

Now that I reflect on the 2014 school year, I am very pleased to know there have been so many great stories.

Junior School, Middle School and Canowindra enable our students to learn and grow within highly supportive learning communities that provide them with enriching learning experiences that build from one activity to the next, one year to the next, enabling our students to become lifelong learners and confident global citizens. It is very heartwarming to watch our students enjoying their 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, that 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.

For our Year 9 students, Canowindra provides them with a stand-alone year where they combine the rigors of the academic program with the broad variety of electives, activities and many other learning opportunities. The authentic learning experiences have, at times, taken the students outside of their comfort zones and given them all the opportunity to take their learning to another level. Each year's cohort brings with it a unique group of students whose character embraces all of the learning opportunities presented to them with great enthusiasm and energy in the same way as the previous year's group but also very differently from the previous year's group. Incursions, excursions, Focus Weeks, Respect Yourself Days, guest speakers and the many elective offerings on top of the rigorous core program mean that no day at Canowindra is the same because there is so much going on. Add co-curricular offerings as well and it is no wonder that the students have such a great time learning in Year 9.

The Middle School students have had a tremendous year. Whether it is in the classroom, the courtyard or anywhere else on Campus, it is always very pleasing to

see the Middle School students so enthusiastically engaged in their learning, making the most of the learning opportunities presented to them. They too have had so many opportunities to explore and ask questions and experience authentic tasks all designed to build their skill and knowledge. From the wide eyed enthusiasm and wonder of the Year 5 students as they enter their first year of Middle School to the confident swagger of the Year 8 students after four years at Middle School, it is always so pleasing to watch the growth and development of our students.

Our Junior School students have enjoyed their year as well. Like Middle School and Canowindra, there is always something great going on in Junior School. The learning experiences presented to the youngest members of our College community form the important foundations upon which all future learning is built. The energy and excitement with which the Junior School students embrace their learning is infectious and an absolute joy to watch. The manner in which our Prep students in particular, have immersed themselves in the Mandarin program has been amazing. In its first year, the CLIL Mandarin program has added another dimension to the teaching and learning program at Prep and will continue to grow and develop as it makes its way through each year level of the Junior School over the next few years.

All three of the schools have had some wonderful major events this year. Junior School has had some wonderful House activities during the course of the year with the Be Heard poetry recital as one of the highlights. The Celebration of Learning events gave the students the opportunity to showcase their learning to their family members. The students always enjoy the Parent Support Team activities and this year was no exception.

Middle School and Canowindra enjoyed many House activities as well, including the three carnivals – swimming, athletics and cross-country. Strong individual performances in these carnivals enabled students to be selected for the College teams to compete in the ACS

