What is IGNITE? It is an annual National Catholic Conference, run in Brisbane-Qld for students, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and the religious. Its aim is to allow attendees encounter Jesus Christ and bear witness to the dynamic filled faith as we live in the Christian world.

It can be viewed as an Australian “World Youth Day” under the Southern Cross. All empowered by the Holy Spirit through the development of spiritual and formation of lifelong friendships in the name of Jesus. A fun filled four days.

It is estimated that over 130 sessions will be happening; these include morning/night rallies, Ignite Central Keynotes, High school and kids’ sessions and over 100 workshops will be on the go with over 50 presenters.

The program is understood to be jam-packed, therefore we know that students who have been selected will return uplifted, empowered and enriched. The team will be returning into the Term 3 holiday break which is a well-earned R&R, and used also for catching up of school work ready for Term 4.

Thirteen of our students are part of our combined Y10 and Y11 Religious Education Youth Ministry Program. The tradition has developed into a permanent fixture on the College Calendar each year which has formed the “rock” on which further ministries emerge.

The students are counting down the days and will be heading off to Ignite in 23 days. They are being accompanied by Miss Hives – Teacher/Y10 Coordinator, Didi (ex-student, now working with Darwin Diocesan Youth Ministry Office) and Mr Katal – ISA/Sports Coordinator.

Students include;
Jai O’Shaughnessy, Bethany Lowe, Ebony Wadwell, Madison Duncan, Chloe Brannelly, Donatella Coccetti, Lily Riches, Saige Neave, Lucie Raison, Camden Wilkinson, Georgia Barradeen, Romee Dickman and Bonita Dougherty.
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- All Y10 & Y11 Youth Ministry students – 2015 Ignite Team
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As part of their efforts to raise funds, the Ignite TEAM supported the FATHERS DAY BBQ breakfast on Friday September 4th, thank you to the kind generosity of Holy Family Primary.

Finally, we wish all the students and staff Safe Travels and Godspeed to and from Ignite.

The group photo below was taken at Holy Family Primary.

Absent from photo: Miss Hives and Ebony Wadwell.