

When we look back and see what our students have achieved in 2011, we can be very pleased and very proud of their efforts. It has been another great year for our students and the Taylors Lakes Campus as a whole. Our three schools, Junior School, Middle School and Canowindra are always hives of activity and learning. Watching the various activities that take place every day, is truly inspiring and a credit to our students and their thirst for knowledge and learning, as well as a credit to the dedicated teaching staff, who want nothing but the best possible outcomes for the students. This is a wonderful combination that creates an environment where learning takes place with much enjoyment and fulfillment.

In the Junior School there is always something great going on as it continues to do amazing things with the youngest members of our College community. It never ceases to amaze me watching the development of the Junior School students over the years. The pride with which they stand at assemblies when they are sharing what they have done in class, or displaying their work to the rest of the Junior School, and the enthusiasm with which they participate in the many organized activities, is simply a joy to watch and is truly inspiring.

As you walk through the Middle School, it is always pleasing to see the students engaged in all of the learning activities that are taking place. Whether it is inside the classroom or in the courtyard, the Middle School students are always enthusiastically and busily engaged in learning activities. It is so pleasing to watch the dedication with which they tackle their learning and the enjoyment and fun that they have with it all too.

Middle School has had a very rewarding year from a co-curricular perspective as well. The House carnivals and House activities are always a highlight for the students and a great opportunity to show House spirit and have a great time competing for House points. Interschool sport has seen the Middle School students have their most successful year to date. Grand final wins in the summer and winter seasons for the Year 7 and 8 students in a variety of sports, have really showcased the sporting prowess of many of our students.

Improved results in the ACS carnivals, with a third place in the athletics, have been very pleasing and a well deserved reward for all of the hard work of our students

and their team managers. The Year 5 and 6 students have had a great year in sports also with many students going on to competing at a district and state level.

Canowindra continues to engage our Year 9 students with a rigorous academic program complemented by the activity and elective offerings. Each year's cohort brings with it a unique character that embraces all of the opportunities presented to them differently from the previous year's group. The various electives and activities, in addition to the Focus Weeks and core program at Canowindra, allowed the students to experience success across a range of levels in a variety of settings, equipping them with skills not only relevant for Senior School but the world beyond school. Focus Weeks continue to provide the students with many diverse and rewarding experiences, with the most rewarding being their work with the Junior School students in *Writers Workshop* and *Active Kids*. The joy and excitement that these activities bring to the Junior School students provides the Year 9 students with such a powerful affirmation of the value of this authentic cross age activity. It also gives them a great deal of pride and satisfaction. The Junior School students love working with the Year 9s and the Year 9s love working with the Junior School students too. This interaction is a powerful rewarding learning experience for everyone involved.

