The end of the year is almost here and on reflection it has been a very successful and action-packed year. Term 4 has been no different. While the HSC has concluded and we now await results, there has already been much to celebrate.

Samuel Read’s artwork was nominated for Art Express. This is largely due to Sam’s creativity, which was wonderfully supported and mentored by art teacher Lisa Wilson. Senior Campus dancers, Amber Bunt, Skye Brownsea, Kate Jeffrey, Emily Lemonius, Taylor Grant and Amber-Lilly Gordon, led by dance teacher Jessica Schulte, took part in the Schools Spectacular which was aired on television last weekend. The team spent a week in Sydney preparing for and participating in the event. It is an immense commitment but extremely rewarding. Well done, girls. A special thanks also to the P&C who supported the girls financially to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience.
The Year 12 Formal was held in early November and was a fabulous occasion, orchestrated by teachers Sarah Foster and John Miller. More than 460 friends and family came together to celebrate Year 12’s achievements. Once again our school captains did an amazing job, as they have done all year. It was a great night and thanks must go to all who helped make the evening special. There was a small army of family, friends, staff and Year 12s at the Civic Centre on the Saturday morning to set up the centre - a true reflection of the respect held for Year 12, 2015.

The Year 12 IYLP graduation took place just prior to the Year 12 formal. It was a great ceremony/dinner which took place at Lazy River Conference Centre. It was wonderful to hear what IYLP had meant to these students and what it had allowed them to achieve. Huge thanks must go to coordinators Dimiti Trudgett and Tracey Piggott. Their hard work and eye for detail made the night a great success.

As Year 12 2015 have finished their studies (for now) Year 12 2016 have now commenced their first HSC assessments. Students need to make sure they know
when their tasks are due and the location and time of their examinations. All students have been issued with an assessment timetable. In 2016 assessments will be handled in a slightly different way. To get more face-to-face teaching time, 2016 will see a change to the usual assessment routine. Keep an eye out for the calendar next year.

2014 saw the first transition week at Senior Campus, designed for Year 10 to have a real life experience at their new campus. They met their teachers and classmates and had a taste of what their new subjects were really like. It was very much about students having a clear understanding of what was in front of them. Transition week for Year 11 2016 is running this week. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 11 students. We not only have students coming from Delroy and South Campuses but we also have 50 students joining us from a variety of backgrounds. Welcome all and make the most of transition week.

This time of year is always tinged with sadness as we farewell staff. Dimiti Trudgett, Crystal Adair, Doug Chrystal, Lee Cleary and Alana Hennessy are all moving either into promotion positions, new schools, retirement or going travelling. I would like to thank each of them for their contribution to Senior Campus. Each has made a unique contribution to life at Senior Campus and we wish them all the very best. 2016 will also see Debbie Head (principal), Glen Braithwaite (deputy principal) and Elizabeth Feeney at Delroy Campus.

As the festive season and holidays loom, I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and efforts in 2015. Thank you for your support of our students and the commitment you have to Senior Campus and public education. I would also like to thank the P&C for their ongoing support. I wish all parents, caregivers and especially students and staff all the best for Christmas, New Year and the holidays. Have a happy and safe break and I look forward to seeing you in 2016.

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