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CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Over the past two weeks, our College community has been treated to something truly extraordinary. From 1-9 May, more than 400 students from Prep to Year 12 came together to present *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* across six spectacular performances. What unfolded on stage was far more than a musical - it was a vibrant celebration of imagination and the joy of shared achievement.

Audiences were swept into the magic of Wonka's world through highly entertaining performances, wonderful character work and premier-quality orchestral music. The production team delivered visual effects that delighted crowds night after night - from the soaring Glass Elevator, to the unforgettable transformation of Violet Beauregarde into a giant blueberry, to the moment a very small Mike TeaVee took a surprising trip through TV Land. Each performance showcased the creativity and dedication of our students, who brought energy, humour, and heart to every scene.

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While the show itself was a triumph, this production asked a great deal of our students. They were required to adapt to changing circumstances, manage demanding rehearsal schedules, and support one another through challenges. In doing so, they developed qualities that matter far beyond the theatre - resilience, maturity, compassion and a deep understanding of what it means to work as a team. We are incredibly proud of the show they produced, but even more proud of the young people they are becoming through experiences like this.

We extend our sincere thanks to Meg Day (director), Mr Mark (producer), and the many staff and volunteers who brought this production to life. We are grateful to our families for their support and to the audiences who helped make this our best-attended musical yet. It truly takes a whole community to create something this special.

As the final notes fade and the sets are packed away, we celebrate not only a successful season but a community that continues to champion creativity, courage and collaboration. We look forward to welcoming you back in two years for our next College production - another opportunity to see our students shine.

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