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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In my ‘vast’ experience as a handy man I have come across some insights of ladders that help me as a Christian.

- Ladders enable me to get to high places I normally can’t reach alone.
- The higher I go the more sensitive I become to my imbalances.
- I can go the highest when I have a trustworthy person stabilising the base.
- When climbing a ladder, it is best always to look up, not down.

Christianity is like a ladder, while we are saved by God's grace we still expected to strive for God - to climb higher for the sake of others.

continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:12-13

When we climb the ladder of faith, we know Jesus is at the base holding us firm and ready to catch us.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:13

We climb looking up, one rung at a time focussing on our future, confessing sins, making changes, and learning from the past.

I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind

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and straining toward what is ahead, Philippians 2:13

Though we should never compare ourselves with others, when we do, we must remember it's not what rung of the ladder we are on, but how we got there - did we climb or did we fall?

Why talk about ladders? College, like life, is full of opportunities for our children to step up into new places – whether it be at a Kindy Orientation Day or a Year 12 Dedication Service. Remember, we at Thomas Hassall are committed to equipping your child with faith so that they can reach new heights for God as they strive for a ‘higher’ education.

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