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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Change is one of life's constants and yet it rarely comes without some challenge . As parents, educators and members of a growing community, we see change all around us.

Our children change as they learn and mature sometimes in ways we never expected. They are shaped by experiences in the classroom, through co-curricular opportunities and in relationships with others. In schools, change is something we need to approach with purpose and care — seeking to focus on what will best support our students, staff and the wider community.

This can be challenging because, even when it brings something new or exciting, it often involves some sense of loss. There is a shift in rhythm and expectations, some uncertainty and many different emotions. Whilst this is all part of what it means to be human it is no less difficult to navigate for us or our children.

Term 3 is always a significant time for academic progress and reflection and in many ways, it's a season of change as well. Students are consolidating their learning, setting new goals, and preparing for what's next. Many families will participate in parent-teacher interviews this term, providing valuable opportunities to reflect on growth and consider next steps. Our Year 12 students are currently undertaking their HSC Trial Examinations, and major works in subjects such as Visual Arts, TAS, English and History are approaching completion. These are important milestones that reflect months of dedication, feedback, and refinement and signal the changing pace of the final term ahead.

At the same time, we are also looking forward. The process for selecting our 2026 student leaders

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has commenced, and we are excited to walk with our Year 5 and Year 11 students as they consider how they might serve their peers and shape the future of the College through their contributions. Leadership is an important part of the student journey, and we are confident these next students will continue the strong tradition of service, integrity, and care set by this year's leaders.

I also want to acknowledge a significant upcoming change within our staff team. Our Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School, Mr David Butler will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a new position at Marsden Park. The new role will be much closer to home and will offer greater balance and time with his family a decision we respect and support.

Over many years, Mr Butler has been a constant presence in the life of our Senior School. His thoughtful leadership, genuine care for students, and strong engagement with families have made a lasting impact. His kindness and consistent guidance have been a steadying force and are deeply appreciated by staff, students, and parents alike. I will miss him.

The Bible speaks of seasons in our lives times of growth, challenge, and change yet reminds us of the unchanging nature of Jesus. Let us hold firm to the hope that we have in Him.

> *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*
> ***Hebrews 13:8***

Mrs Karen Easton
Principal

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