



FINAL THOUGHTS FOR 2017

This is the final edition of The Way for 2017 and I want to acknowledge the hard work of staff, the commitment and passion of our students and the willingness of parents to partner with us over the course of a very busy and successful year.

Thank you to each and every one. We could never get to this point without our community, at every level, being willing to work together in achieving a common goal. The most 'Excellent Way'

The Class of 2017 will gather this week for a last 'official event', The Year 12 Formal. This group of students have really committed themselves to travel the journey of the 'HSC Road' together, and now they have finished! Well done Class of 2017 and God bless each of you for the journey ahead. These graduates will now patiently wait for their HSC results which will be released in mid-December.

Year 10 has been working through a Peer Support Program. This training helps to equip students with the skills and confidence to get alongside of our new Year 7 students and assist them to navigate the challenges of Senior School in the new year. Next week these students will take the opportunity to celebrate together at the Year 10 Formal. This has been a 'rites of passage' event that marks the end of one part of Senior School and the beginning of their senior years. The Year 10 Formal is one of my favourite times of the school year simply because of the colour and excitement around the event. There is a transformation that takes place from students in school uniforms to very grown up young adults in shiny suits and flowing gowns arriving at Eschol House in hotted up or exquisite machines. It is a sight to appreciate. This definitely be a great night together.

It is that time in the year where we need to pause and acknowledge the success our students

have achieved over the year. These successes have not necessarily come easy. Obstacles have usually had to be overcome, students have had to commit to their learning in the classroom or persevere through hardship on the sports field or maintain that extra commitment in their co-curricular activities. These things build our students' character and resilience and we need to acknowledge this, however, the celebration is not just about individual achievement but we also want to honour a great God who grants us grace and gifts to impact our world for His glory. What a great opportunity to celebrate the year together.

Thanks to all the award winners and guests who have committed to attending the night. Let's have a great time together as we turn the corner towards Christmas.

God Bless all in the season ahead.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

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