

Canowindra also had a very successful year with respect to interschool sport with record numbers of teams participating in both summer and winter grand finals with much success as well, winning seven grand finals out of the 13 in which they participated.



also showcased at the Battle of the Bands performance as well as at Canowindra's Got Talent and the Annual Fair.

Whatever the type of co-curricular involvement or major event, our students do an amazing job of rising to the occasion, showcasing their talents and representing their

College with pride. Presentation Night gave us the opportunity to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements of our students and the College for the year. The Founder's Day Services at St Paul's Cathedral gave us the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the vision of the founders of our College and to be thankful for who and where we are today as a College, especially this year as we celebrate the College's 30th birthday.

The RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough was another very successful event for our Year 9 students achieving the best results ever for the College, with the petrol/electric hybrid bike winning in its class. The Model Solar Vehicle Challenge students achieved

first and second placing in the State Competition and the National Competition.

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. The Celebration of Learning events gave the students the opportunity to showcase their learning to their family members. The Junior School Carol Service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by their Final Assembly and Christmas Concert started the Christmas season beautifully.

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 Carnivals. The College continued to perform well in these carnivals. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students also experienced great success in sports with a number of students competing at the district and state level.

The students from Years 7, 8 and 9 who along with students from Senior School were involved in the College Musical *'How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying'* did an outstanding job and put together a brilliant production that was very entertaining and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our Year 5 and 6 students also did a great job with two separate performances of "Alice in Wonderland Jr" with two different casts. The talent of our Year 9 students was

The involvement of our students' parents is a key component of what makes Overnewton such a unique and special place of learning. Having parents involved in so many aspects of the day to day activities is truly appreciated by all of us, especially the students. Our Campus grounds continue to improve and develop thanks largely to the many parents who attend Working Bees and complete the many projects there. It certainly gives our students a great sense of pride to know that their parents have done so many of these things for all of the students to enjoy. This of course extends to the myriad of other things that parents do as well. We are certainly blessed as a College to have this level of commitment from our parents.

The College Fair is always one of the major community events, not just for the Overnewton Community, but the broader community as well. It is such an enormous undertaking by the Fair Committee and all of the parents involved but it is also one of the major fund raisers for the Parents and Friends Committee. These fundraising efforts enable the P & F to generously fund the many projects they have over the years, like the new soccer pitch at the northern end of the Campus.

2017 has been a wonderful year of learning for our students and one of many successes. We are all very grateful for the supportive role the entire community has played. I am sure that the founders of our College 30 years ago would be very pleased and proud of where we are today and of the very promising future ahead of us.

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