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Teachers Providing Opportunities

I want to share with you the many ways that your teachers support you in our College. In addition to teaching classes, preparing great lessons and correcting work, offering feedback and encouragement and advice, they also prepare and attend subject expos and sessions after hours explaining VCE and VET and VCAL to parents.

Then, over this recent break, and every September holidays:

They conduct classes, orals exams, tutorials, individual meetings with teachers, emails being answered, advice offered and support when you need it.

Then, there are all the things that enrich our lives and which we will long remember after school days are done: Lunchtime house competitions (maths, sports, cooking), house music, athletics, swimming, cross country, tug-of-war, wearable art: none of these happen unless your teachers put in the massive effort to organise them.

And what about the Art Extravaganza, where every student who has created a work of art has a piece on display: that does not happen without a huge amount of setting up and pulling down.

Opportunities to play music: Eisteddfods in Geelong and Ballarat, music camps for music skills to improve, music evenings to show your talents to your families and friends.

They offer their own time to coach and support a range of the many sporting teams, attend Equestrian events which always occur in holidays and over long periods of time, drama opportunities, musicals to be involved in, deb balls to delight in, robotics, solar cars and boats to challenge you, public speaking to broaden your skills, science and maths competitions to develop critical thinking and teamwork, this list could go on.

Do you know, that so many young people find their life's passion because a teacher said to them "You are good at... I think you should give it a try..."

Then there are the trips. So many of your teachers are prepared to spend their own personal time with you after hours, in fact living with you 24 hours a day, maybe on an outdoor education camp, or a music camp or sitting with you for days on a bus going to the Northern Territory or providing you with the opportunity to go overseas. Without your teachers being prepared to leave their own families you would not be able to visit Indonesia or Japan, Vietnam, East Timor, Cambodia or China and to experience the wonders of these amazing places.

I salute your teachers, each and every one. They have put in and continue to do so day after day, week after week and term after term.

Do not take them for granted, but appreciate what each of them has done and will continue to do so for you and those yet to come to Senior School.

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