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A SYMPHONY OF STRINGS

This past week, our Junior and Senior Strings programs had an incredible opportunity to participate in a joint collaborative event called Strings Fiesta. This event brought together talented young musicians from five different schools, Oran Park Anglican College, Penrith Anglican College, Broughton Anglican College and St Peter's Anglican Grammar joining our own dedicated string players for a day of intensive music-making. The scale of the event was truly impressive, involving approximately 70 students from Year 5 all the way through to Year 12. For many, it was a rare and thrilling opportunity to perform in an ensemble much larger than their regular school groups, providing a rich, "wall of sound" experience that only a massive string orchestra can produce.

We were privileged to have guest conductor Mr David Saffir lead the students through a diverse range of new repertoire. Under his expertise, the musicians focused on the intricate art of ensemble blending, refining their collective technique, and learning how to listen across sections to create a unified tone. A particular highlight of the day was a breathtaking solo cello performance by Mr Ehab Ibrahim, who leads our own strings program. His performance served as a powerful inspiration, showcasing the level of mastery and expression that our students are striving toward.

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The day culminated in a great final performance for parents and teachers, where in they could see the remarkable progress made in just a few short hours. We would like to extend a warm thank you to all the visiting schools and staff for making this collaboration such a success. It was a great show of the way that music has a unique way of bridging different ages and schools. We look forward to more opportunities to collaborate and create beautiful music together!

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Head of Music Ensembles

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