

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 9

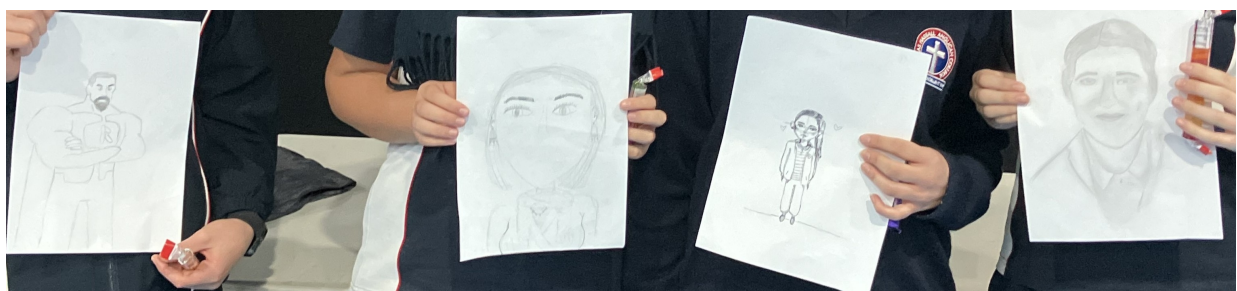
**Year 9 has had a busy term; here are some highlights:**

### Hosting Year Meetings

Each fortnight, a different Pastoral Care class hosts our year meetings, sharing a Bible verse, a prayer, some announcements and often a corny joke or two! Recently we have had the Liddell Girls and Liddell Boys host, and next week the Wilberforce Girls will take their turn. It has been great to see students step up and take on this leadership opportunity, helping create a strong sense of culture for the grade.

### Draw your PC Teacher Competition

Our wonderful Pastoral Care teachers are good sports and were happy to have students draw pictures of them for our latest 'PC Challenge'! Here are some of the winning entries, showcasing both their creativity and their humour:



Well done to the Carmichael boys for the highest number of entries, and the Lewis girls for winning the overall prize!

## Wellbeing Program

This term, our wellbeing lessons have focused on topics such as grief and loss, inclusivity and belonging, measuring our self-worth, racism and discrimination. Students have learned practical strategies to support their wellbeing, build resilience and respond to challenges in healthy and constructive ways.

## Wellbeing Incursion - Connections that Count

On Tuesday, students participated in an interactive seminar, presented by guest speakers from YourChoicez. As part of our ongoing Wellbeing Program, the seminar explored key issues such as image-based abuse, sexual harassment, coercion, and the legal and social implications of sexting, while encouraging students to make informed, respectful choices.

Here's what some students had to say about it:

"The Wellbeing Incursion reminded us that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health."

**- Adriana**

"The Wellbeing Incursion was a really interesting incursion where we were reminded to be more aware of the digital world. Our wellbeing instructor was a relaxed person who told us stories of the consequences of unsafe online behaviour."

**- Selena**

"The seminar explained and gave helpful advice about looking after our mental health. It made me think more about ways to stay positive and manage challenges at school and in everyday life."

**- Ava**

"I found the incursion interesting because it encouraged me to think about the people who support me and how important healthy relationships are. I learnt some practical ways to strengthen my connections with others."

**- Cameron**



This term has also seen Year 9 complete many assessment tasks, and it has been pleasing to see how many students are placing high value on being organised and prepared for their lessons, seeking assistance and helping each other do their best.

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