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The past couple of weeks have given me cause to reflect on the learning and growth students experience throughout their time at the College, from Prep to Year 12.

Students enter the College with wide eyes, a natural sense of apprehension and a reliance on their parents and teachers. This makes Prep and Kindergarten lovely environments, full of curiosity, experimentation and new relationships. Students experience many firsts as they begin to develop a sense of independence and personal identity. After three terms, these students are increasingly demonstrating a sense of comfort and confidence in their place at the College.

At the other end of the continuum, Term 3 is a time of significant change and reflection for our Year 12 students. It is a time of many “finals”.

Last week’s Whelan Cup, an annual football match between Thomas Hassall and Mamre, was the final game for a number of our Year 12 boys. It was wonderful to see four departing students score goals as the boys won the game 4–0.

Last week also marked the conclusion of formal classes for our Year 12 students. They received final instructions, guidance and encouragement from the teachers who have supported them throughout their time at the College.

This week, they had the opportunity to bid a formal farewell to the College before sitting their HSC examinations early next term. These events seek to honour their contribution to the College and provide an opportunity to reflect on the legacy they leave behind.

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One lovely tradition that took place this week involves our Year 12 students returning to where it all began for many of them. They headed across to Kindergarten to read with our youngest students. Previous experience tells me that this is often a moment of significant reflection. The Year 12 students become aware of how far they have come, how much they have learned and grown, and how significant their schooling experience has been. It is a powerful moment for both the younger and older students.

Beyond their physical, social and academic development, we pray that each student has also experienced spiritual growth throughout their time at the College.

Philippians 1:6 reminds us that God is at work in His people, growing and shaping them through the experiences of life:

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

I pray that the final week of term was a wonderful celebration for our Year 12 students as they reflected on their growth, gave thanks for the people who have supported them, and treasured the memories they have made throughout their time at the College.

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