

'Walk in Another's Shoes' was the College theme for 2010. Over the course of the year, we heard many examples of the Overnewton Community walking in another's shoes through displays of great empathy.

Walking in another's shoes was also about looking to those who have walked in great shoes before us, and following the steps those people have taken. Whether skilled tradesmen, academics, musicians, athletes, volunteers, philanthropists, doctors, nurses, architects, teachers, artists, preachers, etc., there are many people who have left shoes of greatness for us to follow. Learning about the motivations, stories and activities of these people helps us to become great ourselves... even if just in our own sphere of influence.

As a College, I believe strongly that we provide some amazing shoes for others in terms of our commitment to our families and this comes from our most unique characteristic, the family contribution scheme.

The ethos created within the College as a result of parental commitment is extraordinary. Time and again, members of our community talk about the support, friendliness, welcome and sense of family that they experience at Overnewton.

Our children come to school each day knowing that their parents are walking alongside them, physically committing to their education, and providing for them the most supportive environment a child could have in which to learn. Choosing this supportive approach for a child therefore is not just about selecting the school and sending them along; it is about contributing personally to the very thing that makes the environment unique.

We are very fortunate indeed to have a College Board that is so committed to the mission of this school. Our Board members, under the leadership of the Chair, Mr Manny Stamatopoulos continue to work to ensure that we have a College that is not just here for our current children but for our children's children also.

The following report confirms that our traditionally excellent academic results continue to place us in the top twenty per cent of schools across the State. The report confirms also that the academic results are not the only thing that is important in the life of an Overnewton education.

Overnewton students, their teachers, support staff and their families are members of a truly wonderful community of people. There are important and exciting bonds between each member of the community that make this a truly great College of learning in its many facets.



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