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CO-CURRICULAR UPDATE

It’s been a vibrant fortnight of activity across the College, with students shining in the arts, sport and public speaking.

Yesterday, we were thrilled to host Choral Fest 2025, welcoming students from 11 other TASC schools. Over 700 students filled our halls with music, taking part in a vocal technique workshop and rehearsing a powerful combined choir item. A special thank you goes to our guest conductors, Mrs Francesca Olsen and Mrs Fiona Fitzgerald, for their expert leadership and inspiring presence. The day was a joyful celebration of creativity, collaboration and community through music, and it was wonderful to see so many students united in their love of singing.

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Continuing the musical theme, our Senior String Orchestra performed at this week's assembly under the baton of Mr Ehab Ibrahim. Their rendition of Celtic Dreaming and Dance by Australian composer Stephen Chin was both moving and technically impressive. The orchestra tackled the piece's haunting melodies, shifting rhythms, and sweeping dynamics with great maturity and musicality, earning a warm and appreciative response from the audience.

In sport, energy has been high in Football and Basketball sessions, with students enthusiastically getting involved regardless of skill level. Our Football teams have been working hard on technique and teamwork, with this week's focus on perfecting headers—resulting in some great aerial action and plenty of laughter. On the Basketball courts, drills and friendly scrimmages have kept the students active and engaged, building not only athletic skills but also friendships and a strong sense of team spirit.

Looking ahead, our much-anticipated MADE for Stage showcase is just around the corner! Taking place on June 18, this Creative Arts night will feature students from Years 7–12 presenting a vibrant mix of music, visual art, dance, drama and entertainment. Rehearsals and preparations are well underway, and the level of creativity and commitment from our students has been outstanding. It promises to be an inspiring evening that highlights the breadth of talent across our school community. Tickets are available now at www.thac.nsw.edu.au/book – don't miss out!

Meanwhile, our Year 8 HICES Debating team represented the College with clarity, confidence and conviction in their recent round. Debating the topic "Should we ban bottled water in Australian cities?", our team took the affirmative stance and delivered a well-researched and passionately argued case. I had the pleasure of visiting the team during their preparation, and it was fantastic to see the depth of their thinking, the collaborative way they refined their arguments, and the enthusiasm they brought to the challenge. The students displayed strong teamwork, critical thinking and public speaking skills, and were excellent ambassadors for the College throughout the event.

From choirs to courts to compelling arguments, it's been a wonderful fortnight of growth, expression and participation. We look forward to what the next few weeks will bring as we continue to celebrate the achievements of our students across all areas of College life.

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