

THE Graduating Class OF 2013

hard to believe how far we have all come in the last six years.

Through community days, Year 7 and 9 camps, school excursions, charity fundraisers and retreats, we've grown so much, both as individuals and as a group. We've gone from flipping coins in Maths to determine the probability of getting a tail to completing

majors in specialist
Mathematics; from IHUM
classes to International
Geography trips and mocklaw trials; from struggling
through the cross country
to lifting weights - well,
some of us, at least.

We could never have achieved everything we have on our own. Along with the support of our parents and our peers, we've always been able to rely on the fantastic teaching staff here at MacKillop - from the

Inclusive Learning staff and classroom teachers to the admin staff and members of the Executive. When we were facing difficulties with any aspects of our lives, there was always someone to turn to, and we will all be forever grateful for the support we have received during out time here.

Over the years we've had many people leave our cohort and many people join it too. Those who left are still in our hearts and those who joined were

quickly welcomed into the MacKillop community. For all of us, graduating this year is the biggest challenge we've ever faced. Many of us are going onto CIT or university, while others will be completing apprenticeships or going straight into the workforce. We're growing up, but regardless of the paths we choose to take, we know that we will forever be members of Clan MacKillop.

Good luck, Year 12!

Grace Vincent













hen most people think of the Year 12 Retreat they think cliché, sappy, overrated, and practically anything but exciting. However, despite the obvious stereotypes, Year 12 Retreat was actually one of the most rewarding experiences of College life.

After the longest bus trip that many of us have ever experienced, we found ourselves tired before we even arrived at Collaroy Centre, Sydney. We soon recovered from the journey, however, and were all excited to start the threeday Retreat. The cabins were



better than we expected and gave us a place to unwind. The teachers constructively planned a series of activities for the Year 12s to complete that showed us a side to ourselves that we had not known before. Year 12 Retreat really helped us to bond as a year group and helped us to evaluate our relationships who gave up their own time to join us on Retreat, were very important because

they guided us through our reflections and inspired us to connect with our fellow Year 12s. The Year 12 Retreat was the last opportunity for











Our Year 12 Coordinator, Mr Antoniak, made our experience even greater. His presentation was funny yet witty, with a dash of raw emotion, which made our night. Without him the retreat would not have been as special to us.... YOU ROCK, MR ANTONIAK!

Among some of the most memorable activities were the letter writing. During our will always be kept and PC activity we sat in a circle and had the opportunity to





tell each other the qualities that we liked about them, we found out how much everyone meant to each other and that even the quietest of us never went unnoticed. The the bonding PC activity and letters we wrote and received cherished as it reconnected us to friends we thought we had lost along the way. It also allowed us to show our friends how truly important they are to us.

Thank you to all the Year 12s and teachers who attended the retreat. We will never forget you and will always remember our time



RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

nce again this year MacKillop put on its sneakers and headed to the AIS to join with hundreds of others to support the cancer council's Relay for Life. For 24 hours we took to the track to run, jog, walk and skip to rack up laps to support the cause. Relay for life was an amazing experience to be a part of and really gave us an opportunity to give back to a cause and make a difference in our final year at MacKillop.

As soon as we started to arrive at the track, we got to work passing on MacKillop's baton, giving each person a turn to do his or her part. Relay for Life allowed us to spend time as a group and gave us time to meet new people and hear amazing stories from them. If you weren't on the track there were many other ways to get involved that the track provided including limbo competitions, belly dancing classes and salsa lessons. The night came over and the most important part of the experience began - the candlelight vigil. People placed candles around the track with messages of love, compassion and sadness to lost loved ones, survivors or to someone battling cancer.

The Cancer Council's Relay for Life had a massive year raising over \$434,000 in Canberra alone. The support for this cause has grown significantly since its conception with 140,000 people coming together to Relay around Australia. MacKillop has been a proud contributor of this cause for years now and 2013 was no exception.

Brodie Gration



































EAR 12 IS A VERY IMPORTANT period in the life of any young person. It is the culmination of six years of high school and the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of all students. I was privileged to have worked with many of the current Year 12 student cohort back in 2011 as Year 10 Coordinator. It was very rewarding to get the chance to work with such a great group of individuals again in 2013.

At the beginning of the school year I shared a saying that 'good intentions are not good enough as ultimately we are judged by our actions'. I encouraged all students to reflect on this saying and take action to achieve what they wanted from their remaining time here at the College. The challenge was put forward to all students to think about how they could make the most of their final year and not settle for second best. I am very proud to say that all students have grown and developed in their own unique ways to make the class of 2013 a group that share a great sense of school spirit, unity and community.

Many students made the most of the extra curricular opportunities that presented themselves in 2013. New and challenging experiences enabled individual growth and the strengthening of peer relationships within the cohort.

The Colloroy Centre in the north of Sydney was again the location for one of the most positive experiences for Year 12 in 2013. The Year 12 Retreat provided students with the opportunity to take time away from the usual school environment and experience some productive and relaxing time together as a group. The participation of all students in the individual, reflective and group sharing activities highlighted the maturity of the students and was an inspiration to the staff involved.

The Year 12 cohort made important and valuable contributions as student leaders of the College in 2013. Particular mention must be made of the student elected College leadership team and House Captains. The work that these students made to the College Community reflected true MacKillop values. All of these students led by example through their involvement and organisation of College Sporting carnivals and numerous fundraising events throughout the year.

I would like to thank the Year 12 Pastoral Team who worked closely with the students throughout the year and were an integral part of the Year 12 experience for the cohort. I would also like to thank Mr. Simon Kelly for his support as the Year 12 Pastoral Associate. His enthusiasm, organization and overall contribution in all aspects concerning the Year 12 students were second to none.

It has been a very positive and rewarding experience working as the Year 12 Coordinator in 2013. The Class of 2013 made the job exciting, challenging and a time I look back on with very fond memories. To the students in the graduating class of 2013, I wish you all well in the future and hope you are able to turn all of your good intentions into positive action.

Ben Antoniak, Year 12 Coordinator 2013

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A massive 75% of this Year 12 cohort says that money

is something they worry about when thinking about

Sabrina Woodham

HOPES/DREAMS

Julian Wright

HOPES/DREAMS

HOPES/DREAMS

exorcist.

as possible.

'I want to be richer, cooler, and better than I already am."

QUOTE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE BY

"Live like a flower lives in the Sahara Desert."

I hope to be successful in

everything I undertake in my life

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

nmunity, Outstanding Application

Zachariah Wriaht-Duke

"If I could have any job in the

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

rimary School Carnivals, Cafe Bella; harities: St Vincent de Paul: Awards

world, it would be to be an

and have as many new experiences





Jordan Wright

HOPES/DREAMS

"I hope to be successful and happy and to live in the moment

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

ssisting at Info Nights, DofE, Debating, lacTechies, Certificate II Info Technology; harities: Relay for Life; Awards: Achievement, Community, Outstanding



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'To all the teachers I have connections with, thank you for making my learning easy and fun!'

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

sisting at Info Nights, College Promotion 'ear 12 Jumper Committee, ISART, Cross ampus Program; Charities: 40hr Famine.





Scott Wynn

HOPES/DREAMS

"I want to finish my apprenticeship, travel, and one day become a fire fighter."

QUOTE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE BY "Live your life by what makes you happy."

The Fun Awards

Year 12's Unofficial Honour List

THE MATT EGAN AWARD FOR MOST LIKELY TO NEVER LEAVE SCHOOL AWARD Linley Strain

THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G. AWARD FOR MOST NOTORIOUS LAUGH

Taylah Fellows

THE BEST SWEET TALKER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

THE ANTONIAK & DURHAM AWARD FOR THE BIGGEST BROMANCE

Yash Bhosale, Damien Cheatham, Tom Lewis THE HONOURABLE DANIEL WONG AWARD FOR MOST MAGICAL STUDENT

THE PUBERTY HAD NO **EFFECT WHATSOEVER** AWARD

Keenan Walker

MOST LIKELY TO BE FAMOUS AWARD

Maria Suraci

THE CANDY CRUSH AWARD FOR MOST ADDICTED TO **CRUSHING CANDY**

Hannah Graham & Chloe Cooper

THE ZYZZ, SON OF ZEUS. BROTHER OF HERCULES & FATHER OF AESTHETICS AWARD FOR BIGGEST GAINS Stefan Andric

THE LUKE JAMES AWARD FOR THE BEST SPORT CAPTAIN **EVER AWARD**

Luke James

THE AWARD DONATED BY THE RECORDER CLUB FOR THE BEST RECORDER PLAYER

The Recorder Club

THE ROLLIE FINGERS AWARD FOR BEST FACIAL HAIR Tom Burgess

THE LIKELY TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL AT THE 10-YEAR REUNION AWARD

Ruby Guglielmin & Daniel Low

THE YOLO AWARD Joshua Thompson THE AWARD FOR ALWAYS BEING THE HAPPIEST PERSON **EVER AWARD**

Mitch McKinnon

THE CLAN MACKILLOP AWARD FOR THE MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD

Isabelle Schmidt

THE CUTEST COUPLE AWARD Jenny Nguyen & Mackenzie Crowe

THE 'SHE DOESN'T EVEN GO HERE' AWARD FOR WORST **ATTENDANCE**

Courtney Kane & Greg Fatiaki

STATS. WITH A FEW OF THESE FUN FACTS

65%



THAT'S THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF LETTERS **EACH YEAR 12 STUDENT** RECEIVED ON RETREAT



STUDENTS WHO WANT TO GET INTO HEALTHCARE/MEDICINE, YEAR 12'S MOST POPULAR CAREER CHOICE.



THAT'S THE PORTION OF YEAR 12 BOYS WHO 'LIFT' (THAT'S 'GO TO THE GYM' IN ENGLISH)



OF TERTIARY STUDENTS SAY THEY WERE HAPPY WITH THE AST TOPIC, WHICH WAS, COINCIDENTALLY, HAPPINESS.

NO LOVE.

at least.

82%



YEAR 12 STUDENTS WHO HAVE THEIR P PLATES. 65% DRIVE THEIR OWN CAR.

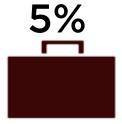
YEAR 12 STUDENTS

COULD VOTE IN THE

FEDERAL ELECTION.

THAT'S ONLY 41% OF

THE COHORT.



STUDENTS WHO SAY THEIR CHILDHOOD DREAM WAS TO HAVE A 9-5 JOB. #BIGDREAMS



STUDENTS WHO USE THE POPULAR PHONE APP 'SNAPCHAT'

STUDY USE. 36% 46% Students who use studies properly. Students who relax in studies

Students who leave school during

studies (when they're allowed)

MOST CHANGED.

Well, some love. Only

one in four Year 12

students say that

finding love in their

future is something theu

worry about. Right now,

You'll notice that, according to the Fun Awards on the left, Keenan Walker had a run in with puberty that caused his peers to vote him as the most changed student from Year 7. Here's the evidence.



80% STUDENTS WHO WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT RAINBOW AND CARAMEL PADDLEPOPS ARE THE SAME FLAVOUR



SPLIT ENDS.

On this one, Year 12 is cut right down the middle. **Half** of Year 12 believes Will Johnson's hair looks better short, but the other half say they miss those luscious locks.

[THE COORDINATOR]

Did you know Mr Antoniak's name is 'Sacky'? There are two very popular reasons, according to MacKillop folklore.

Many believe that this dates back to the Year 12 Coordinator's university days, when he used to have dreadlocks, wore tie-dye shirts, and constantly showed off his talents with the hacky sack.

The other more likely, but less interesting reason, is that 'sacky' stems from the last syllable in AntoniAK.

There are absolutely no other reasons why Mr Antoniak has that nickname.



25% OF ALL YEAR 12 GIRLS SAY THEY CAN LIFT MORE THAN ANTONIAK



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DON'T wear a dress that is likely to be the colour of the carpet if your intention is to stand out.

scrap the corsage. Boys, don't worry about a corsage, it's mainly an American tradition and you're most likely going to pick a colour that doesn't go with her dress. Girls, why would you want a wilting flower around your wrist that will mess up your jewellery scheme? Organising one only adds unnecessary stress and cost to your preparation.

wear satin. This was popular from 2000-2005, but these days there are many more interesting materials your dress could be made of. As a rule, try to avoid satin in bright colours or full-satin dresses.



THE2013 graduation SECTION

★ YEAR12

W TO...MAKE FORMAL LEGENDARY with Paul Durham and the Yearbook Design Team

MR DURHAM'S



FORMAL

worry about matching. Couples that match the tie or shirt to the dress can end up looking too coordinated, especially if the dress is a bright colour. Instead of matching, go for something that compliments. A light blue dress with grey heels will go with a grey suit, for example. Or a white pocket square with small red dots would be subtle enough to compliment a red dress.

wear white shoes, white belts or white suspenders; you're not in a boy band. Leave that stuff in the 90's, boys.

DON'T be an Oompa Loompa. This goes for girls AND boys. The last thing you want to do is wipe fake tan from your suit or dress!

break in your heels well before the formal so that when you get there, you do not immediately want to take them off. You make a commitment to your shoes, a marriage: "till home do us part".

bring a date you know you'll have to babysit on the night. It's helpful to bring someone who you know you'll have a good time with, rather than someone who will look good in photos. The night is about celebrating you, and enjoying yourself, so bring someone who will help to make it fun!

know which button on your jacket to do up. If you're going to button your suit, follow the simple "Sometimes-Always-Never" rule. If it's a suit with three buttons, the top button is a "sometimes" button (depending on how fitted your suit is), the middle button is the "always" button, and the last button is the "never" button. For a two-button suit, it's a case of "Always-Never."

DON'T spend too much on the car. Be realistic: you're in the car for about 15 minutes - why spend a fortune on a Ferrari or a horse and carriage if you've already gone all out on your outfit?

DON'T arrive on horseback. They stink, and there's an unfortunate history of failed dismounts at the Convention Centre.

celebrate with your family beforehand.

DON'T pop your collar. You're not a frat-boy - leave it down.

wear too much make-up. Less is always more in the event of formals. Eyelashes that weigh down your lids are probably a little bit over the top, and if your blush is so bright that you look feverish, it's probably a good idea to tone it down. Plus, the December sun is likely to melt off your make up in patches if you go overboard.

be fashionably late; you might miss getting your arrival photo taken.

DON'T wear sunglasses; it's not the Melbourne Cup.

UU thank your teachers. Teachers really appreciate it when you go up to them at the Formal to thank them for the years they've spent working with you. It's a classy move.

DON'T be that guy. You know what we're talking about.

organise how you're going to get to your after party. And leave it at that - an after party. Don't rush off from your Formal too early. It's often the last half-hour that ends up being the best!



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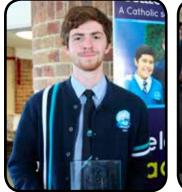
















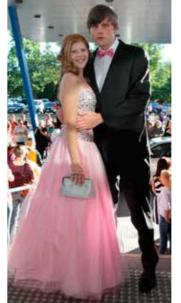
















THE ST MARY MACKILLOP



















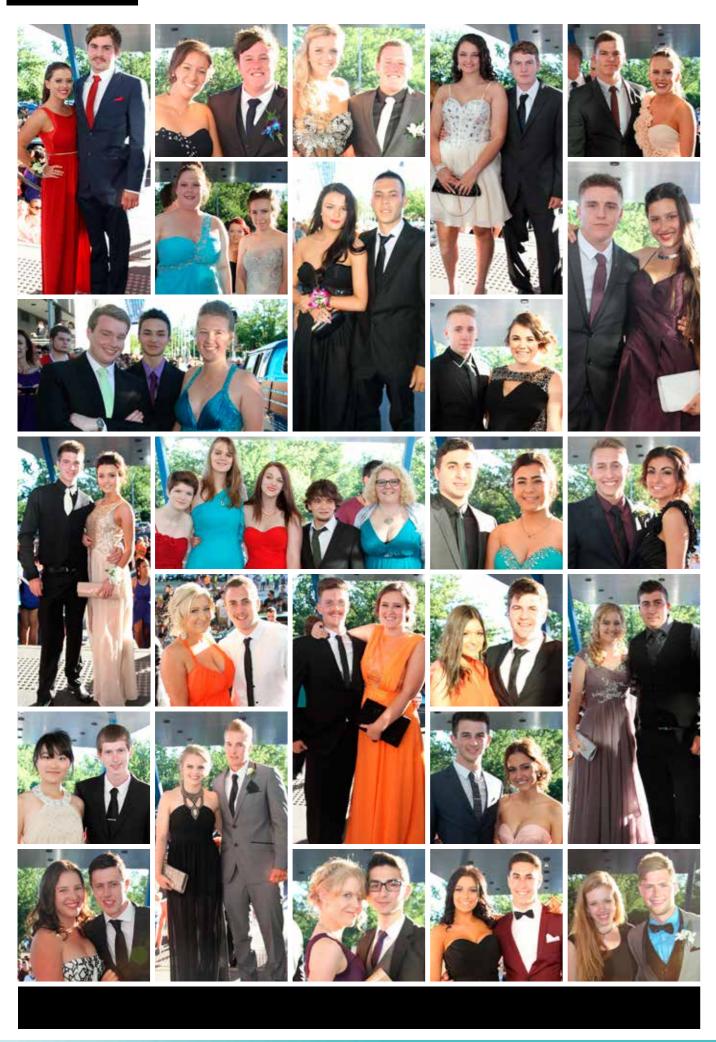


THE FORMAL





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THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD GRACE WILKINSON

The Principal's Award recognises excellence and reflects the outstanding contribution this student has made to College life. The Principal chooses the recipient of this award in consultation with staff at both campuses. This student has shown dedication to their studies, to their leadership role as a Year 12 student, and to broader aspects of College life.

As Faith and Community Captain, Grace has been an excellent role model. She has shown outstanding commitment to whatever she undertakes and has been a true ambassador for the College. Grace has been very impressive in her work across both campuses. She created a number of initiatives for fundraising and was a driving force behind community celebrations such as MacKillop Day. At the same time, Grace showed diligence in application to her studies, making her a very worthy recipient of the Principal's Award for 2013.



THE SR NOELENE QUINANE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ANDREW BARCLAY

Sr Noelene Quinane was the foundation Principal of St Mary MacKillop College. Her vision for academic excellence is reflected in this award, which recognises the student who has achieved excellence in the breadth of academic studies throughout Years 11 and 12. The College uses scaled scores to rank the cohort. Andrew placed first using this numerical calculation. He attained outstanding grades across all of his subjects, has always shown diligence in application to his studies, has always been a pleasure to teach, and has been a tremendous asset to the College.



THE ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP NICOLA PRING

This award is named in honour of Saint Mary MacKillop, our patron. She believed strongly in making education accessible to all people and worked tirelessly to achieve this. Mary MacKillop was a woman of incredible compassion, insight and action. Her charisms are justice, tolerance, liberation and love, and like Mary we believe that these qualities are fundamental to our community. Through her time at MacKillop, Nicola has demonstrated Christian leadership through her contributions to the College, her ability to harness the energy and support of her peers, and her dedication to the College Vision.



THE CALTEX ALL ROUNDER AWARD CARRIE ALTINGER

The Caltex All Rounder Award is awarded to a student who has contributed to the College across a variety of areas and has done so with distinction. This year, the College has decided to award Carrie Altinger with the Caltex All Rounder Award. Carrie has achieved at a high academic standard in 2013 while being a member of the Student Representative Council and an active participant in extracurricular events like College Promotion, College Masses, charity fundraising, the Cross Campus Program, interschool visits, and ISART. She was also part of the Yearbook Design Team. Carrie is a hardworking and reliable individual who has developed into confident, friendly, caring, and mature young woman.

THE TENISON WOODS STUDENTS' CHOICE AWARD DANIEL LOW

This is an Award that gives students the opportunity to acknowledge one of their peers as an outstanding member of the Year 12 student body. It is named in honour of Father Tenison Woods, a co-founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. He was a firm believer in the true and great value of education, working tirelessly with Mary MacKillop to provide education to all who wanted it. Some of the characteristics of a Students' Choice nominee include: enthusiasm, friendliness, respect for others, being active in the college community, promotion of College values, the demonstration of leadership qualities, an acceptance of others and a student who is genuine and authentic. Daniel demonstrated these qualities in abundance throughout his time at MacKillop, and his peers recognised this when they voted for this award in Term 4 this year.



THE ROHAN SCHULTZ 'PER ARDUA AD ASTRA' AWARD KYLE MULLINS

The Rohan Schultz 'per ardua ad astra' Award was renamed in 2009 at the suggestion of members of our College community. The words 'per ardua ad astra' mean to achieve through adversity and we believe the renaming of this award both honours the original recipient and intent of this award and broadens its context to include students who achieve in their studies, who immerse themselves in College life, and who overcome hardship or adversity to realise their optimum. Kyle has been an extremely friendly, trustworthy, and hardworking student. He has demonstrated outstanding drive and commitment to reach his personal goals, he is positive and affirming of others, and is highly respected by staff and students. The contributions Kyle has made to the College make him a most worthy recipient of this award.



OSCAR MORTLOCK

The Creative Arts Award was introduced last year to honour the talent and leadership of our Visual Arts and Performing Arts students. Oscar is exceptionally talented in the field of Visual Arts. Oscar completed a Double Major in Visual Arts, has had work displayed at the Canberra Show and the Tuggeranong Rotary Youth Art Awards exhibition. Most significantly, Oscar was selected as one of only 16 students from around Australia to participate in the National Gallery's prestigious Summer Scholarship Program in January.



THE TEGAN BLUNT SOUTHERN CROSS SPORT AWARD MITCHELL SCOTT

This award is presented to a student who has represented MacKillop in a number of Sports during Year 12, participated at a representative level in his/her chosen sport, displayed outstanding leadership skills and team work, and has a positive approach to others. Mitchell always exhibits sportsmanship, outstanding leadership skills and has a positive approach to his sporting commitments. He has shown commitment and pride in the College for many years. Mitchell represented MacKillop in the following sports this year: Aussie Rules, Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Hockey, and Soccer, as well as umpiring on the Girls Softball Day. On top of this, Mitchell was an active participant at the College Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, was the Senior Boys Cross Country Age Champion, and has been a positive role model to his peers and the wider MacKillop community.





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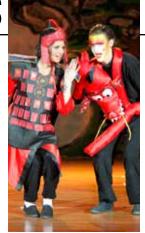
LAST-MINUTE NEWS

CAT NOMINATIONS

THE COLLEGE HAS JUST received more CAT Award Nominations - this time for the 2013 Musical, *Mulan*.

Congratulations to Bella Hunter (Year 12) and Adrian Thomas (Year 10), who have received nominations for *Best Female Actor* and *Best Male Actor*, respectively.

There are still more nominations to be announced, so MacKillop will be hoping to hear its name a few more times before the Awards Ceremony next year.



GENERATION2050

BAILEY MASTERS (YEAR 10) was selected among the best and brightest from around Australia to attend UNE's inaugural Generation2050: Project Feed the World conference in Armidale in early December.

Generation 2050 participants heard from leading educators about what the future holds for students who take up the challenge in Agriculture, and took part in a number of practical activities and hands-on visits to farms.

We congratulate Bailey for his selection and involvement in the conference.

THE WORLD CHALLENGE



HE WORLD CHALLENGE expedition is an experience like no other! Students are required to organise, plan and lead the challenge from start to finish. This is a once in a lifetime experience, so as you can imagine, many students jumped at the chance. The group consisted of 19 students (18 from Year 10 and one from Year 11), two brave teachers, and a World Challenge expedition leader.

After the group made final decisions on their itinerary and completed their pre-departure meeting to ensure they had all the necessary equipment, they were excited and ready to finish school early and head off to Cambodia and Thailand.

Saturday 23 November was the scheduled departure date, students were required to be at school at 12.30pm to get on a bus and get to the airport. There were parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and the next door neighbours at the College, farewelling our students, hence the reason it took so long to leave the College and get to the airport. After many teary goodbyes (the Backer family) and lots of hugs and kisses (much to Connor's disgust) the group finally got on the bus.

The expedition allows the group to experience an array of different things: tuk tuks, meditating in a monastery, trekking on the outskirts of Ratanakiri National Park, as well as painting class rooms and preparing a Thanks Giving dinner at the New Hope for Cambodian Children (NHCC) Orphanage in Cambodia. After Cambodia the group heads to Thailand where they engage in a six-day trek at Chiang

Dao, explore the hill tribe villages (their practices, beliefs and traditional attire) and experience white water rafting.

Congratulations to the students for working so hard to organise such a fantastic trip and a huge thank you to Mr Luke Schofield and Ms Jane Davidson for giving up their time and sharing the wonderful experience.

The 2013 World Challenge group: Braden Reid, Joshua Thomas, Jamie Taylor, Leonardo Kaczmarek, Stephanie Backer, Connor Peart, Tahila Webber, Kate Mueck, Isabel Rowland, Michaela Marquardt, Brianna Cooper-Tulley, Rebecca Hunter, Isabella Jago, Rose McCrossen, Taylah Grady, Samantha Ripoll, Ashleigh Szell, Hannah Ingle, and Ashley Irvin. Teachers: Mr Schofield and Ms Davidson.

Romina Mamone

ENRICHMENT GRANT

SOPHEE WATSON (YEAR 7), Elsa Huber (Year 8), and Kristina Pace (Year 11) were successful in obtaining the 2013 Audrey Fagan Young Women's Enrichment Grant in December.

The grant will help Sophee begin a mentoring role in 'physie', will provide Elsa with a new violin to help with her music pursuits, and will enable Kristina to further her pursuits in technology with a new laptop.

Congratulations to these students and thank you to the ACT Government for offering the Enrichment Program.



FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Words of advice for our Year 12 leavers.

Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid of only standing still.

-Chinese proverb

I I If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.

-Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow