



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

It was wonderful to have a visit from the Youth Engagement Officer of the Liverpool Police force last week to come and deliver a presentation on safe online behaviour to our Year 7 and 8 students. Our students heard about the importance of what they say and do online and the consequences that exist for poor choices in this space even at their young age. Having the opportunity to ask questions was helpful also and provided further good information about chat groups, digital footprints and the illegalities around E bikes, which have become so prevalent in the community. My recommendation to families of senior students is to not allow their children to take part in group chat groups, which despite being set up with the best of intentions to be positive information sharing mediums, tend to go sideways quickly when poor decisions are made.

What a smashing evening the MADE for Stage event was. The art works on display were of a very high standard and to see how the skills of our artists progress throughout the stages from Year 7 up to Year 12 was very impressive. We thank our Visual Arts staff for all of the techniques and encouragement that they bring our budding artists. We would also like to thank Mrs Kenworthy for her commitment to her classes since joining the College this year. She has brought expertise and enthusiasm which the students and staff have valued deeply. Unfortunately, Mrs Kenworthy's family circumstances have changed, and she will be finishing up her time at the College at the end of this term. We wish her every success in her future endeavours and hope to see her around the College again down the road!

The performances and production value of the show was just spectacular. It was excellent to see the high-quality drama performances of our Year 10 students along with the incredible talents of the musicians across the College. My favourite was the phenomenal vocals and duelling guitarists on the song *Decode*, made famous by Twilight.

It has been a significant time for our sports program of late. Our Senior Girls football team narrowly lost in the plate final of the CIS Cup. I had the privilege of watching our senior boys football team play the Semi Final against Central Coast Sports College. It was an absolutely gripping contest with our team representing the College admirably. Coming back from 2 nil down with a fabulous free kick and then putting incredible defensive pressure on their back 5, almost had us drawing level and pushing for extra time. A late goal put the game out of reach and brought an incredible representative campaign to an end. I continue to be awestruck by the commitment of our elite sportsmen and women who are so heavily invested in sports outside of the College and keeping up by representing us also. We look to the future with great hope for the football program, despite farewelling an incredibly talented graduating class this year.

We eagerly await the festivities of Unite week this week and hope you have had fun helping your children select their outfits for the traditional dress day on Friday!

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