



FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL/HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL - STUDENT LEARNING

Life for a student at Thomas Hassall is one that has many opportunities.

I have had the privilege of working with staff from across the Senior School in planning and organising events for students, and each week, there are opportunities for students to develop. The teachers in the Senior School are passionate about developing the character of each child, along with improving educational outcomes and these additional events are an excellent way for students to engage in their interests outside of the classroom. Throughout the week we have had experts in debating come and meet students from Years 7-10, honing their skills and techniques and we thank Mrs Rodriguez and Mr Gawthorne for their passion and organisation of the event. Our Year 11 students had a first-hand driving experience, participating in the Bstreetsmart program, aiming to develop their responsibilities as a driver and members of the community. Finally, our senior Biology students visited Mt Annan Botanic Garden as part of their study.

Our prayers have been with our Year 12 students who began their Trial HSC exams on Monday. Students have been busily preparing across the recent break, developing and honing their knowledge and work habits to align with the best practices taught by their teachers in the classroom. The Trial HSC exams are a milestone event in the year for our students and provide an excellent, if not stressful opportunity for them to show their teachers their understanding of the course. Detailed feedback is provided to each student, and they would be wise to act upon the feedback in the lead up to the HSC exams.

As the end of year exam period will quickly arrive for other grades so please encourage your children to engage with study and revision early on, setting aside time each night not only for the required homework and assignments but also for revision and deep learning. Our classroom teachers are best placed to direct this revision, so please be in contact with them for the study techniques best suited to their subject.

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