

A year ago today Maddy and I stood up here for the very first time as we began our journey as leaders and as Year 12 students. Having the opportunity to now hand over the reins to Evana and Dylan serves as a reflection on our own beginning, which seems like only yesterday. One word of advice, take it all in now and seize every opportunity, because it sure does go quickly.

This experience has been truly incredible. Over the past year I have had the pleasure of meeting so many new faces, including the likes of the leaders of the CRC Federation. Gaining an insight into different points of view from all different areas within the school community has allowed me to further my skills in so many ways, and I am so grateful for all the invaluable opportunities that have bettered me as a leader, and as a person. Through this role I have been able to learn from these extraordinary people, who have heavily contributed to the success of our leadership team this year.

Fulfilling this position has by far surpassed my expectations of what it might entail. Last year when I made my very first speech as College Captain I talked about my ambitions to take on the challenges and apply myself as best as possible. Meditating on my venture as we now approach the end of our captaincy I am able to recognise and reflect on the rewarding experiences that I've had the honour of undertaking, each with so much to offer.

This year wouldn't have been possible without the unrelinquishing support from so many people. Maddy and I owe our gratitude to Ms Sertic and the entirety of the student leadership team, who all worked tirelessly in collaboration on so many fantastic projects, events and schooling endeavours. Having such a hardworking and dedicated group behind us made our job much easier and allowed us to successfully focus our attention on relevant issues and address them cooperatively.

To my family and my girlfriend, thank you for your unconditional love and support this year, even in times of stress or frustration. Thank you to all of the year 12 teachers, whose constant desire for us to succeed never fails to go unnoticed, even though sometimes it may go unmentioned. Most importantly I would like to acknowledge Maddy, who has been an exceptional companion and whose determination and willingness to contribute to this school community has had such a beneficial effect on myself and the rest of the student leadership team.

It would be naïve to not acknowledge that this is merely the end of the beginning, as we close this chapter of our lives and open a new one. In years to come I will look back on this time very fondly, having participated in and contributed to so many amazing involvements. I wish the best of luck to our successors for 2019, may you have just as much of a gratifying and fulfilling experience as we did. Thank you to everyone who made this year possible, it truly has been unforgettable.