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FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

What a busy and joy-filled time of year it is in the Junior School! As we move towards the conclusion of another school year, our calendar is filled with opportunities to celebrate learning, recognise growth and enjoy the many experiences that make being part of our College community so special.

We were blessed with some gorgeous weather for our Prep–Year 2 Tabloids. It was wonderful to see our youngest students participating with such enthusiasm, enjoying the opportunity to be active, work together and celebrate their developing skills. Our Dance Concert was another highlight, showcasing the incredible talent, confidence and creativity of our students. The performances were a delight to watch and we congratulate the students and teachers who worked so hard to prepare for such a wonderful evening. Similarly, the Year 4 Band Concert provided a lovely opportunity to recognise just how much progress our students have made. Their growing confidence, musical skills and willingness to perform were wonderful to see.

A particularly special highlight was JAM Camp at the beautiful Port Hacking. Our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed time together in a beautiful setting, with the opportunity to deepen friendships, enjoy new experiences and most importantly learn more about God and what it means to follow Jesus. We are incredibly grateful to the teachers who willingly gave up their weekend to accompany and care for the students. Their generosity, commitment and willingness to invest in the lives of our young people are greatly appreciated. These experiences provide opportunities for faith to grow and for our students to develop a deeper understanding of what it means to live out their faith in community.

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Our Year 1 and Year 2 students have also successfully completed their intensive swimming program. It has been encouraging to see their confidence develop in the water, alongside their growing skills and understanding of water safety. On the sporting field, our IPSSO teams have competed in their finals, providing opportunities to celebrate both victories and disappointments. Learning to respond graciously to both wins and losses; to encourage teammates and to demonstrate good sportsmanship are important lessons that extend well beyond the sporting arena.

We have also enjoyed welcoming our newest members of the College community through our Kindy and Prep Orientation sessions. There is something particularly special about seeing our youngest learners begin to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings, meet teachers and start to imagine what lies ahead. We look forward to welcoming these students and their families into the Junior School in 2027. At the other end of the Junior School journey, our Year 5 students have presented their leadership speeches as they consider the responsibility and privilege of serving as leaders in 2027. We look forward to seeing the way these students continue to develop their understanding of leadership through service, example and care for others.

As we approach the end of the school year, it is important to remember that learning continues right up until the very last day. While there is much to celebrate and enjoy during this busy season, maintaining familiar routines, consistent expectations and a purposeful approach to learning remains important. These final weeks provide valuable opportunities to consolidate learning, reflect on progress, strengthen friendships and finish well. We want our students to continue to approach each day with curiosity, enthusiasm and a willingness to give their best.

As a Christian learning community, we are reminded that each day presents an opportunity to grow in knowledge, character and faith. We are thankful for the many people who contribute to the life of our Junior School and for the partnerships we share with families as we encourage our children to flourish. May we finish the year with grateful hearts, celebrating the growth we have seen in our students and giving thanks to God for the many opportunities and blessings of the year.

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