

## FROM THE REC



The iRise Leadership Day was a great success and our newly elected Senior Council and SJH leaders represented the school with pride and enthusiasm. As the iRise logo suggests the students were involved in a variety of workshops which aimed at developing their skills as leaders, inspiring them to proclaim the Good News and to connect with other young people who will share in this mission throughout the Bathurst Diocese. This is Bishop McKenna's invitation to the students:

*Dear Friends,*

*I am looking forward to spending the day with you, the student leaders in our Catholic schools, as you take time to understand your ministry better and seek God's wisdom in doing it. Thanks to all those who have been preparing for this day: may God bless the work of your hands.*

*My message is simply a new invitation to meet Jesus. In him is the forgiveness that brings peace here and now and the opening to eternal life today.*

*In his first year as Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis wrote to all of us with the same simple invitation.*

***"The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms".***

*May our day together be full of friendship and joy, as we realise that Christ walks among us.*

It was a privilege to spend the day with these inspirational and dedicated young people. They certainly give hope to the future of our College and our Church. Many blessings,

*Tina Watson*



Students attending the 'Amp It Up!' workshop on how to refresh liturgy through music.

The students blessed and commissioned each other with the exchange of a gift and the words;  
*"May the spirit of the Lord be upon you."*



Last Friday, our senior councilors and boarding prefects attended the student leadership conference in Orange. Dr. Angelo Belmonte, in thanking schools for their participation, made the following comments:

“Our student leadership formation day - iRise - held on Friday, was a great success. This of course was made possible to the wonderful support given to the event by schools, in particular Principals and RECs.

Thank you again to the organising committee for spending so many hours in preparation - and for your support in releasing people for meetings during the year. To your students, they made your school proud. The keynote presenters, workshop facilitators and the catering staff spoke glowingly of students participation and their interaction with others.”

Best wishes,

*Maureen Moore*

