# THE WAY

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## TERM 2 IN YEAR 8

**Year 8 have begun the term with a thoughtful focus on the power of our words and the impact they can have on those around us.** In our Year Meeting, Miss Sharma encouraged students to reflect on *Ephesians 4:29*, which reminds us to use words that build others up, rather than tear them down.

Mr Vasington also extended this idea by asking students to consider their words as “bricks” used to build houses. Every comment, joke, encouragement, insult, apology or conversation adds something to the kind of environment we create. Students were challenged to reflect on this question: What kind of house are your words building? Is it one where people feel safe, encouraged and valued, or one where others feel unsure, excluded or hurt?

This focus connects strongly with our current Wellio wellbeing lessons, where Year 8 are exploring what makes a healthy relationship. Students are considering the importance of respect, trust, communication, boundaries and kindness in the way they interact with friends, classmates and others in the College community.

### Important Dates to Note:

There are also some important dates coming up for Year 8 families. The Year 9 Subject Selection Evening will be held on **Wednesday 13 May**, followed by Subject Presentations during the day for students on **Monday 18 May**. These events will help students and families begin thinking carefully about the next stage of their learning journey.

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Another date to remember is **Thursday 4 June**, when we will hold our annual Learning Performance Meetings, previously known as Parent/Teacher Meetings.

We are excited and expectant for a great term ahead. Year 8 have already been challenged to think carefully about the kind of people they are becoming and the kind of community they are helping to build. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow in maturity, character and care for one another throughout the term.

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