



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

There has been a flurry of activities across the College as we move into the last few weeks of the College year.

Last week we had a terrific Young Performers Evening with music students involved in tutoring program, putting on some wonderful performances for their family and friends. It was a fabulous evening that was a real celebration of the hard work our students have put into developing their music. This week we were treated to some wonderful group performances as part of Music Ensemble Night. One of the highlights of the night was George Gershwin's, 'Rhapsody in Blue'. The enthusiastic performance of this classic piece demonstrated just how far our ensemble program has come in the past few years. Well done to all the parents and their support of their children in pursuing music. Special thanks also to the teachers and tutors leading the various programs.

Next week we are gearing up for the annual College talent quest X-Thactor. This has been a very high-quality event that culminates in the College Market Day. Market Day started as a Year 8 fundraiser initiated by a few very passionate teachers. This wonderful event has expanded to the point where we raised \$6,000 dollars last year that went towards Anglican Aid and the Miracle Schools program in Pakistan. This year we hope to raise a similar amount; we thank all the students and parents for their enthusiastic support.

This week Year 10's have been engaged in Work Experience opportunities. For some students this is a turning point in making decisions about their future. Some of our students will discover what they are really passionate about, others will firmly know what they don't want to do. Regardless, there are many reports coming back that indicate students are able to benefit from a fresh

perspective on 'work', 'careers' and their future.

Reports are currently being finalized and will be sent home before the end of the school year. These reports provide feedback on the performance and application of your child in their studies. Overall, the standard across the College is very strong. NAPLAN results this year are the best we have had at the College. Indeed, our results here hold us in good stead against all the Independent Schools across NSW. I am anticipating similar outcomes from our recent Higher School Certificate results.

While we are quickly moving towards Christmas I encourage each family to take the time to reflect on God and his goodness. Jesus provides for us a point of focus that lifts our eyes and hearts towards a greater hope and a passionate love. Let's rejoice together and give thanks for all that we have.

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." **James 1:17***

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