



THE WAY



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - SENIOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

When there is uncertainty and change in the air it can be very destabilising for our communities. There is no doubt that we are facing challenges around every corner and at many different levels. These challenges are not going to disappear. We live in a complex world that is beset by issues that, as individuals, we have very little control over e.g. economy, ecology, politics etc. **What we do have control over is how we respond to these challenges** . How we respond to any challenge will determine how we successfully navigate through life to get to a place that is both fulfilling and healthy.

As Year 12 come to the challenge of the HSC Trial Examinations it is important that they do not simply make excuses to avoid the challenge ahead. At this point it is important not to 'give up'. We have encouraged our Senior students to get down to establishing good habits and routines (even at this late stage). This basic strategy provides a good foundation for meeting any of the final challenges. At this point we still have a great opportunity to use our time to establish a great launch pad for the future.



Year 12 working together earlier in the year.

Other year groups are also laying critical foundations for their future. As we return to Term 3, I have noticed that most students are in their correct uniform and looking sharp. We are about to introduce a number of small initiatives that will assist students in their ability to stay on task (related to technology); I know that generally across our Senior School there is a positive sense of community and a willingness to contribute in different ways. This is a positive place to be.

As we continue to navigate change, let's do so with a sense of God's wisdom directing and guiding our thoughts and practices. The message of the Gospel is always full of hope and always encouraging, always for our good, despite the place we might be starting from. Some of the keys laid out in the Bible include: working with diligence, resting upon God's strength, maintaining generosity at every turn, working with the view to bless others, loving others despite conflict; responding with honesty and integrity even if it costs us; remaining faithful; building good relationships; being grateful and appreciative of what we have; valuing other people with all their gifts and weaknesses; honouring those in authority; trusting in God's goodness even in the midst of the biggest challenges. These are the grassroots principles that have never changed over time.



What does team look like? Everyone is connected! Everyone is important!

The individuals that have learnt the lessons above can come through any challenge with a sense of hope and optimism about the future. Right now, it is important for us to get back to these basic

tenets. If we can do this together, we will build a formidable community of support in which our young people can thrive.

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