



# THE WAY



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

### **Children often have their own way of seeing the world, don't they?**

As a young person there are key events that carry a great deal of excitement and anticipation, such as the answer to the question “Who will be in my class next year?”

I recall as a young girl, the very first time that my twin sister and I were separated into different classes in Junior School. I remember feeling nervous and hopeful that I would have friends and a teacher that complimented me as an individual. How does your child/children feel about this topic, I wonder?

At Thomas Hassall, the Junior School Teachers spend significant time allocating students to classes for the next school year. We take into consideration our knowledge of the whole child, with a goal to create classes of students that will learn best together with their classroom teacher. This process matters greatly to us and is approached with careful consideration for every child.

As always, we actively encourage you to partner with us in your child's education. If you have a request that you feel is significant for the best placement of your child in 2021, please email me over the next week at [swheeler@thac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:swheeler@thac.nsw.edu.au).

Please note that requests are taken into consideration, however not guaranteed. Also, I trust you will be assured by the knowledge that as educators, we know your child very well from both a learning and social perspective.

We acknowledge that a balance of the two are important and forming classes is based on ideal learning dynamics. In the meantime, please support your child by encouraging and reminding

them that during College playtime is an excellent opportunity to connect with other friends and make new ones.

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