



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is an interesting time for everyone in the community as we watch and listen to the progress of the Coronavirus

I know that it is at the forefront of our thinking at the College and, I'm sure, increasingly for all families.

Today Monday 9 March we brought all students together to introduce a more measured approach to good hygiene at the College. We expect that teachers and students will be better trained and practiced as the week progresses. Essentially it is about much greater hand washing and antiseptic cleaning of common surfaces; about taking personal responsibility for good hygiene; staying home if feeling unwell and looking out for others rather than hugging and touching. Of course, as this virus continues to spread, the College will bring a higher level of communication and awareness to bear.

Please keep up to date with the latest information from the NSW Department for Health. The College needs to know from you if there has been any contact with Coronavirus from your networks and email if there is a more important message to bring.

In other news on Thursday 20 February 2020 the College community held the 20<sup>th</sup> Year Thanksgiving Service. The service was attended by students, staff - past and present, College Council and Bishop Ray Smith who had laid the original stone on 8 August 1999; the Foundation Principal, Dr Bryan Cowling and the Foundation College Chairman, Dr Geoff Huard. We were also joined by representatives of Local Council, State and Federal Government and the service was officiated by Bishop Peter Lin of the Georges River Region. It was a very special occasion thanking God for His goodness as well as celebrating the progress and achievements over the past 20 years and an important opportunity to look forward to future opportunities in the south west of Sydney and beyond. All staff and students received a special commemoration pin to mark the occasion and you will see them being worn throughout the year.



Last Friday we held the College Open Day which was a great success. Thanks to the team for such an effort to welcome 400 people to the College for tours and a glimpse of daily life.

Our sporting season is at the higher levels of performance and events and we congratulate swimmers and sportsmen and women who are continuing to reach the highest levels in their chosen sport. Several are presented to you in this edition.

Thank you again for your continued support of all we do here at the College, especially in this our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

*'Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.'* 2 Thessalonians 3:16

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