

## TERM 3 I THE WAY NEWSLETTER I FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## This is the last edition of the newsletter for Term 3.

The College grounds are looking beautiful with the flowers in full bloom and the students are busy completing assessments and examinations based on their learning for the term. We are also preparing to farewell the Class of 2024 who will graduate next Wednesday before sitting their HSC.

This year I have been speaking to staff about our impact, your stories and how we can design opportunities for everyone to flourish. This week one of our bus drivers shared a lovely story that I am sure you will all enjoy too. He received a gift from two students in Year 12. He has been their driver since they began at the College – welcoming them each morning with a smile and sense of safety. They presented him with some chocolates and fancy socks because this is their memory of him and thanked him for looking after them each day. This is significant. He has had an impact, and they have also had an impact on him. We work together in community, and this is how we all flourish.

I am also grateful for the community that we have here at Thomas Hassall. I am sad to farewell the current Year 12 students. They are remarkable young people with a positive future ahead of them. I have been impressed with their kindness, the way they support one another, and I am looking forward to hearing their stories as they impact others beyond the gates of Thomas Hassall. options for life after formal schooling.

The new building is also taking shape with some of the scaffolding now removed so you can see the exterior starting to be revealed. This building will feature our STEM subjects in 2025. STEM – or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – are important subjects for future careers and the direction of our country. We are keen to develop students' interest in how these subjects interact and the cross over of skills that can lead to flourishing opportunities post school.

I do wish you all rest and safety over the coming break.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

**Mrs Karen Easton** Principal