



THE WAY



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to College to all our students and families .

I hope that you were able to have a restful and enjoyable break over the Easter period and that you are all ready for another Term of learning.

We had two groups of students travel to Japan during the holidays. Our language students were able to learn more about Japanese culture, religion, and practise their speaking skills in an authentic environment. Our music students had the opportunity to polish their performance skills and meet with other like-minded students. Both groups visited our sister schools and had a great trip. You can read more about their experience in this Edition. Thank you to the teachers who facilitated the trip and took such great care of our students.

We started last week with a commemoration service for ANZAC Day. This provided an opportunity for us to gather as a whole College on the oval to remember the sacrifice of those who have served our country. Special thanks to Mr Andrew Wilkinson, our guest speaker who shared with us his reflections about the significance of this time. It was also wonderful to have both Junior School and Senior School students participate in the service to continue the legacy of remembrance.

This weekend our College will host the Hassall Family reunion. Thomas Hassall, our namesake was one of the first chaplains in NSW and he was affectionately known as ‘the galloping parson’ as he visited and supported those who settled here. He travelled along Cowpasture Road on horseback when it was a simple track. He encouraged the teaching of reading and writing through Sunday School and I have recently learnt that he also served the first nations families (the Darug and Dharawal people) who lived in this area during this time. Yet another legacy that is important for us to be aware of and appreciate.

We are also looking forward to several College events that are on the calendar for the next few weeks. Next week we will be recognising the contributions that our mother's make in our lives. The celebrations will include an opportunity for our Junior School students to purchase gifts on Thursday and Senior School students at lunchtime - thank you to the volunteers from our Parent Community Network for supporting all our mums and families through the stall. The annual Mother's Day breakfast promises to be a fantastic occasion on Friday. I am looking forward to meeting many of you over the two sessions.

Finally, let me remind you that we will be transitioning to winter uniforms - Monday 15 May. We have certainly enjoyed a late surge of sunshine for the start of the Term but the chill is in the air. Please check that your childrens' uniforms are ready for the shift.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. Hebrews 1: 1-2

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