the most effective methods of approaching companies.
- career management skills to help them advance their career during their working life.

ONCE IFS, ALWAYS IFS

No one can say that life is not without its struggles, its battles, its ups and downs...

We fully understand this and have created a policy to help counteract it.

Our ***Assistance Unlimited*** policy is all about helping past IFS students overcome the roadblocks that life throws up.

Any IFS student, no matter when they graduated, be it 5, 10 15, even 30 years plus...
... can make contact with us to seek help with any problem or problems they are having. IFS will use all of its reach and influence to help that former student overcome the problem and move forward in their life.

“Once IFS, Always IFS”



ENROLMENT PROCESS

Interviews are currently underway for a limited number of vacancies in years 5 to 10, Term 1, 2013.

Please complete out online registration form, just click [here](#) to go to our enrolment page. We will send you an email confirming your registration on our waiting list.

Please Note: *A \$50 registration fee applies to ensure your child's place on the waiting list is guaranteed.*

(Registrations submitted prior to our formal NSW Board of Studies approval will have the \$50 registration fee waived.)

Students on our waiting list may be invited to apply for enrolment in our school based on their date of registration on our list.

You will then be emailed or posted a more detailed enrolment form to complete along with:

- A current photo
- School reports for the previous 12 months
- A copy of your child's birth certificate

You and your child will be invited to attend an interview. This is an important part of the enrolment process and will complete the final step prior to acceptance to our school.

Your child will spend some time with one of our teaching staff and we encourage you to ask any questions.

Following the interview, an offer of placement at International Football School may be made.

If your child is accepted as a student, the letter of offer will outline the things you need to do to accept the offer.

The IFS staff and I look forward to helping your child achieve their full potential in life.

Paul Chapman
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