



A Farewell Message from Principal Domnic Melino

I consider myself fortunate and also honoured to have been part of this community. I will miss it, but I will also take away many wonderful memories as I move on to the next chapter of my life.

I have been asked what I am going to do when I have officially retired. I plan to do a lot of things. After 9 years of 12 hour days, I am planning to embrace domestic life at home (my wife, Ada, doesn't think so but I am determined to prove her wrong). I am going to be a full-time dad to my daughters, Julia and Francesca. I am going to read books that have been on my reading list for years. I will continue gardening and landscaping, and I will continue developing my woodworking and house renovation skills. I plan to be busier than ever... but I know I will miss you.

I will miss my colleagues on staff for their support, friendship and persistent drive for excellence.

I will miss one of the most committed group of people I have ever known - our parent community. I will miss your continuous words of encouragement.

As for you the students, I did not think about how I would feel or what I would miss until Adam asked me for next year's

yearbook message.

I will miss the extraordinary music making, I will miss the ongoing academic successes, I will miss the caring and supportive relationships, I will miss the seven o'clock practices, and I will miss winning one of the many pennants. Most of all, I will miss watching you grow with my colleagues and sharing the pride you and your parents will feel as you walk up the Cathedral aisle on graduation day.

Lastly, I want you to know that I am still working on improving my skills and finding the best of me - that is part of life's journey. Thank you for being part of my life for the past 9 years. I will always be grateful for your unending support and for the extraordinary collection of experiences that I will always cherish.

Thank you!