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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - SENIOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

**As we embark on a new school year, it's imperative for our College community to unite in overcoming challenges and commence this journey with a collective spirit of togetherness and confidence.** The recent Year Camps exemplify precisely why this cohesion is crucial.

While many return from the camp with tales to share and cherished memories, it's undeniable that each person faced their own trials. During the Year 9 camp, I found myself in a tent enduring the same conditions as the students. The first night was hot and uncomfortable, prompting some to brave the mosquitoes by sleeping outside their tents. It was a challenging ordeal. Most struggled to fall asleep amidst the stifling heat, only to be awoken by thunder, lightning and torrential rain. Some tents flooded, while others managed to weather the storm. Despite the adversity, the response from the Year 9 community was remarkably positive. Instead of despondency or anger, there were pockets of excitement. Even at breakfast, where I anticipated somber faces, there was a palpable buzz in the dining hall. We had weathered a difficult night, and we were still standing strong.

Although the rain persisted throughout the morning, it gradually subsided. As we walked towards a waterfall later that morning, the sun broke through the clouds, casting a warm glow on our rejuvenated spirits. The gentle breeze helped dry our belongings, fostering an atmosphere of camaraderie among a community that had triumphed over adversity. While the personal growth of each student was evident, the collective growth of the Year 9 community, encompassing both students and staff, was even more significant. Together, we faced challenges head-on, overcame

obstacles and emerged with nothing more than a few minor blisters and a sense of fatigue. Most importantly, our relationships grew stronger, and the spirit of teamwork began to blossom. Such experiences nourish the soul and lay the groundwork for resilience in the face of future challenges.

We extend our gratitude to all the parents who continue to support their children through every facet of the College experience. Please continue to encourage your children to participate in college events such as carnivals and excursions. Encourage them to embrace opportunities for growth, whether it be through sports, music or academic endeavours. In times of struggle, remind them that setbacks are merely bumps in the road, not roadblocks to their progress. Every experience, no matter how challenging, contributes to the development of their character and resilience, shaping them for the journey ahead.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Life is not a destination, it is about the journey." Our time at camp or in the classroom is not merely a checklist to complete or a curriculum to master; it's a collective journey we undertake together. The way we navigate this journey matters. While it may present challenges, it also offers moments of wonder, joy and gratitude. Let's embark on this journey together, embracing the highs and lows, and make this year a truly memorable one.



Cooling off after a hot trek to the Jingga Waterfall



Mr Garlato with Joel F, setting a new camp record for the Crate Climb Challenge. Well done Joel!



Recovering from the storm!



The Big Swing tested us all out but was lots of fun! Tyler S getting his last minute instructions....

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