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Ignatius Park College celebrated its 40 Year Anniversary in 2009 with a record enrolment of 831 young men and another successful year in the Spiritual, Pastoral, Academic, Social, Cultural and Sporting domains.

The highlight of the year was the 40 Year Celebrations in August which included College tours, a Meet & Greet function and a Formal Dinner. The 40 Year Celebration weekend did highlight the diverse range of talents and personalities that have graced the College with their presence over the first 40 years.

Curriculum reform at the College saw the finalisation and implementation of the College Curriculum Plan and the introduction of the new subject, Manufacturing, into the Vocational Education Training pathway. 2009 saw outstanding academic results in both the OP (Overall Position) pathway and Vocational Education Training (VET) pathway with Ignatius Park enhancing its reputation as a leader in boy's education in Queensland.

Leadership roles for the College Prefects and House Captains were expanded with the student leaders having a more hands on approach with the student body and the values of Edmund Rice Education were reinforced throughout the year with the promotion of the Heart Values of the Charter. The College also provided a strong orientation to prayer and liturgy within the College by introducing the celebration of a monthly Mass for staff, students and parents.

The College Board continues to make significant contributions to the governance of the College through active participation in policy reform, financial and resource allocation and community building exercises. The new Edmund Rice Education Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy was fully embraced, with significant increase in human, financial and capital resources to improve the educational outcomes of the 60 Indigenous students enrolled at the College.

The College Behaviour Management Policy was revisited in 2009 and work is in progress to develop a document for every day use with an emphasis on restorative justice.

To conclude, Ignatius Park College through a process of reflective practice, continues to pursue the goal of offering a truly holistic education to the young men of North Queensland through the story, dream and vision of Edmund Rice.

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