

Address to the Graduating Class of 2025

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Tonight is a celebration of a remarkable journey. It marks the conclusion of years of learning, commitment, and determination for the Class of 2025. As your Year Coordinator, it has been an honour to witness your transformation, watching you develop confidence, character, and a sense of purpose as you enter the next chapter of your life.

To the parents and carers of Year 12, thank you for entrusting us with your daughters' education and growth. Together, we have built a partnership that placed their learning, wellbeing and College values at the centre of all decisions. This collaboration has given them the stability and encouragement they needed to flourish, to face difficulties head-on, and to rise stronger after setbacks.

To our office and support staff, your steady presence and generosity form the quiet backbone of this community. Your patience, kindness, and professionalism support not only our students and parents but every member of staff. Please know your contributions are deeply valued.

To the amazing Domremy teaching staff, whose guidance has shaped these young women from the classroom to the sporting field, from the stage to excursions and camps — thank you for your commitment and care. Over the years, you have challenged and inspired Year 12, broadened their thinking, and nurtured their unique gifts, encouraging them to strive for excellence even when the path wasn't easy. Your passion for learning and dedication to our College spirit shines through in all that you do, leaving a lasting impact that has helped shape these young women.

To our College Principal, Mrs McGahan, Deputy Principal Mrs Vassallo and the Executive Team, thank you for your vision and leadership. By living out Nano Nagle's call to "Let the Light Shine" and upholding our

motto *La Vérité*, you ensure that truth, integrity and service are not only taught but modelled daily. With your leadership, our College also draws strength from another guiding principle: “Deeds not Words”, a motto that embodies the life and work of Nano Nagle, the foundress of the Presentation Sisters. It calls each of us to action, to make our values visible through what we do, not just what we say. These values will remain with our graduates long after they leave here.

And finally, to the Class of 2025. My Year 12s – although you are the second graduating group I have had the privilege to lead, each cohort brings its own unique journey. This year has been no exception: different, very special, and deeply rewarding. You have been an inspiration. Some of you have moved through these years seamlessly, while others have faced challenges far beyond what young people should have to endure, yet you met each obstacle with courage and resilience.

You now stand at the threshold of a new chapter, carrying compassion, determination, and a drive to make a difference. You have not only sought excellence but have also left a tangible mark on our College: helping to establish two new Houses, Siena and Joseph, and leading them to victories in the Athletics Carnival and the College Cup. You have shown initiative through lunchtime sports programs and by ensuring quiet spaces during major events like Domremy Day. In doing so, you have demonstrated genuine care and empathy, making every student feel included and valued. These qualities are the true hallmarks of leadership and service.

As you go forward, keep seeking truth, hold fast to your values, and continue to let your light shine brightly, living “Deeds not Words” in all that you do. Remember our College theme: “The storyline is yours – what role will you play?” Take the courage, integrity and compassion you have shown here and write the next chapter of your own story with purpose and joy. I look forward to seeing you in the future, continuing to inspire and sharing your achievements with our community.

On behalf of the College, congratulations. May God bless you always.

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