



THE WAY



FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." Michael Jordan, US basketball player

I have been thinking of these words as we settle into learning in Term 1. Teachers, students and families start each new year in the anticipation of concentrated periods of learning and progress. Setting up classrooms, engaging with new teachers and new friends, assessments, completing units of work, communication with parents and teachers at interviews.

What does it mean for our students to succeed? Does it mean to get As in their report? Obtaining a prize at Celebration? Or does it mean that each student challenged themselves to achieve new goals and made plenty of mistakes as they did?

At Thomas Hassall, teachers want students to show determination in their learning. We hope that students set goals and then work hard to achieve them. A goal may involve academic learning, or social behaviours in the playground, or working with others in the classroom.

As we continue the busyness of the term, preparing for important parent/teacher interviews, please encourage your children to push themselves academically and socially. The way to true success is through displaying determination and by recognising the importance and value of making mistakes.

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