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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I'm finding that my immediate attention is drawn to any media announcements involving schools at the moment.

Are you the same? The Premier speaks to the community every day, which is so commendable and helpful, yet somehow I'm more aware when she speaks about schools than her other announcements. I'm sure we are all attuned to particular news items in this COVID time. The challenge is to make sense of the next piece of information, and to remain calm as we respond.

We've spoken about the encouragement that Year 12 students have been throughout the year, and that continues as they approach their graduation time and then sit the HSC examinations early in Term 4. They are a great group indeed. Every School Principal I know is making every attempt to support their young adults at this time in the best possible ways.

It is pleasing to see the online assemblies in both Junior and Senior schools. They are just like a live TV show, and we are investigating ways to send a link to families to be part of the action. You will enjoy the reference to more of the action in the following pages.

This week in Senior School, sport has moved into additional lunchtime house competitions with great results. Competitive sport is such a valuable activity to teach key life skills such as teamwork and adaptability to sudden change; to be calm when the side is losing and work hard to overcome the immediate problem. We have a report of the events this week.

Our COVID Action Team continues to meet twice a week to review and resolve any of the issues in order to provide the safest environment possible. We are prepared for an emergency event and

continue to communicate the necessary health practices to all students and staff and parents. A reminder about the usefulness of the College App, and thank you to the additional families who have registered to use the App. Again, if a family member needs to take a COVID test, please do not send children to College until a negative result is confirmed.

As changes from NSW Health or broader education information come to hand, we will communicate the specifics. Please do not hesitate to contact reception at any time. Thanks again for your continued support.

'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way as we are - yet was without sin. Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need'. Hebrew 4:19-20

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