CREATING A BETTER WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION

Navigator College is an IB school. From time to time, families ask us what that means in plain English. There are some misconceptions about the IB, which we would like to clarify.

First of all, there are three IB programmes available for school age students:

- **PYP:** Primary Years Programme (from Early Learning to Year 5)
- **MYP:** Middle Years Programme (currently Year 6 to Year 10)
- **Diploma:** Diploma Programme Year 11 and 12 (not currently offered at Navigator)

"The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is more than its educational programmes and certificates. At our heart we are motivated by a mission to create a better world through education. We value our hard earned reputation for quality, for high standards and for pedagogical leadership. We achieve our goals by working with partners and by actively involving our stakeholders, particularly teachers." Source: http://www.ibo.org/en/programmes/

The IB is not about preparing students to attend an international university. Rather the Primary (PYP) and Middle Years (MYP) programmes offered at Navigator, guarantee that students will experience a world class education. The IB accreditation requirements are stringent. The ongoing monitoring by the IB organization provides an assurance that the standards of teaching and learning are high. The school and individual staff are kept highly accountable for the quality of the teaching and learning that is being delivered. At the heart of the IB is a commitment to engage students in their learning, to be independent learners, to help them soar to heights beyond their potential.

Navigator College is the only educational site this side of Adelaide that offers both the Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes.

The IB is to education like the Australian Standards Framework is to Business and Industry. The College website offers more information about the programme and we encourage you to follow this link to inquire further - http://www.navigator.sa.edu.au/being-an-ib-school/

STUDENTS ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER

In SSC Home Group, we have been writing encouragements and thank-you cards to other students in the Senior School to show them we are thinking of them. This was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge each person’s strengths and individual attributes. Here’s what some of our students said about creating the cards:

- "Writing good things about people using the little cards has allowed me to see people for who they are and recognise their traits.” Callan
- "Writing encouragements for other people not only makes you feel good about yourself, but makes others feel good about themselves too. It makes you take the time to think about the qualities you really appreciate in a friendship, and is supportive to others as it lets them know that they have support and are cared about.” Kate

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD FINALIST

The South Australian English Teachers Association had just named Eden Slater, as a finalist in the Young Writers Award for 2016. Eden has been invited to attend the official award ceremony, which will be held at Adelaide University on Friday the 19th of August. The Young Writers Award is a poetry and prose competition open to all South Australian students. The topic was entirely free and Eden submitted a poem about her favourite place ‘The Mulberry Tree’. As a shortlisted entrant, her poem will be published by the South Australian English Teachers’ Association (SAETA) later in the year. There were hundreds of entries this year and the standard was deemed by the judges to be very high.

Congratulations Eden, we look forward to hearing the final result and wish you good luck!

THE END IS IN SIGHT - YEAR 12

It really isn’t long now until we farewell our Year 12 class of 2016. They have received their ‘Seniors’ jumpers and are now working hard to finish off their final tasks for the year.

It seems strange, then, that we are already starting to think about 2017. The Year 11’s will be beginning their Research Projects, and the Year 10’s have begun their SACE journey through the PLP (Personal Learning Plan).

We are excited to announce our plans to hold our inaugural Senior School Subject Expo. The Navigator College Subject Expo will be held on Wednesday, August 17th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. All are welcome to drop in anytime to see what is on offer in the Senior School: from Science to Art, Music to Hospitality, and what potential pathways English and Specialist Mathematics provide. There will be information sessions for students and opportunities to speak to key staff. Check out the website for more information, as well as our curriculum offerings (available from Monday 8th August).

Our prayers are with our Year 12 group as they enter the final phase of their formal schooling!