

Each year, Presentation Night is a wonderful opportunity for the College to come together, reflect on the year that has passed and congratulate our graduating students for their hard work and achievements. In 2016, once again, there was much to celebrate and it was demonstrated in the most impressive group of young people in attendance on the night – the Class of 2016.

As Presentation Night is truly about the students, I chose to deliver a succinct speech that was primarily focused on saying some very deserved thank-yous, which I would like to reiterate in this report.

To College Principal, Jim Laussen, and the team of dedicated staff that make Overnewton tick with their capacity, passion and enthusiasm for their work, which reflects in the school’s achievements and character.

To the Parents & Friends Association – Carolyn Barbuto and the parents and friends who put in an enormous amount of work supporting the school and are a true reflection of the entire parent body who contribute at so many levels to make Overnewton a vibrant and caring community.

To my fellow Board and Committee members, who continue to work through a myriad of challenges, always with an energy and effort, providing guidance, advice, new contributions and ideas.

To the students – our children for whom we dream, we hope, and that we love. You challenge us and sometimes you frustrate us. But, you provide us with unimaginable highs, moments of sheer exhilaration, immense pride and fulfilment. These are the moments we live for; make sure you do as well.

Over my time as a board member at Overnewton, I have reflected on what is the single thing I would remember as the most significant. There were many to consider, but the reality is, it is quite simple – the people. The community, our community at Overnewton.

Words like ‘dedication’, ‘commitment’, ‘hard working’ and ‘passionate’ are always mentioned and thrown about in spades but, for me, it can be much more easily shown in a smile.

For me, when it is all said and done, this is Overnewton.

*Mark Ruff
Chair of the College Board*



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