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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Isn't it great to have had a month of good rain across our eastern seaboard?



I understand that not everyone has enjoyed the same amount of rain, but we have certainly benefited and we are now enjoying the new growth and all the colour that typically arrives in spring. I hope you are enjoying this change of season.

Talking about the season. The 2018 HSC is underway, a new group of students have embarked upon their own HSC journey (2019), and all other students are preparing for their end of year examinations. Needless to say, this is a testing time for the students (sorry about the pun), and quite often there is an underlying tension in the air that might translate with your child being moody and anxious. We certainly find that some students find this time of the year difficult. This week I had an opportunity to share with students a verse from Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God". This is an encouragement to "STOP"

and 'look up' and to take your eyes off all the worries and concerns that you might have and take some time to meditate on God in all his glory and power. When we do this, even for a few minutes, we can be refreshed and transformed in our view of the world. Let me encourage each of you to take some time to 'be still', before God and allow Him to take the load that so easily burdens each one of us.

This week the Year 12, 2019 students gathered, with their parents, to share in a Dedication Service. This has been a terrific opportunity to 'be still' and commit the year ahead to God and

pray for both the journey ahead: for families and parents, for teachers and the students of Year 12. It was a terrific evening and helped to appreciate one another and refocus for the journey ahead. Thanks for all who were in attendance.



I have the pleasure of taking students for sport and this term we are rostered into the new Rawdon Middleton VC Sports Complex. It is such a privilege to teach in this space and spend some time enjoying the excellent facilities. The students responded really well and appreciate the blessing that this new facility brings. As I was on the courts umpiring and encouraging the teams I could look directly out and onto the beautiful, freshly mowed, green oval. This large open space provides a wonderful vista for a variety of activities to be undertaken. The new facility and the adjoining oval is now open for business. Exciting Days! My appreciation and thanks go out to the School Council and our Principal, Mr Whelan, who have led the charge in developing this new facility. In the months and years that are ahead there will be many individuals and communities across the College that will benefit from their legacy.



As we rush towards the end of the year there is still much to do. Planning for 2019 is well underway and there is a strong sense of purpose across the College as we look to the future. Thank you to each of you for your support and encouragement in the coming months.

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