



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - SENIOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

**This Term has started off with a positive momentum as we get into the swing of completing assessments and getting ready for formal examinations.**

In addition to this we have had a busy schedule of special events and carnivals.

Last week we enjoyed a lovely setting out at the Olympic Equestrian Centre for our Senior Cross Country. Despite the demands of the running component, I was pleased to see a high level of participation and attendance. I personally had a go at the Cross Country, and whilst I don't like running, it felt good to be involved. We have our Athletics Carnival next week and I expect all students to be in attendance and taking up the opportunity to get positively engaged. Thank you for your support as you encourage your child to both attend and participate.

I believe that relationship building is one of the keys to successful living and a happy life. Over the past week we have benefited from specialist presenters addressing students and parents on some sensitive topics around building Respectful Relationships. Whilst the student component only involved the Year 10 and 11 students, the Parent Forum was open to all parents. All the students I spoke to were very positive about the presentation. Girls came away feeling empowered and equipped to better respond to other peers in the way they establishing and develop relationships in our complex online world. Boys felt challenged to lead in ways that would ultimately build their own capacity to establish and maintain good relationships. More of these seminars are planned in the near future.

Year 7 had the benefit of taking part in a Seminar that focused on a different area of relationships, but in the same way it alerted students to negative behaviours that are not constructive in

building the community. Topics around bullying, bystanding and upstanding, along with positive conflict resolution were covered.

With Subject Examinations or NAPLAN around the corner I want to encourage all students to stay positive and focus on the business at hand which includes getting ready for examinations, completing assessment tasks on time and keeping to a schedule that allows them the ability to stay calm and follow up with teachers on concepts and areas of learning that need clarity.

Let's have a great Term 2.

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