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What a big couple of weeks it has been! Our whole school out on camps followed by a wonderful swimming carnival.

I was lucky enough to go on the Year 9 camp out to Wedderburn. The students were fantastic and learned some wonderful skills such as putting up a tent and not packing too much luggage so you and your tentmate could actually fit inside the tent!

This camp was a taster experience for the Duke of Edinburgh program available to Year 9 – 12 students at the College and this year's cohort of Year 9s acquitted themselves beautifully. There was some tough weather conditions to navigate at times and an incredibly steep hill on the day hike out to the waterfall, but all of the young men and women showed persistence and self-belief to overcome these obstacles. They showed courage in jumping off the giant rock to plummet metres through the air and down into the cool refreshing water. They showed teamwork when supporting their mates who felt a little nervous approaching the giant swing. They overcame their own fears when rock climbing and developed a new skill when trying archery for the first time. Great times were had together and the food was really good too! Many thanks to the Year Advisors across all the cohorts for their efforts in putting together some wonderful opportunities for the students.



What an excellent day Senior School had at the pool on Monday. Great weather made for some top racing where lots of records were smashed. House hot laps were a good time to get in the pool in a more relaxed fashion. Year 12 did themselves proud and enjoyed their final swimming carnival together whilst leading their houses in the chants and colour battles. Thanks to the PDHPE team for putting together such a fabulous event and all the best to those students who will now take on some extra training as they represent the College at the next level.

It will be great to welcome some Year 6s and Year 10s to the College over the weekend for the scholarship testing day. What a great opportunity for them to show their skills. The College offers a number of scholarships at the Year 7 and Year 11 level each year to new and existing students and it is a wonderful way to ensure that we continue to have strong learning cohorts throughout the years.

Let me encourage our Year 7 families to come out and have a look around the campus with their Year 7 students at the Meet the Teacher evening on March 6th. It will be a great chance to come and have a look at the beautiful new John Flynn STEM Centre and see all the changes around the place!

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