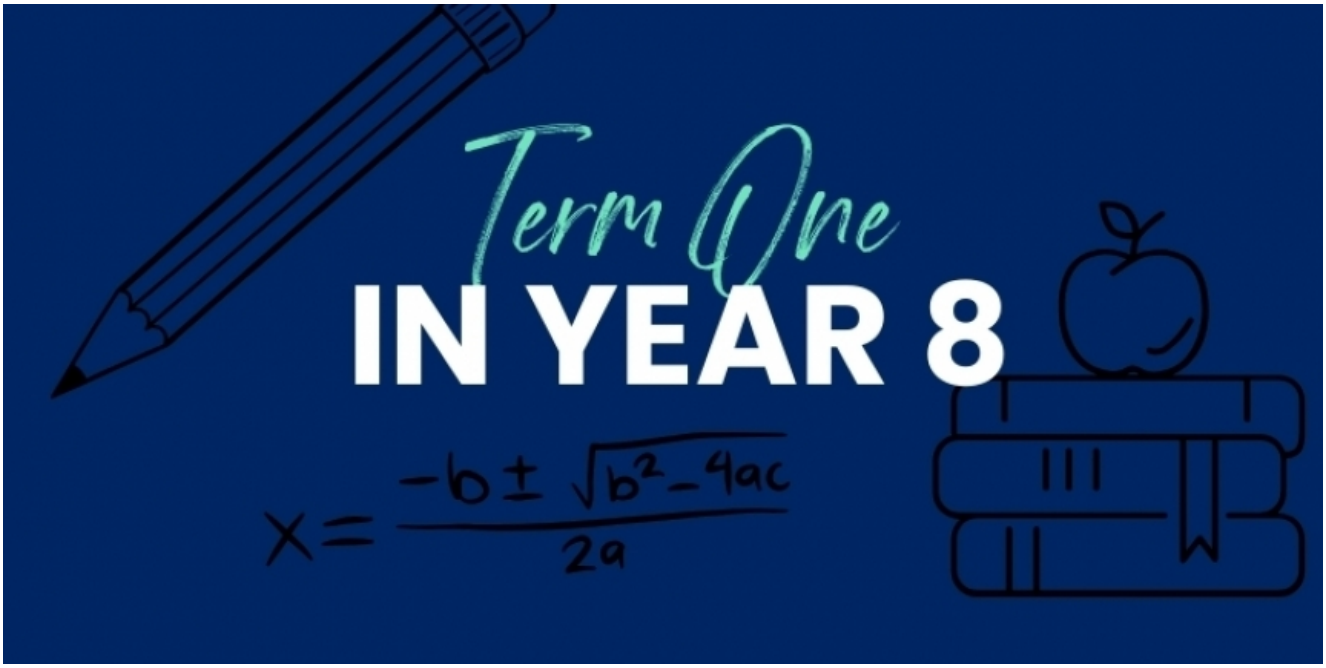
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YEAR 8: A TERM OF DISCOVERY

After a great camp to start the year, filled with many adventurous activities such as the giant swing, sky cycle, canoeing and high ropes, Year 8 have now settled into the rhythms of school life.

This term, we have had a special focus on “discovery”, and this has been a consistent message communicated through both our Year meetings and Chapel services. In our meetings, we have been encouraging students to work as a team, to treat others the way they would wish to be treated, and to support one another in their learning. In Chapel, Rev Oliver has been encouraging students to think about the different ways Christ might be encountered through our five senses.

Alongside this, we have continued reminding students of the importance of key everyday habits that help set them up for success: being punctual, being prepared for learning, adhering to uniform expectations and managing distractions such as mobile phones by placing them in lockers at the beginning of the day. These habits are essential in creating a positive and productive learning environment for everyone.

This week, Year 8 also had the opportunity to hear from the police, who spoke with students about the importance of adhering to social media expectations. This was a timely and valuable reminder about making wise choices online, understanding the consequences of inappropriate behaviour and using digital platforms in a way that reflects respect for others and the values of our school community.

In Pastoral Care, students have begun exploring the idea of a growth mindset, the understanding

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that abilities and intelligence can be developed through dedication, perseverance and hard work. This perspective helps build resilience, encourages a love of learning and supports students in embracing challenges rather than avoiding them. On Wednesday, students also participated in the “Thinking Traps” workshop presented by Toolbox Education. This session helped students identify unhelpful patterns of thinking that can contribute to anxiety, self-doubt or disengagement, while equipping them with practical strategies to challenge and reframe those thoughts in healthier, more constructive ways.

We are looking forward to seeing Year 8 continue to grow in their resilience, character and learning throughout the year ahead.

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