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This week, our College celebrated Book Week, with the 2025 theme "Book an Adventure."

An adventure is about stepping into the unknown, risking something and moving into new territory. While many books tell great adventure stories, none compare with the Bible. The Bible is filled with real people whom God calls into His great adventure.

God **invited Abraham** to follow Him and risk everything for an inheritance:
The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you…'
Genesis 12:1–3

God **encouraged Joshua** on his adventure, reminding him that stepping out with God is never stepping out alone:
Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

And Jesus calls His followers into the greatest adventure of all - going into the world with the good news. He promises to go with us:
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
Matthew 28:19–20

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As a Christian, I see my own life as part of this adventure. God invited me into it when I put my faith in Jesus. While my final destination is secure, my next destination is often unknown. So, I walk with Him one step at a time, guided by His Word:

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
Psalm 119:105

Parenting is also an adventure. It's a journey into uncharted territory, where we risk ourselves to leave the best inheritance we can - our children becoming all God created them to be. That adventure lasts a lifetime, and I'm still walking it with my adult children today. As Christian parents, we need to keep God's Word at the centre of this journey, because it shows us both **how** to walk and **where** to walk.

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