

'With an Attitude of Gratitude' is a very appropriate theme for the 2012 College year. As a College, we have so much for which to be grateful each year but in 2012 we can be especially grateful for the vision, commitment, enthusiasm and drive of a group of community minded people 25 years ago, for founding Overnewton Anglican Community College.

As we reflect on the 2012 school year, it is astounding to think about how much has been achieved by our students. Apart from the expected planned, engaging and rigorous learning activities that have taken place for all of our students, so many additional opportunities continue to take place within a school year to enhance and complement the learning program.

Our three schools, Junior School, Middle School and Canowindra, continue to provide our students with age appropriate, nurturing, engaging and supportive environments that encourage them to develop and grow academically, spiritually and socially.

The youngest members of our Campus have had a great year. The Junior School is always a hive of activity and it is always such a joy to watch the manner in which all of the students engage in the many and varied learning opportunities and experiences that are presented to them.

The Middle School continues to cater for the learning needs of our Year 5 to Year 8 students. Whether it is curricular or co-curricular, inside the classroom or in the courtyard, on the oval or in the Gymnasium, on site or off site, the Middle School students are always enthusiastically and busily engaged in learning activities. It is so pleasing to watch the dedication and determination with which they tackle their learning and the enjoyment and fun that they have with it all, too.

The Middle School students also continue to enjoy success in co-curricular activities as well. Interschool sports performances continue to be strong as our teams across all year levels keep improving and striving for success. The students' involvement in debating continues to go from strength



to strength. The student environment committee continues to raise awareness of environmental issues and looks for ways more students can be involved in improving their environment at school.

Each year brings a new and unique group of students to Canowindra. The Year 9 program goes from strength to strength as it caters for the needs of this age group academically, socially and emotionally. The elective and activities offerings complement beautifully the rigours of the academic program. Focus Weeks continue to provide the students with authentic, week-long, intensive learning experiences that take them out of the traditional classroom setting. The opportunity to work in teams to achieve a common goal by the end of the week, allows the students to experience working with younger students in Junior School, perform for Middle School students and explore the bush and local waterways as well as Melbourne's CBD. These unique and authentic learning experiences provide engagement and interest and also relevance and connectivity between theory and practice.



Canowindra also had a very successful year with respect to interschool sport with record numbers of teams participating in both summer and winter sports grand finals with much success as well. The RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough was another very successful event for our Year 9 students achieving the best results ever for the College.

As well as success in interschool sport and debating, the students have also had a very successful year in the performing arts. J-Rock saw our Year 5 and 6 students across both campuses combine to perform 'Australia: With an Attitude of Gratitude'. This performance was a lovely portrayal of all of the wonderful things we have in

