



*Students across all year groups are completing their final assessments of the semester – projects, reports, tests, creations – allowing them to demonstrate a range of skills and competencies. Many of our senior students started their formal examination week where they have the chance to demonstrate their learning this semester against the carefully planned and challenging questions their teachers set. It is a time of year where academic integrity becomes the main, overt focus of the College.*

*This age of artificial intelligence, a focus on academic integrity (the other 'AI') is vital to maintain the excellence in education that is valued at MacKillop. In the previous newsletter, the value of the 'learning journey' and student thinking was discussed. In the past month, this conversation has been had with all students, in year assemblies and campus assemblies, where MacKillop's strategy to maintain academic integrity in the age of AI was outlined.*

*The first part of this process is based around removing opportunity and incentive for academic misconduct via:*

- the use of leading, reliable, AI detection tools, and*
- following robust, fair, and consistent investigation process and consequences.*

*However, our goal is not to catch students, but to promote intrinsic academic integrity and this is the second part of the strategy: to educate students about the value of their own thinking and their own academic voice. This can be a challenging task in an AI-enabled world where a full essay is a simple click of a button away, but we are developing several pathways to guide students to value their own learning in this new age including:*

#### *• Capability*

*In a world where AI tools are available to all, it is the unique learning, thinking and skills that you can apply that will help you stand out and thrive.*

#### *• Discernment*

*In a world where AI produced content is multiplying, it is your own experiences, knowledge and nous that allow you to distinguish truth and beauty from bias and deception.*

#### *• Unique voice*

*The current AI models have been trained upon the writing and ideas of generations before you, but the one 'voice' missing from the AI*