



THE WAY

TERM 1 : THURSDAY 15
FEBRUARY 2018



FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Endurance produces character

I trust that your child has settled in well at College in 2018. Exciting times were had by all who attended the College Camps in Week 2 as well as the Senior School Swimming Carnival. It was fantastic to hear of all the great reports from students and teachers about the amazing experiences they had on camps. No doubt, students would have slept well on Wednesday night. The House spirit was alive and well at the Swimming Carnival with many students already wearing the new House shirts as they competed with one another in swimming, novelty and cheering events throughout the day.

I thought I would take the time to introduce myself as the new Head of Senior School. This is my 12th year at the College having started in 2007 as the PDHPE/Sport Coordinator. I have held various other roles at the College over the years such as looking after the day-to-day operations of the Senior School, Student Welfare, BYOD Technology Program, NESA requirements, Staff and their professional practice. I am excited about being given the opportunity to serve the students, staff and College Community within this role. I am passionate about developing the whole child at College where they feel valued, supported, and safe and have a variety of opportunities to excel in their gifting's and achieve long term success.

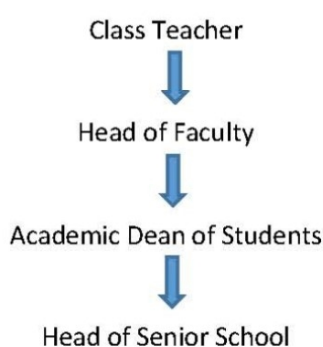
In Week 1, I challenged the students about encouraging one person each day throughout the year as they look outwards to serve others in the College Community. This week I encouraged the students to reflect upon their character. We all take our character with us everywhere we go. I shared with them about how my twin nephews honoured their mother and father at their 18th

birthday party over the weekend which was great to see. Others honoured my nephews, pointing out some of their character strengths. I asked the students what their friends and parents would say about their character and what areas of their character do they need to work on. It would be a good conversation starter at the dinner table. Here at Thomas Hassall Anglican College, we aim for all students to develop high standards of character as they exit the College in Year 12. We understand that everyone grows and develops at a different pace not just in their learning but also in their character development. We hope that all students would grow in their character regardless of what speed the growth is at.

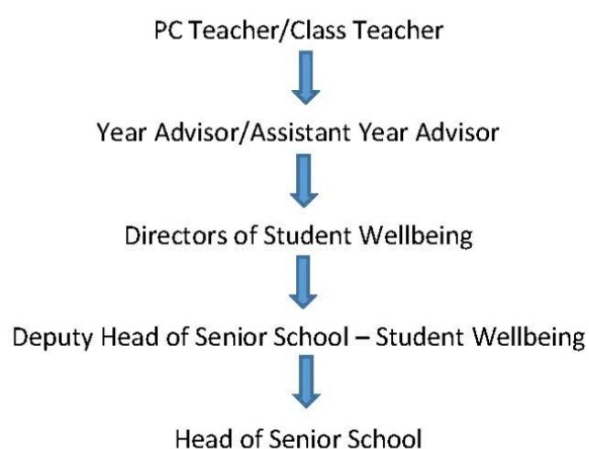
Lines of Communication

If you need to contact the College, we would encourage you to use the following lines of communication that will assist you in speaking with the right person to resolve any enquiry/concern you may have as quickly as possible.

Faculty/Subject enquiry/concern



Wellbeing/Pastoral enquiry/concern



I encourage parents to keep the College informed of anything that you feel may impact your child's performance or behaviour at the College so that we can support and assist them.

'More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.'

Romans 5:3-5

Mr Hugh Renshaw

Acting Head of Senior School