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Change is rarely simple. In a previous edition of our newsletter, I wrote about how even the most exciting transitions often carry a quiet undercurrent of loss. Whether it's the excitement of a new beginning or the anticipation of what's next, change disrupts our rhythm and expectations; it stirs up a complex mix of emotions. This week, as our Year 12 students step into their final days of formal education, we find ourselves in the heart of such a moment.

For many of our Year 12s, this College has been their second home since kindergarten. The classrooms, the playgrounds, the routines—they've been woven into the fabric of their daily lives. Now, as they prepare to close this chapter, they're navigating uncertainty, excitement, nostalgia, and perhaps even fear. It's a poignant reminder that change, while inevitable, is deeply personal.

Change can make us behave in ways that surprise even ourselves. Some of us become impulsive, chasing distractions or engaging in arguments to avoid discomfort. Others grow stagnant, unsure of how to move forward. And some of us simply struggle to let go. These reactions aren't limited to young people - they're just as true for adults. Seasons of change are inherently complex because they ask us to release the present without yet grasping the future. That in-between space can feel disorienting, even painful.

But it's also a space for reflection. When the familiar fades, we're invited to consider who we are, what we value, and where we're headed. This introspection, though uncomfortable, is where we grow.

Just as spring follows winter, change can mean renewal. The budding of new life in nature reminds

us that endings are often beginnings in disguise. As a community, let's choose optimism. Let's see this season not just as a farewell, but as a launchpad—for our students and for the possibilities ahead.

Jesus himself was a catalyst for change. In His time, he brought a radical message of hope, grace, and forgiveness. He challenged norms, redefined relationships, and offered freedom—not through rebellion, but through obedience. This idea may seem paradoxical: freedom through obedience. But when we live within healthy boundaries, we find clarity, purpose, and peace. In times of change, these boundaries can anchor us. They remind us who we are and guide us toward who we're becoming.

As our Year 12s prepare to step into the unknown, let's walk beside them with encouragement and faith. Let's acknowledge the difficulty of change while celebrating its potential. And let's remember that, like spring, transformation is not just possible—it's beautiful.

May this season be one of grace, growth, and new beginnings for all.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

— Jeremiah 29:11

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