



# THE WAY

TERM 3 : FRIDAY 28  
SEPTEMBER 2018



## FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

This is a special time for our students and their families

This week, we have farewelled our Year 12 Class of 2018 as they graduated from Thomas Hassall. This is a special time for our students and their families as they leave the College where they have shared a variety of experiences over many years, making lifelong friends, creating many positive memories and successfully completing 13 years of schooling.

On Wednesday this week, Year 12 spent their last Pastoral Care lesson reading with Kindergarten students. It was a wonderful opportunity for Year 12 to reflect on their school life, remembering what it was like for themselves as they started school. It was a privilege to watch the students engage, interact and have fun with the Kindergarten students. Hopefully they will have fond memories of this experience and remember how much they have grown in their character and strengths throughout their school life. We encourage students to continue to explore their faith and examine the claims of the Gospel.

The book of Jeremiah 29:12-13 says

*'Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'*

We thank the Year 12 Class of 2018 for their commitment to their studies and the College throughout the year. They have been ably led by the College Captains, Finn Alexander and Rachel Squire along with all the prefect body. It is wonderful to witness students developing their leadership gifts and using them to serve for the benefit of others. We are proud of each individual

student and the year group for all that they have achieved this year. They have shown great determination and resilience throughout the year balancing school, study, work, sport, extra-curricular commitments whilst completing many challenging assessment tasks.

We pray for wisdom for each student as they contemplate their next step in life in 2019. We hope that each student is able to achieve their best in the Higher School Certificate Exams and are able to access their chosen career path in 2019 whether it be at University, TAFE or full time work. We ask that you keep Year 12 and their families in your prayers as students prepare for the HSC Examinations.

#### **Term 4**

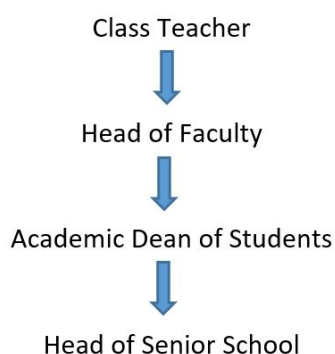
Years 7-10 should have received their Final Examinations Timetable and Study Guides this week. It is important that students use their time wisely over the holidays to ensure they are well prepared for their examinations. They should be spending some of their time in the holidays writing study notes, memorising them and testing themselves to see if they can recall the information verbally or in the written form. Starting this process early before the exams and repeating it multiple times maximises the chances of retaining concepts and content to long term memory. We desire that all students achieve their best in their examinations and improve on what they have done throughout the year.

We have changed to the summer uniform in the last 2 weeks of Term 3. All students need to wear a hat at College. If students have damaged or lost their hat, please purchase a new one over the holidays in preparation for Term 4 from Lowes Liverpool. If you have any concerns about your child's uniform, please discuss this with one of their Year Advisors or Directors of Welfare, Mr Kaye or Mrs Van der Schyff.

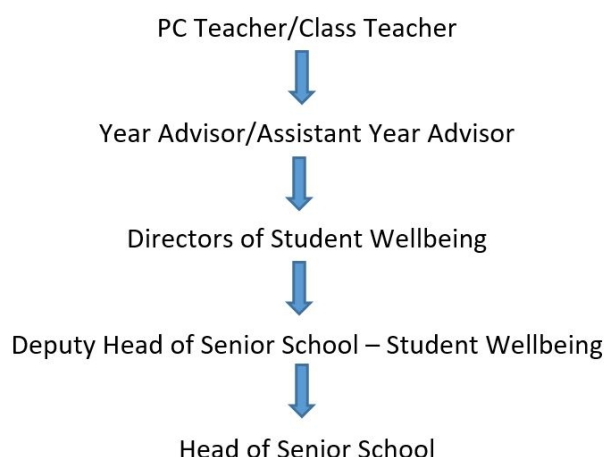
#### **Lines of Communication**

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.

*'Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."' John 6:35*

**Mr Hugh Renshaw**

