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Transcript

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Whispers Week 10, Term 2 2026

Hello everyone!

Today we celebrated Founders' Day, where we honour the vision and work of those who established our College 39 years ago. This event provides the opportunity to recognise the many generations of students, staff and families who have contributed to the Overnewton story. It is also a reminder that the achievements we celebrate today have been built on strong foundations.

As we come to the end of Term 2, there is much to celebrate.

Performing Arts students have had an incredible term. The 5/6 Musical Production of Seussical KIDS wowed audiences with its burst of colour and talent on display. Earlier in the term our Jazz Band and Big Band travelled to Mt Gambier to compete at the prestigious Generations in Jazz Festival, returning with several awards.

Our Junior School Encore event was held on Tuesday and it was simply wonderful to see our students perform with such confidence and enthusiasm, and to share that experience with so many families.

Our Year 12 students have had a very busy conclusion to Term 2, sitting the GAT last week and having now commenced their Semester 2 studies.

This week has also seen our annual Careers Expo, of particular importance to our Senior School students. I would like to congratulate our Careers Team on the outstanding planning and delivery of this significant event, which continues to provide invaluable opportunities for students and families to explore future pathways.

We were particularly delighted to welcome a record number of more than 30 Old Collegians and current parents, who generously shared their educational and professional journeys beyond Overnewton. Their willingness to return and share their experiences is a perfect example of the lasting connections that define our College community.



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I would also like to extend my thanks to the many parents and friends who joined us for the P&F Trivia Night. It was a fantastic evening that brought our community together in a spirit of friendship and fundraising – and a little healthy competition. Events like these play an important role in strengthening the connections that make Overnewton a special place, and we are grateful to the Parents & Friends Committee for their continued dedication.

I hope that the extended winter break provides you with exactly what you are needing; whether it's the opportunity to slow down, spend quality time with family and friends, or travel to a new or favourite destination, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday period ahead.