



THE WAY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end of year is fast approaching. The College is filled with colour and Christmas decorations and class artworks are being hung as we race towards Christmas.

Academic reports for the second half of the year are being finalised. No doubt the plans for your end of year activities are also in progress.

Our end of year Celebration events, where awards are presented, take place in the last week of College; for Years 3-6 on Tuesday 6 December from 9.30-11.30am; for Kindergarten to Year 2 from 12.30pm also on Tuesday 6 December. Our Senior School Years 7-12 event takes place on Wednesday 7 December at 7pm. Award recipients will be notified in the coming weeks.

Year 12 students enjoyed their Graduation Formal Dinner on Tuesday evening this week in the city. This is always a significant event to mark the end of schooling and the HSC exams. It was a great night, and our thanks go to Year Advisors Mrs Fiona Byrne and Mr Jeff Tran for their organisation. Our Year 6 students will be celebrating the end of their Junior School years on Wednesday 30 November at the College and our Year 10 students on Monday 5 December.

So much of our recent planning has been about the next steps for the College programs and learning culture. The return to normal College life and programs has been well received. Some 1100 of our students are engaged in after College programs, whether in TAP Sport and Dance programs, Music programs or Duke of Edinburgh. Special performances have been held in recent weeks, with reports and photos contained in the Way and on our social media for your information. Many more students are involved in the Study Centre from Monday to Thursday after the College day has concluded. In both Junior and Senior School, we have been thinking through the issues of academic improvement, with thanks to our Learning & Teaching leadership teams.

Whether your child is in one of these milestone programs or in between; perhaps they've just completed their first year in Kindergarten or have moved through their first year in Senior School, there is much to recognise and mark their achievements. It's been great to have a year with minimal COVID disruption; a year with growth and development of the College and a year where God has given us much for which to be thankful. Can I encourage you to stop and take time over the next week to appreciate all the milestones your child has achieved this year, and especially at the College.

'We continually ask God to fill us with the knowledge of his will, through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way'. - Colossians 1: 9-10

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