

Celebrating Book Week in the Senior School

The joy of reading permeated the Senior School as students participated in Book Week activities focused on this year's theme, *Read, Grow, Inspire*. The Library Committee brought the theme to life through their creative displays and organised activities to reignite the enjoyment and importance of reading.



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To kick off the week, a panel of students who have participated in the Children's Book Council of Australia's Shadow Judging Competition passionately debated the merits of the shortlist for Book of the Year: Older Readers.

On Tuesday, students from all years enjoyed a circuit break in the form of a Bookmark Workshop where new friendships were formed through lively collaboration. A highlight of previous Book Week events has been the Book Spine Poetry Competition. Budding poets creatively weaved together titles from the library's fiction collection into inspirational poems.

The inaugural Breakfast with Books event was held on Thursday morning, sparking an enthusiastic discussion of the girls' latest favourite reads. Students were also treated to a visit from Sarah Ayoub, a Sydney-based journalist and novelist whose books include *Hate is Such a Strong Word* and *The Yearbook Committee*.

Library Captains, Maya David and Anjali Kailasanathan, then led an engaging question-and-answer session with Ms Ayoub during lunchtime. Throughout the day, students of Year 8 News and Contemporary Studies, the Junior Writing Group and Year 11 Society and Culture were enlightened by Ms Ayoub's experiences within the media and explored the intersection of feminism and culture.

Rounding out the week was the Library Captain's annual Book Kahoot, which saw the competitiveness of our readers shine as they raced to prove their literary knowledge.

Throughout the year, but especially during Book Week, it is always heartwarming to see new pastoral relationships form through the sharing of reading recommendations and an overall love for books.

My sincere thanks are extended to the Library Committee for their inspired championship of the library and to the Library Department, particularly Ms Katie Bowie, Teacher Librarian, and Ms Cindy Teo, Library Assistant, for their support and assistance in these initiatives.

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Years 7-12 students participating in Book Kahoot, organised by Maya David and Anjali Kailasanathan