



# THE WAY



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A special welcome to our new families, joining us in our 20th Anniversary year.

Celebrating 20 years in 2020 is a joy and a privilege for all of us at Thomas Hassall.

Imagine the thrill it would have been for Thomas Hassall himself to imagine a legacy that this College provides. A learning community committed to growing and nurturing excellence in the key areas of Learning, Wisdom and Service.

As a young man in the 1820's Thomas, and his wife Anne Marsden, committed themselves to serving God by growing churches and schools – (the only schools were operated by churches in his time. The Government only started to grow schools after 1870).

2020 has begun in such an unusual almost chaotic fashion. Bushfires, floods and now the impact of the coronavirus, have caused us all to be uncertain, even anxious.

Thank you for your understanding and support of the necessary changes to the start-up of routines at the College. In addition, we have had to manage a busy traffic process due to our building at the front entrance to the College. While it's important to know that all will settle down into much more normal processes, we realise that College life is hectic right now.

Thankfully our SMS and email systems seem to be connecting to our families and a reminder to you ensure that all contact details are accurate and up to date.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service will be held tomorrow, Thursday 20 February 2020. You are most welcome to join students, staff and invited guests to this special occasion.

Parent-Teacher meetings are occurring from now and through the remainder of the term. Please take the opportunity to have an initial conversation with teachers.

This first edition of The Way introduces new staff; revisits the success of the 2019 HSC; opens up opportunities for you and your family to connect with the College in positive ways. We have also added a new feature this year which enables you to read The Way in your preferred language. You will find the drop-down bar under the date on the title page to choose an option.

Please enjoy the 20<sup>th</sup> year celebrations.

Thank you again for your support of all we do at Thomas Hassall Anglican College.

*'to the praise of His glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One He loves (Jesus)'*  
*Ephesians 1:6*

**Mr Ross Whelan**  
Principal

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