

All of this careful thinking has been rewarded by our students' strongest VCE results for twelve years in 2014, as well as our strongest ever NAPLAN results in 2015.

But a quality Overnewton education is not just about academics; crucially important and central though they are.

Our co-curricular offerings are broad and strong too. In particular, this year we have enjoyed enormous success in public speaking and debating, our strongest sporting successes to date, music success, drama and College musicals, successful motions at youth parliament, the solar boat challenge, our ongoing work in Zambia and a wonderful commitment to community service.

Anybody who has experienced the joy of being in a Senior School House Debating or Public Speaking final, or who has heard the Year 9 Ensemble perform, will know that there has been careful thinking and planning around providing the excellent co-curricular programs that the College offers.

In all of our thinking, we are mindful of the following priorities: our College mission, our College values, our Christian faith, our unique community, best practice in education, our strategic plan Overnewton 2020, financial prudence, equity of opportunity across our two campuses, and – most importantly – the learning needs of our students. Consciously and subconsciously, we think heeding these priorities every day.

Of course, thinking is hard work. It requires much energy and much time but the best thinking produces immense and valuable benefits.

The long-term health of Overnewton depends on the wisdom of the decisions and efforts we put into our school today. I am confident that continued careful thinking will ensure the long-term health of our great school.

Jim Laussen
Jim Laussen, Principal

