

Standing in front of you all today is a bitter sweet experience. Today marks the end of an incredible journey for Ethan and I, but it is also a day that holds new beginnings for each and every one of us.

This year has taught me that with every day comes a new beginning. Each morning we have the opportunity to decide how we will face the day, and each night we have the chance to reflect on what the day has offered and what we can take from it.

In the process of trying to gather my thoughts onto paper regarding this incredible role as college captain, I had the pleasure to reflect on the days that have made up this school year. The days that I experienced success, thanks to the hard work and determination of a strong leadership team, who never fail to overcome challenges in order to continue to better the school environment.

The days that I experienced personal triumph, thanks to qualities that this role has allowed me to have, which is to be patient, grateful and hardworking no matter what the situation. And also, reflecting on the days that I experienced hardship and difficulty. This year I have overcome challenges that I thought I was incapable of overcoming. I was unable to understand what I could learn from these hard times. But by looking back on these days, I have learnt how truly lucky I am to represent a school that offers such strong support. I am so proud that each day I was able to be the face of a college where I could comfortably turn to anyone, student or teacher. I would never have received this role if it wasn't for this support, and I never would have been able to get through the year without those close to me.

There are so many people that I wish to thank, but there are however a few that I can't go without saying. To my beautiful friends, who push me to be the best person I can be day in and day out. My family, who urge me to keep going in times of doubt. To my lovely teachers and amazing homeroom teacher Miss Griffin, for not only putting up with me, but providing me with endless opportunities to excel in any circumstance. And lastly, my year 12 cohort. We did it. We are on the home stretch. If it wasn't for you guys I wouldn't have had this opportunity, as you all believed in me from the beginning.

I urge you all to remember that each day is a new day, full of new possibilities. Do what scares you and take on challenges. Taking on this challenge of school captain, and working alongside Ethan as my co-captain, who is one of the hardest working people I know, has been so rewarding and I will be forever grateful for what both he and the experience have taught me.

Thank you all so much.