



# THE WAY



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The summer holidays seem a long time ago now that we are at the end of the second week of the new College year, don't they?

The start of every school year is hectic as we try to settle into the changed environment. We do well to stay calm and take more time to understand and work with all the changes. This message will be especially true if you are one of our new students or new families. Thomas Hassall is a large school community; our processes take time to understand; there are many new people to know and rooms and places to find; the traffic in the mornings and afternoon is tedious, and the pace of College life is fast. So please take time; ask many questions. Let us assist your transition into the 2021 year. Welcome again to Thomas Hassall Anglican College.

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers in the next week or so and we will use The Way to introduce you to new members of the leadership team as well. With COVID restrictions still in place, our parent and teacher meetings will be online via Zoom. Unfortunately, we are still restricted in terms of the number of visitors on-site and we will make the most of our online introductions and service to you.

Senior School students have been on camp or in targeted study programs to begin the year, so Junior School has had the College grounds to themselves for the most part.

Our Swimming Carnivals for both Junior School and Senior School students will take place next week at Prairiewood Aquatic Centre, and again it will be a student only attendance in 2021. Travel arrangements for arrival and pick-up of students are being communicated to you by the Sports Organisers. We are looking forward to 2 great days of action and team spirit.

Please be on the look-out for key events in the College program like the Parent/Teacher events, Swimming Carnivals or upcoming Open Day. This year, the Open Day will be a Saturday event. More details will come out soon.

Try to navigate through the Website and College App and seek assistance from the College reception team if you have any difficulties at all understanding our systems and processes.

Welcome again and thanks for your support of the College and our community.

**Mr Ross Whelan**  
Principal

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