



CONVENT OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS SECONDARY



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians

WITH 2025 coming to an end, it is with heartfelt thanks that we bid farewell to Mrs Rachel Lee, who has led our school so ably as Principal for the past 7 years. We thank God for the many blessings we have received through Mrs Lee and the blessing that she has been to us. We wish her the very best in her new posting.

As of 15 December, I have joined CHIJ Secondary as Principal and it is truly a homecoming for me. I spent 10 years as a student in CHIJ Primary and Secondary where I had an excellent education that laid the foundations for who I am today as a person and as a leader, and gave me friends who have been with me through thick and thin – IJ friends are truly friends for life!

Prior to returning to IJ, I was on secondment to the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth where I led the Government Partnerships & Engagement Group as Senior Director. Within MOE, I have served in a variety of roles in MOE HQ in the Curriculum Planning and Development Division, and the Communications and Engagement Group; and was Vice-principal at Evergreen Primary School and Principal of Montfort Junior School. Each of these postings has shaped my leadership and broadened my perspectives of what we can do to prepare our girls for the world of tomorrow.

As a Catholic school, we believe that each of us is created in the image and likeness of God, and it is this inner spirituality that guides us in discovering our unique selves, each with our own gifts and talents that we can use in the service of others. We want to provide each girl that comes through our gates with opportunities to discover who they are, and empower them to find their voice, think critically and lead with integrity so that they can be beacons of hope and light for the future. We want to form them to be women of distinction, imbued with a sense of truth, justice, freedom and love, and guided by our motto, "Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty".

We cannot do this alone and look forward to working with you in partnership, to provide the best educational experience for our girls so that they can pursue academic excellence, develop strength of character and a heart for others. As we start the year, we seek your cooperation for the following:

- a) Timetable for Semester 1. There will be many programmes for Semester 1, beginning with the IJ Character Education Week (IJCE Breaker Week). Details will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG).
- b) Consistent school attendance, with exceptions for valid medical or compassionate reasons. From this year, parents will be able submit the reason for their child's absence via PG, with supporting documents (e.g. medical certificates) uploaded where applicable. More details will be sent in due course. We also ask that parents refrain from planning overseas travel during the school term.
- c) Consent for photographs and videos of students, students' copyright works and personal data. As there is updated information, we will ask for your consent in a separate PG message.
- d) Code of Conduct, Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and Students' Creed in the online Student Handbook. We ask for your acknowledgement via this PG message.
- e) Contact details for Form Teachers. You will receive a note from your daughter's/ward's Form Teachers with the information. While we advocate open communication, we seek your understanding that our teachers can only respond when they are not in the classroom, and responses after office hours (1700 – 0700 weekdays, and weekends) will be limited to ensure their well-being.

You may also stay updated by visiting our school website at chijsec.edu.sg and following us on Instagram (@chijsecondary) or Facebook (CHIJ Secondary). I look forward to your partnership in the years ahead and may our collective efforts bear good fruit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

On behalf of our staff, I wish you and your families a very blessed 2026!

With prayers and thanksgiving,

Ms Genevieve Chye

Principal

