



CELEBRATING THE ESSENCE OF UC

In recent years our students, staff, Council and alumni have fostered a community that many talented and wonderful students are constantly eager to join. We consistently receive far more applications than available places. Our community is welcoming and friendly and takes great pride in celebrating the success of others.

This year, we have enjoyed outstanding academic results as well as successes on the sports fields, while there has been no shortage of talent in the performing arts and students' creative endeavours. Our students continue the tradition of leadership, and have built on a culture of contribution and service.

The community service committee has been involved in a range of activities collecting toiletries for the St Mary's House of Welcome and books and magazines for the Royal Melbourne Hospital. A number of them are now working with 'Crossing Borders' to set up a shared meal program for refugees in Brunswick. Sustainability remains an important focus for the Student Club.

Most importantly, we have been surrounded by fine young men and women with whom it has been an absolute pleasure to engage.

As Head of College, seeing our students develop intellectually, have informed opinions, grow as young men and women and become excited about their futures is a joy to behold.

As we seek to build on our success, I have been privileged to work with the College Council in realising our vision for the UC 2017 project. This will provide more talented students an opportunity to be part of the UC experience without losing our collegiate community.

As the biggest capital works project undertaken since the College doors first opened in 1937, it will no doubt be quite a challenge. But the commitment of the Council and the staff is extraordinary. Importantly, the response from our students and alumni has been so positive and supportive. It is wonderful to feel their excitement and pride in the future of UC. We thank all those who continue to support the College and welcome your feedback and questions as we progress with this important endeavor.

Our focus will always remain on the quality of the student experience. In his valedictory address, third year student Zak Kapakoulakis talked about his experiences and memories with the 'one big family' that is UC and of the wonderful opportunities he has been given here. He described UC as 'something special', saying it would not be the same if it were not for the people as they are the ones who make UC so memorable. Zak concluded that he and his peers were incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to spend some of the best years of their lives in this remarkable place. We look forward to maintaining that culture as we embrace the future of our collegiate community.

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