



FROM THE HEADMASTER

5 December 2018

Dear Members of the St Gregory's Family,

The year will come to a close tomorrow with our Christmas Mass which will be followed by the Farewell Assembly after morning tea in The Heritage Room. The Mass will commence at 0900 and the Farewell Assembly at 1115.

At this time each year, we farewell staff who are leaving the College. Thank you to Mr Joyce, Miss Farrell, Mr Coffey, Mr Baker, Mr Carter (will remain in boarding), Mr Benedetti, Mrs Nedelkovska and Mrs Spencer for their contribution this year. The following staff are transitioning to new positions in 2019;- Mrs Murdoch and Mr Brennan. The following staff are retiring from education;- Mrs Dein, Mr Harrison, Mrs Bunce and Mr Cook. I thank them all on behalf of the community for their dedicated years of service and contribution to St Gregory's College.

Thank you to those families who are leaving the College for a variety reasons but have supported the College in their time with us and I wish them well in their future endeavours.

It has been a marvellous year with so much being achieved. The Opening and Blessing of the new Junior School would take prime importance this year in the history of the College. The College has had some very pleasing results this year including last year's HSC results. Recently Marist Schools Australia gave the College information that related to Naplan that they had taken from a research project that they commissioned. The project demonstrated that the College had improved its Naplan results between 2010 and 2017 by 80%. The best amongst Marist governed schools across Australia. The College had some outstanding results across the co-curricular area, most probably the highlight being the State All Schools Champions in cricket once again. I should mention the Sheep and Cattle Show Teams as they always produce great results every year at all shows.

None of these results can be achieved without the support of a committed staff, supportive parents and students who are willing to have a go.

This is my last letter after ten wonderful years at the College. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I believe that I have been very privileged to have been given the leadership of this wonderful Community over the last ten years. It will always be a special place for me and I will take fond memories with me. I have been very fortunate to have the support of my wife, Kerry for without it I could not do what I do. I have always enjoyed engaging with the Brother's Community and I have appreciated the support and presence that they have offered. It has been a pleasure working with the parents, city and country, which has been memorable. I have been fortunate to work with staff who have supported the College vision and helped to make the College the place that it is today.

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I definitely have to acknowledge the young men of the College for their efforts because they are the reason that we are all here.

I leave this year knowing that St Gregory's will be in safe hands with Mr MacMaster and Mr Brooks steering the College forward into the 2020's. Under the guidance and spirit of Mary and St Marcellin, I am sure the College will continue to go from strength to strength.

I wish everyone a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Millar', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Damien Millar