A NOTE FROM SENIOR YEARS LEADERSHIP

2014 has been a year full of activity and fabulous achievements. Many of which will be documented in the Year Book posted home with final reports before Christmas.

However, one of the most significant achievements of Senior Years at this time in the school calendar, is always the graduating class. It was with great fondness and huge pride that I officially farewelled the Class of 2014 on Thursday 20th November.

This particular group of students has produced some outstanding work throughout their schooling, but most notable has been the large number of them who have completed the year. In the world of secondary education, two very important indicators are often used to measure the ‘success’ of a school. One is the retention rate, or the number of students who start the year and then end the year, the other is the number of students who get their SACE, the completion rate. I am very pleased to say that we have exceeded expectations with a retention rate of 86% and a predicted completion rate of 92%. The final results will be published on Thursday December 18th by the SACE Board.

We also held our end of year assembly on Tuesday 25th November when we welcomed the Year 9 students to Senior Years and presented the major awards for 2014. The recipients of the major awards were;

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award – Year 12, Nava Avaz Pour, Year 11 Catrina Blair and Year 10 Dali Amimu-Mbutho

Vet Student of the Year – Year 12 Joshua Forrest and Year 11 Liam Mosley

Year 12 Caltex All-Rounder – Jesse Parker

Congratulations to these six fabulous young leaders for all their hard work and focus this year. In addition I presented two extraordinary awards this year. We had the first recipient of the Premier’s Reading Challenge Hall of Fame Award in South Australia – Kyle Williams, Year 10 and a special award for the Student Edge SA/NT Teacher of the Year was presented to our very own Carol Fine-Clementi.

I wish everyone a happy holiday and a well earned rest as we prepare for the challenges of the 2015 Academic year.

Kathleen Hoare
Head of Senior Years
It’s been another AMAZING year at MOC!
The MOC 2014 Yearbook is coming soon. Filled with highlights, photos and many memories of college events and achievements from throughout 2014. Yearbooks will be posted to all families with reports after the end of term.

SAASTA SHIELD
On the 6th of November as part of the SAASTA Shield, the students took part in a Dragon Boat Carnival at the West Lakes Aquatic Centre. The students participated in a number of heats against other city and country SAASTA Academies. Everyone had the opportunity to paddle and we succeeded in keeping the boat upright. The day concluded with a trip into Uni SA East Campus for the annual SAASTA Awards Ceremony.

VOLUNTEERING – ST JOHN AMBULANCE
I like working in St John because it gives me more confidence in life. While I am a cadet in St John, I participate in training once a week at the Gawler Cadet Division and I occasionally get to participate in duties on some weekends. On weekends we treat anyone who is injured, sick or just would like someone to talk to, we are there. These duties for me have included downhill mountain bikes in the Mount Crawford Forest, Adelaide Zoo Birthday, BMX at Gawler, Adelaide High Football, and the occasional fundraising day. St John is a self-funding, not-for-profit organisation that relies on fundraising. With over 100 year of first aid experience, St John Ambulance Australia is one of the nationally recognised first aid providers in Australia.

Jodie Jebb

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CHARACTER STRENGTHS
We are continuing with our weekly focus on 1 of these strengths. Week 8 is LEADERSHIP.
This means getting things done, preserving the harmony within groups and making everyone feel included.
Maryjane Tenison Woods - Coordinator of College Well Being

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