

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.

While every school in Victoria has faced the challenges of consistent teacher numbers in classes throughout the year, it has been pleasing that our staff have rallied around our senior school students to provide consistency and fidelity to their education program across units 3 and 4.

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 2023 VCE/ATAR performance which produced a **Median ATAR Score of 27**. Included in this achievement is the fact that **148 of our students Graduated with a successful ATAR, 48 more than last year**. In addition, median scores of 27 for both Mathematics and English were achieved. It is worthwhile noting that in 2022, and indeed years previous, approximately 20% of our year 12 cohort completed their VCE unscored. As we transition into the new One VCE, we are enjoying a very positive cultural shift of reducing our unscored graduates to minimal and in 2023 our rate of unscored students enrolled in VCE General dropped to 2.5%, highlighting the commitment by the College to the new VCE reforms.

While these changes can seem daunting at times, we are excited for the positive impacts these will have on our future VCE graduates.

Kristia Prince received our highest ATAR with 97.25 and was joined in the illustrious “90+ Club” by another student. To round this out, these two students are most impressively joined by a further group of their peers – **68 students** in fact, achieving collective ATAR scores between **60 – 89**. Adding further significance to these achievements, is the fact **20 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 sound NAPLAN scores across our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 cohorts which will provide the College the perfect platform on which to build over the coming next few years. Our ongoing Framework for Improvement around our Teaching, Learning, Wellbeing and Inclusion features strongly throughout our College Strategic Plan 2023-2026 which arose from our most successful 4 Year Independent Review in March. Our priorities contained within will again be a focus of our collaboratively driven Annual Improvement Plan for next year. A lot to look forward to as our younger students continue to progress through the College’s clearly articulated 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 respective Panels.

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

COLLEGE CAPTAINS (Year 12 Students)

**Kody Bradley
Eva De Young
Brianna Leao
Mehrin Tabassum**

PRIMARY CAPTAINS (Year 6 Students)

**Tristian Murugan
Aroha Ngaruhe**

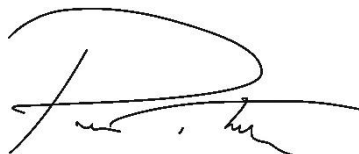
PRIMARY VICE CAPTAINS (Year 6 Students)

**Samir Ali
Tahmina Qalandare**

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

12th December 2023