

WARDEN FAREWELL SPEECH

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Warden, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Towards the end of 2017 when St Paul's was searching for a new Warden, we were in the midst of a media crisis, we had agreed to an external review of our College culture, we were constructing two new huge buildings with the intention of increasing the size of the undergraduate community by 50% and introducing an entire new graduate community of women and men. It's safe to say that there were probably some easier jobs out there. In fact the last two years have proved that there are definitely easier jobs out there. In fact the only harder job I could think of was trying to appropriately recognise all that the Warden has achieved with the students here over the past two years into a five minute speech, but I've given it a crack.

The SCC of both 2018 and 2019 has had the pleasure of working closely alongside the Warden to help improve our beloved college. In what was a period of high scrutiny of and pressure on the College, the Warden guided us on a journey of cultural renewal and helped us appreciate the importance of the cultural review process. Importantly, he made it our journey. The Warden spent many hours on many Sunday afternoons with my predecessor, Barney, working on an action plan that empowered the student body to own every step we took to fulfilling our promise to take cultural review seriously. Don and I have spent hours in meetings working together to continue implementing these action points and reflecting on their progress. The Warden built a synergetic relationship between the staff and the students to the benefit of the College as a whole and that is the mark of a great leader.

Importantly too, in the last two years the Warden has worked with students to revitalise the longstanding tradition of service that Paulines before us have established, the perfect example of which is the portraits of two Prime-Ministers at the back of the hall. Paradoxically on my left is Billy McMahon, and paradoxically on my right is Gough Whitlam. I, like the Warden has done before me, many times, refrain from commenting on their quality as Prime Ministers. Warden, I must confess that I don't actually understand that joke, but it always gets a laugh so consider it officially stolen. The Warden worked closely with members of the 'Outreach Syndicate' as they have established a fruitful relationship with the Newtown Mission, and more recently with the Legacy Week Committee, as over 100 members of the College volunteered for Legacy and helped them drastically increase their funds raised in the CBD. Under the Warden's leadership, St Paul's is once again fulfilling its potential as an institution established

under the longstanding tradition of collegiate education and we will continue to operate in this way well into the future.

Finally, it would be awry to not mention the even better bar that the Warden with the Sub-Warden, Senior Tutor and Noel, has helped the boys to improve. Before the Summer renovations of 2018-2019, the College Bar had a very distinct smell of urine and regret. Also, there is no longer a direct view of the men's bathroom from the dancefloor to the dismay of some, but the gratitude of the many.

But as much as it has been a pleasure working so closely together with the Warden, we are all especially going to miss the man, Dr Don Markwell. Anyone who has worked closely with Don will know that he's a very funny man. I remember once talking to a student who had just met with the Warden over some disciplinary matter, and he told me that the Warden invited him into his office and the first thing he said was 'Please, have a glass of water. It's good for you, you know.' The Warden's big smile and willingness to always have a chat makes him the best type of Warden. He takes a keen interest in every student's wellbeing, and it's that interest which has allowed him to develop a strong relationship with most every student here. When the Warden started here last year he met with every single student to get to know them, chat about their progress, and understand who the Paulines of 2019 were. This is indicative of a leader who cares about his students, and that is something we are all so grateful for and something we will sorely miss.

Over the course of my tenure as Senior Student I've always admired the way the Warden speaks, and have often sought advice from him for my speeches. One piece of advice that has stuck with me is 'don't talk about yourself too much'. Well, unfortunately, Warden, I couldn't run this speech by you so please excuse the following self-indulgence. Warden, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work so closely with you and on behalf of the students we are so grateful for the work we have done together for this College. You've been a role model for me and have taught me so much about leadership and life in general, and I consider myself very, very lucky to have worked with you in this capacity. Following your leadership, and under the steady guidance of the Sub-Warden, I hope I can continue the work we have done together over the past nine months. We will all miss your humour, your presence, your conversations and most of all the way you care about us. We wish you all the very very, best in Adelaide.

Congratulations and good luck. Thank you