

I'd like to firstly, above all, extend my heartfelt gratitude and respect to my fellow applicants: for their extraordinary passion and dedication, their never-ending humility and for their constant service to the life of the college in all that they do.

I feel so humbled and so enormously blessed to be able to accept this role and to be granted the opportunity to work closely with Charlie, Lachie and the rest of the incredible student leadership team elected on your behalf. I'd like to congratulate all of them on such a significant milestone.

Today, I'm making a commitment. One to continue to uphold the standards of the college, but more importantly, to always represent **your** best interests.

I'm committing to being an honest leader who listens, and above all, one who acts. One of accountability and integrity. And a leader who's not afraid to roll up his sleeves and get his hands dirty in your service.

I'm committed to fostering a positive change. Positive change that lasts far beyond my time at the college. Positive change that invokes a collective compassion and empathy and allows all of **you** to reap the abundance of rewards of an incredible school which flourishes when we all play our part.

Every student standing up here today before you brings something unique to the table: a talent, a quality that will guarantee our productivity when we collaborate.

This has been a journey for me, and the road to a privilege like this is rarely straight or without obstacle. I'd like to thank my mentors and peers and for all of Year 11 – who supported me so avidly and persistently. Genuinely, I feel the love. And I want to give back to you – because you guys never gave up on me.

I've seen what this school can do, I've seen the alumni it's produced and the absolutely amazing and diverse pool of talent we're so blessed to have.

I have full confidence that over this next year we'll achieve great things, and I only hope that we make our lasting impact.

As your college captain elect and for all the leaders, we've got a lot of exciting initiatives planned and I know I speak on behalf of the rest of the boys when I say we're all so excited to get things started.

Once again, thanks to everyone who's been along for the ride and made this opportunity possible. I could never have done it alone.

It's only up from here boys. Cheers gents and God bless.