

Harry Fitzpatrick- Head Prefect 2020
Speech to Senior assembly, 29th January 2020.

I have been blessed with the privilege of being your Head boy for 2020, and this task is one that not only excites me, but is also one I will not take lightly. I have the goal of leading the college to the best of my abilities, incorporating my amazing team of deputies Cameron, Joseph and Luke as well as the Prefect team that will be announced later at inaugural mass.

I intend to lead with the values of love and service always in my mind to allow me to consistently put my best foot forward and leave the college better than before. The value of service is one that I really want to put emphasis on throughout this year, as I will strive to always be giving to people and work with their best interests in my mind. Too often leadership gets mistaken as someone who gets up and speaks to a crowd of people, but for me leadership is about displaying selfless acts of service and love to others, with the intention of creating a positive impact.

2019 saw many great achievements for the school. St. Peter's rugby proved to be a strong force through the many successes it has earned from all the age groups and grades. The school fair was very successful, as well as the school production of, "Jesus Christ Superstar." Additionally, our First V basketball had a very successful year and was promoted back to the premier grade. Furthermore, St. Peter's has also had many academic successes, which have been emphasised through the great amount of scholarships received by our students. The wide range of accomplishments achieved throughout last year is attestation to the the strong sense of pride and heart that students at the college show to everything they do, and how we always strive to be the best we can be.

The previous year has provided us with a great foundation to continue build upon for this year and I encourage you to take advantage of the wide range of activities the school has to offer. However, it is very important for us to remember that academics always take priority and should be our main focus, because at the end of the day we are, "student athletes," and not, "athlete students." I encourage you to push yourself everyday in the classroom and always aim high with whatever goals you set; because if we are to reach our full potential we must not let the fear of falling prevent us from reaching for the stars.

The team this year will look to implement many initiatives, while also continuing to uphold the traditions put in place by previous prefect teams. One initiative we are really passionate about is trying to encourage those that do not have specific leadership roles to still aspire to leave positive impacts on others in the community. If the student body can all come together under the common goal of trying to leave positive impacts on one another then it will create a very healthy environment and culture within the school that will facilitate growth and learning.

Brotherhood at St. Peter's is a core aspect of the college and this is what separates us from other schools. I feel that the passion shown towards this value allows us to have a very healthy culture within the school. However, The concept of brotherhood does require a great deal of responsibility as we need to ensure we're making sacrifices for one another and always making sure we are there for each other during tough times. If we are all able to buy in and commit to truly exemplifying this concept, then that is when it will take its greatest effect.

Additionally, the Prefect team and myself have the goal this year of being approachable and easy to communicate with. We feel it is an inefficient leading style if others are not able to come up to

us and talk with us about specific ideas. So we encourage you, no matter what year level, to not be afraid to come up and talk to us about any situation or topic, as we will always be here to listen.

Finally, as we emerge into the new stages of this school year, I encourage you to go forward and represent the college with passion and pride in everything that you do. Whether it be on the sports field, on the water, on the stage, or in the classroom, act humbly in any successes you achieve while learning graciously from any failures you encounter and strive to create your own legacies within the college.