**Transcript – Equity and Excellence mean…**

Equity for myself is identifying the barriers in one's life, potentially educational or at home. The barriers that may impact their well-being, inclusion or educational achievement and working towards those and providing opportunities to help sort of overcome those barriers.

Equity, to me, I think, means just everyone kind of starting at the same spot.

Equity is more than just treating people fairly. It's about understanding the social, cultural and background differences and also celebrating them. It's about being able to consider these differences and being able to provide equal opportunities to those disadvantaged.

I believe equity is where everyone can have access to resources, where they may be disadvantaged. So someone is disadvantaged they can get resources to be at the same level as everyone else. Whereas equality is where everyone gets exactly the same resources, which could be problematic because people who are already advantaged with the same resources can put them up here, whereas people with disadvantage with the same resources will still not be on the same level.

To me personally, excellence means quite a lot, but to narrow it down, I think that excellence means someone's best, not the best that society makes. But what the best someone’s self means.

Equity means being aware of what sort of barriers students have and being able to accommodate for that in a unique way that will make the student feel comfortable and not feel like they're pressured to do something in a certain way.

Excellence in schools is talking about how the school can provide every student a purpose and place for them to feel like they can excel.

Excellence is all about growth, so it looks different for every individual, but it's all about personal improvement.

Equity is all about giving everybody the opportunities that they need to succeed.