Dominic College

School's stars shine

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DOMINIC College dominated the Salamanca Arts Centre from November 1-4, showcasing amazing artwork and videos, as well as acting, dancing and singing.

This Arts Festival was a highlight of the school year as friends and family appreciated the wonderful creative talents of the school.

It was also a great opportunity for the students to showcase what they have been working on and build confidence to show it off.

On the opening night of the festival, Dominic College was joined by Liberal MHA Elise Archer who spoke about the importance and continuation of creative arts in school.

She also reminded parents and students that classes such as drama, music, art, media and creative writing have the potential to contribute in a positive way to the development of skills that can impact on a child's future.

The Friday night was dedicated to dramatic solo performances, dance and musical numbers all performed by students from Years 7 to 10.

On the Saturday night, the cast of *The Good Doctor* had their debut performance.

The play, a parody of Russian author Anton Chekhov's life, had crowds laughing at writer Neil Simon's witty humour.

The performance was demanding on the cast, consisting of Year 9/10 drama students.

Musical performances from primary and secondary students in the gallery displayed talents to an appreciative audience.

On the Sunday, a major performance from the primary campus delved into the ancient art of pantomime.

The college was fortunate to have so many teachers looking after displays throughout the day and making sure the festival ran smoothly.

It was this dedication that made the entire Dominic College community proud to be part of this wonderful event.

As a whole the festival was absolutely wonderful, providing a real experience for all those involved.

Those who had their work on display can now look forward to feedback from teachers, students, family and friends, giving them that small taste of fame. The college received praise from many of those in attendance.

"We loved the exuberance, joy and lack of fear in the young people's work," one person said.

IN TUNE: Hannah Humes rehearsing for Dominic College's arts performance night.

Old scholars return for anniversary

IT has been an emotional time this term as Dominic College opened it arms once again to its original students — those who came from England and attended the school when it was first known as Boys Town.

Starting off with a single house, they built the foundations of what is now Dominic College.

The "boys" recently revisited the school for its 60th anniversary.

They shared some of their stories with the students. Many of them spoke of reuniting with their families back in England, while others spoke of the hardships they endured for most of their youth.

They were also shocked to see how much the college had changed since they had attended all those years ago.

While Dominic has kept the original foundations of Boys Town, many things have changed and classrooms and buildings have been added. The most recent addition is a new gym named the Savio Centre.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn about the struggles that the young men went through and to also learn about the history of the school.

● THE college is now preparing to say goodbye to another fantastic group of Year 10s.

As the year draws to a close the school echoes with the memories that have been made over the past four years.

While they are saddened to be leaving, at the same time excitement is building for the leavers' dinner.

It has been an exciting journey for these Year 10s, adapting to all of the changes that Dominic has gone through during their time at the college.

School talk

What have been the highlights of your time at Dominic?

Being at Dominic has been great with all the sporting events and all the sports that I have played. Meeting great people, including the teachers that helped with my education.

Maddie Bligh, 16

Dominic has brought me fun times with playing sports and meeting new mates. Over the past year being at Dominic seeing all the different events that we are all involved in.

Peter O'Keefe, 15

Dominic has been a great part of my life due to being here since Kinder, making new friends and keeping old ones. I had the most fun when it came to the New Zealand trip.

Jess Hapka, 16

Throughout my time I have been involved with a lot of sporting events. Having fun on the New Zealand trip and Year 7 camp, but most of all bonding with my friends.

Olivia Philpot, 16

Dominic College has been a friendly and safe environment with great friends that will be sadly missed. I'm also keen to leave and start something new.

Kieran Dakin, 16

Coming to Dominic at the start of grade 7, everyone welcomed me. Year 10 has been stressful but also looking forward to the leavers' dinner at the end of the year.

Tynesha Burke, 16

Thank you

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