



THE WAY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today, Friday 30 October, is nominated as 'World Teachers' Day' with the theme 'Bright Future.'

Let me commend our teaching staff for their outstanding efforts generally and in particular, during 2020. It's been an interesting journey through COVID and beyond. The manner in which the teaching staff at the College adopted the important changes in their practice and preparation has been exemplary and so important for the confidence of students and you, our families at Thomas Hassall. Teachers have established a strong platform for a very bright future for all students in 2021, when we trust our programs and routines will be much more normal. At this stage in our planning for 2021, the broad range of programs and excursions are booked and in the planning/preparation phase. Sporting Carnivals and representative fixtures are being scheduled and we trust the year 2021 will be a 'bright future'!

The HSC is in its last stages, with many students already finished ahead of the Graduation event on Thursday 12 November. There have been some disruptions around the State, however, these have not had an impact at the College and our students are generally positive about the examination time.

Across the College, staff are engaged in final year testing, as well as reporting, and the end of year is in view. With a small increase in student numbers, we are also engaged in new staff employment, so there are many areas of College life and activity for your prayers.

One of the more interesting projects to come out of COVID this year has been 'Illuminate 2020' – the showcase of Year 12 Major Works. Normally we have held an evening showcase event with an exhibition of works. This year Illuminate is an ONLINE event – a virtual animated website allowing

you to navigate through the range of works of our students. It will be released in the next week or so.

Thanks for your kindness to teachers today and also for your support of the Operation Christmas Child project with over 600 boxes collected in support of the Samaritans Purse work for children in poverty around the world.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith - Hebrews 12: 1-2

Mr Ross Whelan
Principal
