



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thank you for assisting your child in preparation for Unite Week.

Today the whole College had a special day where students had the opportunity to share a part of their culture, focusing on the theme of being united - because everyone belongs at Thomas Hassall Anglican College.

I was reflecting on my cultural background during the week. When I was 7 years old, my grandfather took our whole extended family over to China to see where he grew up. He wanted us to see for ourselves his first home before immigrating to Australia. I was struck by his passion and joy to take us on this trip and to share in this experience as a family. We visited his primary school and met the extended relatives. I was immersed in the culture, richly. I am incredibly grateful for having that experience and it is a blessing I carry with me. In Australia, we are one and we are many. I am proud of my background and continue to carry that banner which was passed down from my grandparents. Unite Week brings a richness and conversation around our identities and together we can celebrate that richness.

Let's all share our stories, histories and culture because that builds connection and community! What can you share with your children and in our College community?

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