



# THE WAY



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**We are now well into the term and all the activities that are associated with this time of year.** The college is busy as we prepare for the final term with our Year 12s, reflect on the adventures of the Year 4 camp and finetune musical skills after the Music camp in week one. The athletics season continues into the representative phase of competition this term as well.

I am continuing to enjoy the Olympics and being inspired by the dedication and commitment of the Australian athletes as they too push on towards their personal best. This week I spoke to the Senior School students about Saya Sakakibara - the Australian BMX gold medallist. I was struck by her story. She had a serious injury in the Tokyo games and then her brother crashed during the 2020 World Championships and suffered a life changing brain injury. She has had to overcome fear and anxiety to continue with her dream.

I want to encourage our students to persevere and see the possibilities that are open to them like the stories of our Olympic athletes. Resilience, courage and effort are traits that we want to build in them, so they are well prepared for the future. This can be hard. Sometimes life will present challenges that are very difficult to meet. Sometimes there will be standards that feel difficult to meet. Together, we can help every student not only meet these challenges but thrive on the way to fulfilling their dreams.

One way we can partner is through meeting together. Our Parent Café on a Friday morning opens at 7am for a breakfast service. Many parents come regularly and enjoy breakfast with their children before they head to class. This is also a fantastic opportunity to meet with some staff and other parents as we journey together. This morning, the café was full of laughter and joy as some of our youngest students gathered while their parents had a coffee. If you are available on a

Friday morning, I would love to meet you at the café.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

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