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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

It was wonderful to see so many Senior School students at the Movie night on Friday! What a fabulous event and a fun night together as a community. My family really enjoyed the kebabs and the movie!

I am excited that Year 10 students got to undertake the Morrisby testing on Friday, this will help them get a sense of possible careers that they might be well suited to in the future. They will experience a week of Work Experience this week and hopefully learn lots of life lessons about the working world and whether the professional they have tried out for a week is one they want to pursue. Subject selection will occur next term and both the Morrisby testing and work experience should inform their choices for Stage 6 study. Year 8 students will also begin the process of subject selection next term.

I want to pay tribute to our elite athletes this week. I had the pleasure of watching a weekend fixture involving several of our students playing football at the highest level and I was struck by how professionally they conducted themselves and how difficult it must be to remain so committed to their sport which demands such an incredible level of physical fitness and skill, whilst simultaneously attempting to excel in their education. I have so much respect for them.

It was great to see so many parents at the evening with Dr Coulson recently. He truly challenged us all in our parenting to try to bring about the conditions needed to promote resilience in our children. I was confronted by the prospect of ensuring our kids engage in play involving risk to assist them in developing their own common sense and understanding of their limits to promote

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their self belief and confidence in navigating challenging situations. I too commonly am telling my children to be careful and avoid situations where they have to make those decisions, so I have had to reevaluate! I was also struck by his mention of the importance of an adolescent requiring both a supportive adult and peer in their life to help them develop the resilience needed to overcome the challenges growing up will bring. I thought that it sounded a lot like the threefold cord referred to in Ecclesiastes 4 which is not quickly broken!

Do you have a chance to spend some quality time with your family over this Easter holiday break? I hope you get the chance to talk through the significance of what the Easter message represents to so many of us. I am looking forward to our Senior School Easter Chapel and pray that it impacts and reminds our young people of the good news of Jesus death and resurrection!

Happy Easter to you and your family.

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