



preparing to take their step into Middle School at the end of their time in Junior School, it is always such a joy to watch the manner in which all of the students engage in their learning. The introduction of iPads into the Junior School program has enabled the students to take their learning to another level. The creativity with which they can demonstrate their learning has certainly added a new dimension to their approach to learning.

Reflecting on the 2013 school year, we can all be very proud of what our students have achieved. As they progress from year level to year level and then from school to school, their learning grows and develops just as they do. As educators, we have the privilege of walking beside all of the children who are entrusted to us as they embark on their learning adventure. And just like any adventure, there are twists and turns, highs and lows, challenges and rewards. It is such a rewarding experience to share those “*ah ha!*” moments with the students as they grasp a new concept, learn a new skill, overcome an obstacle and articulate their thinking. And as the students learn, as they ask more probing questions in their thirst for knowledge and understanding, and as they articulate their thinking, we learn with them too.

Junior School, Middle School and Canowindra continue to provide our students with engaging, nurturing, age appropriate and highly supportive environments that encourage them to develop and grow academically, spiritually and socially. These three learning communities provide the necessary scaffolding for the students’ learning adventure to take place.

The Junior School is always buzzing with activity. The many and varied learning opportunities and experiences that are presented to our youngest members of the Campus provide the important foundations on which they build their learning. Whether it is Prep students starting their learning at the beginning of the year with wide eyed wonderment and excitement, or Year 4 students

Our Year 5 to Year 8 students continue to enjoy the engaging learning environment that the Middle School provides. 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. Co-curricular activities continue to provide our Middle School students with many opportunities to enjoy success in this arena as well.



Canowindra embraces its unique cohort of students each year. As the two groups of students from each of our Middle Schools come together, the Year 9 program caters for the academic, social and emotional needs of this age group with great care and authentic experiences. The elective and activities offerings continue to complement beautifully the rigours of the academic program. Focus Weeks continue to provide the students with unique and authentic learning experiences that 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 Model Solar Challenge saw our Year 9 students competing for the first time and achieving a third place which was an excellent result for this team of students.