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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Nicholas Amos (9 White) on his selection to represent Tasmania at the U16 Basketball Championships to be held in Victoria in July. All the best, Nicholas.

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Congratulations and thank you to the many students who gave up their time to represent the school at ANZAC Day services this year. It is encouraging to know that our students recognise the contributions and sacrifices made by Australian men and women in the various world conflicts throughout our country’s short history. A special word of congratulations is extended to Student Leaders, who read and laid wreaths at a number of different services.

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