



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

At the end of a very busy term it is good to reflect and celebrate some of the very positive few weeks across the Senior School.

On Friday we have said farewell to the Year 12 students as they officially graduate from their time at school. This farewell has involved the week long tradition of events that included: a wonderful Senior Chapel, a very enjoyable Trivia Night, a special 'shared reading time' with our Kindy students, a delicious early morning Prayer Breakfast (hosted by teachers and staff), a number of hotly contested sports events and of course the final Graduation Assembly. The graduation day was spectacular with all our Year 12's beautifully dressed and groomed, some great words of encouragement imparted, terrific music performances and even a few tears shed. It was a great time for proud parents, family members and staff. We wish the Year 12s well as they make the final preparations for their Higher School Certificate.

This week a number of these Year 12 Graduates will attend a special Study Camp designed to assist students towards a flow of study for the season ahead. Thank you to all the teachers who have volunteered their time to attend this camp. I want to acknowledge your selfless dedication as we support these students throughout this time.

"Cultural Marxism" was the final theme for our season of Hot Topics. This is a very challenging topic that is extremely relevant to our daily lives as we navigate the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I would like to thank Mr Stuart Coulton and his team from the Sydney Missionary and Bible College for sharing some of their collective wisdom and resources this year. We are blessed to be able to provide these opportunities with our local community.

I am very excited to hear news from NESAs about a Year 12 nomination for "On Stage". This very prestigious award recognises the State's best Drama performances. Congratulations goes to Priya Pallavi Nand and of course her teacher, Ms Chavura. It was also great to receive an Encore' notification for Liam Penklis' HSC Music performance. Again, this recognizes the State's best HSC Music Performances. Well done to Liam and Mr Robinson. There were many other wonderful major works showcased at the recent **Illuminate** event. The Year 12 Major Works, included presentations of: Music, Art, Industrial Timber and English/ History Extension 2. The standard of the works this year were of an exceptional standard. I thank all the teachers and students involved in committing to giving their best in this process. Please uphold our Year 12's as they come to their final examinations.

I wish all the students a well-deserved break and pray for their safety over the holidays. Special thanks to all the teachers and staff for their support and effort over the term. We look forward to a great finish to the year.

Finally, we give thanks to God for His care and provision over this very busy term.

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