



# THE WAY



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - SENIOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

**Finally, the day of reckoning for the Year 12, 2020 has arrived.**

Students are arriving each day keen and ready to give the HSC Examinations their best shot. Thanks to all the teachers, College staff, parents and supporters who have travelled this journey with them. As a staff we continue to pray for the individuals to find peace and clarity as they come to each of their examinations. In addition, other year groups 7-10 are embarking on their own journey of examinations. For some students the tension is high as their worth as a student is measured by that final report. Of course, we understand that this is not the case so in reality parents and teachers can assist with gentleness and encouragement in the way we respond to the reporting outcomes.

What will assist all students to approach this time with confidence is the following:

- Good structures at home to facilitate study
- This includes a suitable quiet place to study that is free of distractions (including social media and entertainment).
- Timed breaks between blocks of study time
- A clear plan for each night (based on the Study Guide provided by each subject coordinator).
- A person (teacher/ family member) to clarify any concepts or ask questions (the College Study Centre is designed for this).
- It is late in getting organised for study, but it is not too late to clarify, check, ensure understanding and work up some clear notes.

This term we are focussing on the Graduate Aim of Compassion. We have already hit the ground running with a large collection of boxes of toys and money to send in response to Operation

Christmas Child, there has also a group of students putting hampers together for families in need that will be handed out via Samaritan's Purse. Our recent fundraiser at the end of the last term has been sent off to the Rural Fire Service to support the work of the fire department. More importantly, students are being challenged to respond to suffering and the needs of others with a genuine compassion. Compassion is not self-serving, it is not theoretical, it is not an emotion but it is the people of God responding to a world in need. Let's encourage one another to this end.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

- **Luke 6:38**

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