COLLEGE FAREWELLS FOUNDATION PRINCIPAL

We welcome families of the Navigator College community to join staff and students in a very special ‘farewell’ Chapel service, on Friday the 15th of April, at 8.45am at the College campus.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL - KAYE MATHWIN-COX

Dear Students, staff, parents and friends of our wonderful Navigator College community.

This term marks the end of an era for Navigator College as we farewell our founding Principal Mrs Kaye Mathwin-Cox. As a College we would like to thank and pay tribute to Kaye who has been an incredible leader, and been instrumental in the re-establishment of Lutheran Education on the Lower Eyre Peninsula.

Kaye is the Foundation Principal of Navigator College, taking on the position of Principal in October 2008, before any building structure existed. With only a patch of dirt and an amazing vision for education, Kaye started the life of the College in 2009 as an R-8 College with 118 enrolments and a team of 18 staff members.

The College now stands as an Early Learning Centre – Year 12 College, home to 480 enrolments, and producing its fourth class of Year 12s, with increasing excellence in SACE results.

Kaye has been an inspirational leader for the staffing team which has now grown to 79. She has empowered, supported and led the staff to strive for best practice teaching and learning in a way that inspires curiosity and self-confidence in the students. In her time as Principal the College has been authorised as an International Baccalaureate (PYP) Primary Years Program and (MYP) Middle Years Program, which is recognised as a Global Standard in education.

Kaye has been passionate about leading a school where values are lived, and the holistic development of the learners have been kept at the centre of priorities within the College. Kaye has invested significantly into building a positive culture.

The community will continue to enjoy the fruits of her vision well into the future. Some of Kaye’s philosophies that have built such a wonderful culture include:

- Valuing Service, as a means to give and to learn. Kaye initiated an annual Year 11 servicing learning tour to serve our sister school in Sumatra and has driven the establishment of a strong relationship between the two schools.

Kaye has been an inspiration to us all spiritually, holding steadfast in keeping Christ at the centre of all that Navigator College does in Lutheran Education. She has kept a focus on how students and adults can use their gifts and abilities to both serve God and be contributors to making the world a better place.

Through her leadership of staff and students Kaye has lived out the mantra of Navigator College: “Inspire”. She has certainly left a lasting legacy and we thank her for her commitment, dedication, inspiring leadership and belief in the Vision for education on the Eyre Peninsula.

After overseeing the strategic growth of enrolments as well as 7 building projects, Kaye is handing over the role of Principal to Neville Grieger. We wish Kaye God’s richest blessing as she furthers her career and uses her God given talents to serve Lutheran Principals and Leaders in her role as Director of Research and Development for Lutheran Education Australia.

Words really do nothing to describe how I am feeling at this moment as I say goodbye to something that is so wonderful and has been my life for such a long time. All I can really say to you is THANK YOU. Thank you all for everything that you have done to make this place such a blessing. Each and every student, staff member, parent, congregation member, and member of the Navigator community has been the reason for its success. Navigator College has, and will continue to thrive, because of you all.

To the greatest blessing I have had; my students, past and present, I hold the greatest Thank You. Thank you for giving me a daily dance in my step, thank you for brightening my days and thank you for giving me a special part of yourselves through everything you do. Your memory I will hold in my heart. You inspire me each day to work as hard as I can for you because you are such a blessing to me. My prayer for you all is to aspire to greatness, aim high, try your hardest and be grateful for all that you accomplish, because you are worth everything you achieve! I am so proud of you all.

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