



MESSAGE FROM HS HEAD

Dear parents and scholars,

Editorial: Embracing the Journey of Self-Discovery

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." – Proverbs 22:6

As another exciting term starts at Wembley College, I want to take a moment to reflect on the significant role we play in our scholars' growth and development. In today's world, the pressures of parenting can sometimes lead us to adopt overprotective styles, such as helicopter parenting, where we hover over our children, or lawnmower parenting, where we try to clear every obstacle from their path. While these approaches may stem from a place of love, they can inadvertently stifle our scholars' ability to learn, adapt, and thrive independently.

While our intentions as parents often stem from love and the desire to protect, we must consider how over-involvement may inadvertently hinder our scholars' growth. The recent article by ISASA emphasises the importance of adopting the "lighthouse parent" approach—guiding our children from a distance while allowing them to navigate their own paths. As the article states, "A lighthouse parent shines a light on the way forward, allowing children to explore the waters around them while ensuring they have a safe haven to return to."

The importance of personal values cannot be overstated. As parents, staff, and scholars, it's essential to understand our own values and strive to embody them daily. This alignment not only sets a strong foundation for our children but also cultivates an environment of respect, responsibility, and resilience. By encouraging our scholars to explore, make mistakes, and learn from them, we instil in them the confidence to face challenges head-on and the wisdom to appreciate the journey, not just the destination.

