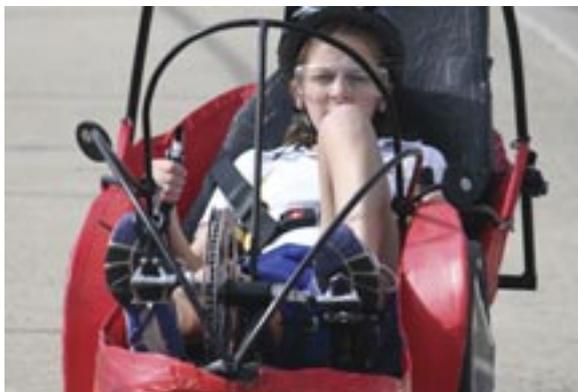


The RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough continues to be a very successful event for our Year 9 students. Each year they build upon the efforts of the year before and improve the vehicles. This year saw the introduction of an additional team, combining Year 9 and 10 students riding a petrol electric hybrid vehicle. This was made possible by the dedication and keen interest of parents who spent months building this new vehicle as well as assisting with the construction of the other vehicles used. Overnewton had five teams in total, providing a wonderfully rewarding experience for all of the students, staff and parents involved.



As well as success in interschool sport and debating, the students have also had a very successful year in the performing arts. Our Year 5 and 6 students across both campuses combined to perform *Honk Jr.* on two separate occasions with two separate casts. These performances were a lovely portrayal of the story of the Ugly Duckling and were very entertaining with a cuteness factor that had everyone smiling. The Year 9 and Senior School students combined to put on a cabaret performance. This new concept saw many students perform a variety of acts. Soloists, ensembles, singers and dancers, it was a wonderful evening of entertainment showcasing the many talented students we have at the College.



This year's College musical was *Hairspray*. As with all College musicals, it gave the opportunity to many students from Year 7 to Year 12 to showcase their singing, dancing and acting skills. The students did a brilliant job in telling this story and thoroughly entertained their audiences with their performance.

The year would not be complete without the many other major College events. The Founders Day services at St Paul's Cathedral were a great celebration of the foundation of our College. The highlight certainly had to be the performance of *Adiemus* by a variety of student ensembles and choirs. It was a beautiful performance. Presentation Night returned to Hamer Hall and it too was a wonderful celebration of the great achievements of our students and the College as a whole. The College Country Fair was again a tremendous success and wonderful community event.

As we reflect on the theme for the year '*iRespect*', I recall what Jim Henson, the creator of the Sesame Street and Muppet characters once said, "*Kids don't always remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.*" With our focus on showing respect for everyone in all of our interactions, especially in the digital world, as we walk alongside our students on their learning adventure, I hope that they remember that we are a caring learning community that will always respect them for who they are, what they do and what they want to achieve and that through our example, that they too, respect everyone with whom they come into contact and are remembered for upholding this value.

2013 has been a very successful year for our students and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Overnewton community for their support and contribution to this success.

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