



The Boulevard of International Flags

## UNITE WEEK

Celebrating who we are

The UNITE initiative aims to celebrate the diverse cultures and backgrounds at Thomas Hassall Anglican College. Celebrating diversity is a key part of building community and has been the focus of the student leadership team for 2017.

It provides an opportunity for students to be proud of their heritage and to know that the College values who they are and where they come from. Ultimately by holding this event we get to know each other more and more, creating a greater connection between us.

This week we have been walking under and through an array of flags along the boulevard. The flags were originally planned as just a novelty and decoration but after we purchased them we became curious as to why we are so passionate about purchasing and installing these flags? So we took the time to sit and think critically about it and we had an epiphany, if you will. These flags are actually a metaphor.

The flags represent everyone. Teachers, parents and students. Everyday, whether the flags are there or not, we walk through a sea of cultures but we rarely take the time to think about this.

Whilst the College is a mixture of cultures, we are all integrated under the principles of excellence, wisdom and service in order to move forward not only by ourselves as we progress through the years, but as a College towards unity and a community.

The leadership team has tried to be a bit creative whilst also simply emphasising what is already at this school . . .and that is cultural diversity.

So we want to encourage all of you this week, next week and beyond to be creative, curious and critical thinkers, not just about this but in everything you do.

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School Captains 2017

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