

COLLEGE CAPTAIN WELCOME

Hello, my name is Oscar Morrison, I'm your College Captain for 2021 and it's a privilege to welcome you to St Joseph's next year.

We honour and respect the Traditional Owners of the Land on which St Joseph's College stands, the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation.

We thank the Wadawurrung people for passing on the stories of this Land and we promise to honour their teachings. We pay our respects to Elders; past, present and emerging.

We are inspired and nurtured by their wisdom, spirituality and experience. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside the Wadawurrung people for reconciliation and justice.

Our College motto is 'Ad Alta Virtute' which means to strive for the highest and that is what we want all students to do. This is part of our vision and is evident all around the school - on our crest, in the gym on banners, on our buildings, our website, on letterhead, in the newsletter, you'll see it all around the College as you go to and from class. It is something that becomes part of what you embrace when you join St Joseph's.

Compassion, Innovation and Integrity are our three pillars and we truly believe that when you leave St Joseph's, you will embody these characteristics. Opportunities inside and outside the classroom, involvement in community service and immersion trips will develop a sense of gratitude in what we have and how lucky we are, but also perspective on what needs to be done to help others.

To our incoming Year 7s, not only will you find yourself immersed into the history of St Joseph's, you also symbolise the next stage in the proud future of this College. Throughout your next six years here at the College, I encourage

each and every one of you to take hold of as many opportunities offered to you as possible. Whether they be in music, leadership, academic pursuits or sporting endeavours, these very opportunities will help shape the kind of person you are and the kind of person you will become. I can guarantee that each and every one here tonight will leave this school changed young men.

To the new class of 2021, we look forward to seeing you back here on Orientation Day- Tuesday 8 December. I, along with your incoming Deputy Captains William Baum and Benji Mangar, look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible, and working with you whenever we can. I'll say it now, but you'll also probably hear it from me again, if you ever have any questions you want to ask me, or even just simple hello in the yard next year, I encourage you to do so – I'll always be up for a chat. So finally, I hope you are all eager and excited about the start of your secondary schooling journey, and the opportunities that you will get access to over the next six years.

Thank you and see you soon.