

Senior School students immerse in literature

This term, students in Years 7 to 10 will enrich their pastoral learning through literature by participating in the Pastoral Reading Program. The program utilises a selection of novels to engage students with key ideas that are relevant to Meriden's Pastoral Program.

Year 7 students will embark on a journey of self-discovery and understanding of the world around them through the exploration of Danielle Binks' thought-provoking novel, *The Year the Maps Changed*. Meanwhile, in Year 8, students will find inspiration in the autobiography of Turia Pitt, a powerful story of resilience and determination.



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Year 9 students will build upon their commitment to service by engaging with the powerful novel, *Because of You*, by Pip Harry which follows the journey of Nola, a teenager who gradually gains insight into the challenges faced by the homeless. Year 10 students have the opportunity to select their novel from a shortlist of seven options that explore the common idea of using one's voice to stand up for your beliefs.

Each week, students will immerse themselves in their reading during their pastoral sessions, providing an opportunity to relax and refocus throughout this busy term. Several Meriden tutors have already taken advantage of the good weather by bringing their tutor groups to the Bell Garden and the Avenue to enjoy reading in the sunshine.

Toward the end of the term, students will be led through a range of activities and discussion topics to help them make connections between their own experiences and those represented in their books. Students have enthusiastically embraced their reading with relish, and I look forward to witnessing the growth of their critical thinking and interpersonal skills as they progress through this program.

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