



# COMPASS

...directions for life

## FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL *Andrew Jericho*

Engaging students to be active contributors in our community is a vision of Navigator College. The Bridging Generation's program, facilitated through English and Christian Studies at Year 9 is one such opportunity. Our students love to engage with senior members of our community. Interviewing them on a weekly basis they value and record their life's journey, culminating these sessions into the presentation of each senior member with a student written biography. Our Year 9's love the opportunity to gain insight into the lives

of others and glean keys to successful living for their own journey.

Speaking of giving back, during Week 2, the Middle School were blessed to have Jasmine Slater share musical talent on the Cluster 4 Deck during lunch. Jasmine is an amazing talent from Year 12 and this event was organised to encourage students to share the talents they have, having confidence that they can shape the culture of the community around them.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL *Kaye Mathwin-Cox*

This term, on Wednesdays we have been trailing a time change for our Middle and Senior classes, bringing them in line with our Junior School timetable for the one day. In doing so we allow for a 7 lesson timetable, rather than a 6 lesson timetable and this creates an opportunity for our staff and students to engage in Positive Education activities in the last lesson. Each year level has a main focus, from working on their character strengths (Martin Seligman), to looking at PERMA PLUS and

considering this in their daily life, to Service Learning within their own environment. This has created many and varied opportunities for students to come together for the mutual benefit of creating a positive working and learning environment. Whilst we are early in this practice it is wonderful to see our staff and students engaging in activities together than promotes an overall positive and engaged community.



## MARTIAL ARTS

Recently, the Year 9 students participated in a Martial Arts workshop as part of an Interdisciplinary unit between PE and Japanese, 'Communicating through Martial Arts'. Local instructor from Reality PT & MMA, Sam Broughton, worked with the students to help them explore the deeper elements of Karate/Zen Do Kai and teach them several defence techniques. The students are working towards developing their own routine incorporating Japanese language to teach to the junior school students. We sincerely thank **Sam Broughton** for assisting with this program.



## LITERACY IS FUN *Year 1*

The Year 1's have been practising their 'summarising' skills in their guided reading groups. This is a key comprehension strategy based on Margaret Menner's Learning Centres. They love using the big glasses to help each other look carefully for the important parts of a text after reading it. Literacy is fun!

## MARATHON RACE IN SENIOR SCHOOL

Students in SS/D have likened Senior School to a Marathon Race. Year 10 starts with excitement and trepidation, a mingling of anticipation and awareness of what is to come. You step up and wait impatiently for the sound of the starting bell; you hurry to make your mark and take your place in the race. You create and innovate, and you find your style. Year 11 is the mid-way point of the endurance run; this becomes a mental battle of hard work, perseverance, and often exhaustion. And yet, you have a support team that encourage, give refreshment, and keep you going with a thirst for knowledge and achievement that needs quenching. Year 12's are about to cross the finish line. You feel a mingling sense of fatigue, accomplishment, joy, and relief. The Research Project has shown you some of what you are capable of achieving; there is the agony and ecstasy of being so near to the end of the race. Senior School is an exciting time for all of the amazing endurance runners in SS/D, and for their support team too.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 11th August**  
Senior Schools Subject Selection  
Year 9 - 6.30pm  
Year 10 - 7.00pm  
Year 11 - 7.30pm

**Wednesday 19th August**  
Open Night  
Senior/Middle/Junior School  
Prospective parents encouraged to attend, 6pm start

**Friday 21st August**  
A Night with Navigator  
Major Fundraising Event

**Tuesday 25th August**  
Early Learning Centre  
Parent Information Night 7pm

**Thursday 27th August**  
Year 5 Exhibition Night

**UNIFORM SHOP**  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
8.30am - 10.30pm  
Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm

**LIL'GATORS PLAYGROUP**  
Wednesday 12th August  
9.00am - 10.30am




# OPEN NIGHT

The 2015 Open Night 'Celebration of Learning' is an important tradition of our College. It serves primarily as the name suggests to be a celebration of the learning journey that students have undertaken over the year to date. The purpose of this festive event can also be thought of in 2 ways:

A celebration and sharing of individual student and class learning with parents and friends.

Showcasing the Inquiry Based Learning and pedagogy of the IB MYP that happens in our classrooms, giving parents an engaging opportunity to understand more about this.

The Open Night 'Celebration of Learning' will take place predominantly in the Middle/Senior areas of the College which include Cluster 4 classroom & deck, up-stairs in the Senior School, the Resource Centre, Science Lab & Trades Skills Centre. Whilst the Junior School will be represented with displays, these students are not required on the night, as each year level in the Junior School holds their own Celebration of Learning throughout the year. However we strongly encourage Junior School Families to attend, as this is a fantastic opportunity to experience the College over all the sub-schools, giving you an insight into all that lies ahead for your children.



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