

Konrad Toleafoa – Head Prefect Speech 2021

Tihei mauri ora

Ko te rangi e tu nei

Ko papatuanuku I takoto nei

Ko te tangata ki waeganui

Tena koutou

Welcome brothers and staff to the first senior assembly of the year.

It is a surreal experience for me to be standing here before you. In years past, I have been in your position, watching and listening to each Head Boy at the start of the year give their speech. Today, it is my honour and privilege to be standing before you as your head boy for 2021. While the task excites me, and it is a task that I do not take lightly, I will give everything I can along with my fellow deputies Aaron, Dominic, and Jordan.

My intention and commitment is to lead the College through our motto "To Love and to Serve" in everyday College life. The value of service is one that I want to really emphasis throughout this year. Examples of service could be picking up some rubbish rather than walking past it or giving the elderly and sick a seat on the train or bus. Leadership is sometimes mistaken as someone who gets up and speaks to a crowd of people, however for me leadership is someone who displays selfless acts of service and love to others, having a positive impact on those people.

We as St Peters College men, should always set a good example for the younger students of the college. Showing respect to our brothers and teachers always.

For us all, 2020 was such an unusual year because of COVID 19. We had 2 long lockdowns and these challenges had not been experienced before. Through a challenging year we were able to achieve academic success. With our Year 13's last year gaining 100% University Entrance and 100% pass rates for

both Level 1 and Level 2. All our premier sport teams continued to perform at a high level and will be looking to continue to push the limits this year. There was no St Peter's Fair or Polyfest due to Covid-19 restrictions, but the school production "Chess" went ahead with 6 shows. These performances reaching new heights of professionalism and skill. Young Vinnies were able to raise over \$9,000 for Leukaemia and blood cancer awareness. The chapel of St Peter was blessed and opened in 2020.

I am excited to see what this year holds for everyone one of us. I look forward to seeing all the co-curricular activities grow and I encourage every one of you to push yourself outside of your comfort zone and reach for the stars.

My vision this year along with my prefect team is to strengthen the unity of St Peters College. For us to accomplish this, us as seniors must be role models for our younger students of the college. With this as our vision, our goal as a prefect team is to be approachable and easy to communicate with anyone who wants help, whether it be schoolwork or about any situation in general. Another goal is to positively grow and strengthen our brotherhood within the college. It is important to understand that we all have a huge role to play in this, because without you there is no such thing as brotherhood.

Finally, 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.

I pray that the Lord guides us all this year and protects us in whatever we decide to do, because without him nothing is possible.

Thank you