

## FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL – A YEAR IN CONTEXT

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe, most relaxing, and enjoyable Festive Season; and on behalf of all P-12 staff can I thank one and all for the open support and care we have received from our College community this year.

Much media attention over the year has centred around Victorian schools and their capacity to maintain suitable levels of staff upon the return to face-to-face teaching and the impact for all schools as a result of the 2022 COVID protocols (a *7/5 Day absence for every positive test*).

It is within this context that I am pleased to inform as a College we were able to sustain the required levels and consistently provide a teaching service that when at times was compromised, we were still able to generate committed and capable replacements, and importantly suitable levels of consistent provision.

Testimony to this fact has been our recently released 2022 VCE/ATAR performance which again produced an exceptional **Median ATAR Score of 30**. Reflective of this wonderful achievement is the fact **100 of our students Graduated with a successful ATAR (first time ever)**. In addition, very healthy median scores of 30 for both Mathematics and English were a highlight.

**Amelia Patton** received our highest ATAR with 91.95% and most impressively was joined by a further group of her peers – **67 students** in fact, achieving collective ATAR scores between **60% – 89%**. Adding further significance to these achievements, is the fact **27 students within this cohort** scored in the **80%-89%** range. Results reflective of a dedicated Teaching and ES Faculty who were passionate and committed to their classes over essentially the 33 weeks and in turn, were supported by a wonderful set of Year 12 Parents, Guardians and Caregivers – thank you to all and congratulations!

Mirroring these graduation results has been our very sound NAPLAN scores with notably much to celebrate in the achievements of our **2022 Year 3 Students and Teachers**. A lot to look forward to as our younger students begin to progress through the College's phases of schooling and define their own individual journeys.

Further, in recent weeks I have enjoyed participating in the 'Interview Process' for our next set of Captains. I was delighted with the standard of applicants which in turn made the final decision making most difficult for our Panels.

I am pleased to formally announce the following students who will represent our College with PRIDE in 2023:-

### **COLLEGE CAPTAINS (Year 12 Students)**

**Roja Venkatesh**  
**Caitlin Smart**  
**Chelsea Wiramanden**  
**Antonio Castillo-Lopez**

### **PRIMARY CAPTAINS (Year 6 Students)**

**Evangeline Leumaga-Chan**  
**Musa Thajal Hussain**

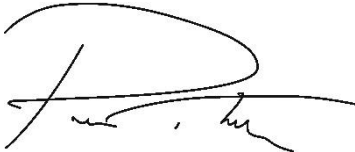
**PRIMARY VICE CAPTAINS (Year 6 Students)**

**Mackenzie Young**  
**Jordan Zappia**

This group of student leaders will not only drive our 'Student Voice and Agency' targets next year across P-12 but will also meet regularly as a group to provide feedback to the PCO on all facets of the college's operations. They will be supported by additional elected Student Leaders holding other positions of responsibility. I very much look forward to meeting with this group next year on a regular basis in my office at "**The Captains Table.**"

Take care and stay safe

Kind regards



Peter Thatcher  
College Principal

12<sup>th</sup> December 2022