

Ignatius Learning Centre

# Meet your 2021 teachers and staff



**John Andrew**  
Principal

John is the Principal of the Ignatius Learning Centre. John has been involved in education for the last 15 years and started out as a Physical Education teacher. Over the past eight years, John has held numerous leadership positions at Parkville College at both Malmsbury and Parkville Campuses. John is passionate about understanding who young people are and their underlying interests and motivations that drive them to succeed. If you or your family have any questions about our school, please feel free to contact John.



**Sarah Afif**  
DeputyPrincipal

Sarah is the Deputy Principal. Sarah has spent 15 years in education working at a number of schools and more recently for Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools. Sarah enjoys working with communities, helping young people to achieve their best, supporting staff, and is very excited to be part of a new school.



**Imogen Cowan**  
Head of Engagement

Imogen is the Head of Engagement. Imogen has spent the last six years working as the School Social Worker at Parkville College and is excited to use everything she has learned to start a new school in the community. Imogen looks after student enrolments, leads assertive outreach, communicates with parents/ guardians and Case Managers, and supports teachers to make school as engaging as possible for the students.



**Paige Van Every**  
Head of Compliance and Business

Paige is the Head of Compliance and Business. Paige has worked for many years in project management and coordination roles including working on the Olympic, Commonwealth, Pan American and Asian Games. Paige is fluent in French and currently learning Arabic.



**Xavier Bacash**  
Literacy/Numeracy (VCAL) Teacher

Xavier is one of our VCAL Teachers. Xavier has worked as a teacher, a sports coach and a Mental Health Worker. Xavier loves sport, fitness and helping students find something they are passionate about. Xavier is excited to play a small part in helping our students achieve their absolute best in a nurturing, engaging, and fulfilling classroom.



**Phoebe Baker**  
Music (VET) Teacher

Phoebe is one of our VET teachers. Phoebe is a singer and songwriter from the bands ALPINE and Sappho. She has spent the last ten years touring around Australia and overseas, as well as teaching and mentoring songwriters. Phoebe can't wait to explore the world of music with the students and help them write and record their own songs, building their repertoire and prepping them for working within the music industry.



**Bernie Brysha**  
Literacy/Numeracy (VCAL) and Hospitality (VET) Teacher

Bernie is our literacy, personal development, meditation and cooking teacher. He has previously taught at Xavier College for many years. He is looking forward to sharing skills and discoveries with the boys at our new school.



**Tom White**  
Personal Development (VCAL) and Sport Teacher

Tom is one of our VCAL teachers that will take you for all your Sport Classes. Tom has played senior football in both Melbourne and country Victoria, and comes to us with an extensive basketball playing and coaching record. After playing his junior basketball with Hawthorn Magic, he has since served as a Director of Coaching at both the Kuany Kuany Foundation and Elevate Basketball Top 100 Camp. Tom has also shared his passion for basketball at a community level as a Head Coach at Helping Hoops for more than three years.



**Halszka Masash**  
Visual Arts (VET) Teacher

Halszka is one of our VET teachers. Halszka has been making art and music for over 20 years, has run her own label, worked across youth programs, art studios, collaborating with other artists and musicians along the way. Halszka gets into aliens, anime, sad rap, rave, metaphysics, ancient cultures and basically anything sacred (like temples).