# THE WAY

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**A new term always feels like a beginning, even as we recognise that we are moving closer to the end of the year.** Term 4 brings a sense of anticipation and reflection across the College as assessments loom and the new season beckons.

The HSC examinations have begun, signalling the conclusion of 13 years of formal education for the Class of 2026. We are praying for our students as they approach this significant milestone. We are preparing to welcome new students. Meanwhile, the Class of 2027 has begun their Year 12 journey and the final chapter of College life.

We have already commissioned our new Year 12 prefects and captains, acknowledging both the privilege and responsibility of leadership as they commence this important year. This week, our student leaders attended St Andrew’s Cathedral at Town Hall for a special service conducted by the Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel recognising the importance of being leaders. The service marked an important moment in their new roles, alongside student leaders from 34 Anglican schools across New South Wales.

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The Archbishop reminded those gathered that leadership is essentially about humility. He encouraged students to acknowledge their mistakes when they occur and to “own up to it”. This can be challenging for all of us, yet our willingness to admit when we are wrong reveals the strength of our character. He also reminded us that most people are ready to forgive. Mistakes are part of being human; conflict grows when our focus remains on blame rather than restoration and taking responsibility.

The Archbishop also reflected on the state of our world and the many painful ways in which people can be unkind or broken. Yet the world is far less broken than it might otherwise be because of Jesus. The influence of Christian faith and the transforming power of compassion and grace remains essential to healthy relationships and the formation of character.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*
**- Philippians 2:3–5**

These words provide a compelling model for leadership. True leadership is not expressed through status or recognition, but through service, humility and a willingness to put others first.

We are proud of our students across the College. Every day, many step forward and choose to care for others, even when doing so is difficult or unpopular. Such choices are marks of courage and responsibility.

Our instinct may sometimes be to defend ourselves, deflect responsibility or assign blame. However, our shared humanity is revealed through our actions and choices.

Welcome to Term 4.

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