



# THE WAY

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Year 7 students last week led their parents on a tour around the College in a special evening of connection and information for parents and students.**

They showed parents their classrooms, their sporting facilities and their favourite places. At the beginning of the year, the College grounds and locations were brand new and unknown, and now these young people know every place. It was a great time for parents and students, and the Year 7 students looked very positive and optimistic about their new Senior School adventure.

Over the last week both Junior and Senior School have had opportunities to meet with Parents on-site. In Junior School we have had two sessions of Parent Teacher Interviews. Please continue to reach out to teachers with questions or to share important information about your children and their learning. At the heart of our vision for excellence as a College, we talk about vibrant programs and positive partnerships, and in each of these areas we rely on good information sharing between home and school; we rely on effective learning relationships between the teacher and the child.

Sport is such a valuable program for building skills and character, and we have many different sports on offer at the College. Our very successful Talented Athletes programs before and after school complement the representative sporting programs, and many students are finding these programs helpful. At the present time, we are in the middle of the representative Swimming programs, and we wish every representative of Thomas Hassall well as they compete at higher levels. Our Junior School Students participated in the NASSA Swimming Carnival on Tuesday Night

at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush, and Senior School reps will compete later this month. In our football program, both boys and girls teams have been successful in the CIS knockout competition against the Northern Beaches Christian School. The reports on our sporting achievements will be detailed later in this edition. Congratulations to all of our sporting representatives.

The College has been able to conduct some overseas study or exchange tours for Senior students, and in the upcoming Easter vacation, we will travel to Japan. The group travelling on the Cherry Blossom Music tour have held a fundraiser this week in a special event, with teachers performing to an audience of over 100, and with significant funds being raised. Well done team. Future plans for overseas tours include a History tour to Europe in 2024, and perhaps a languages and Visual Arts Tour to France. We will keep you up to date on the plans.

Please enjoy this latest edition of the Way. Thanks again for so much support of the College and the progress of our students and staff.

*'Look to Lord and his strength; seek his face always'.* 1 Chronicles 16:11

**Mr Ross Whelan**  
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