Our Dear Class of 2015...

We are, every year, proud of the achievements of our graduating classes and your group is no exception. Throughout your time at Chev, you have shown yourselves to be people of courage, compassion, knowledge and goodness. You have our respect and, above all, our love. Fr Jules Chevalier said... “It is by the Heart that we are something”, and you are leaving us, having given us something very special - part of yourself. You are and will always be Chev kids, great kids! Live your life “Strong in Faith”.

The Principal, Teachers and Staff of Chevalier College

... Over my time at Chevalier, I have been continually reminded of the unique and overarching spirit of this place; a spirit that was inlaid by Father Jules Chevalier when he began the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1854. This spirit was highlighted in the MSC Constitution No. 11 that states: “Ours is a spirit of family and a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood, formed by kindness and understanding, by compassion and mutual forgiveness, by gentleness, humility and simplicity, by hospitality and a sense of humour.” It was after reading this that I sought out where the MSC spirit resided, where it worked its magic. However, I soon came to realise that this spirit doesn’t have one resting place, it has many, as it resides everywhere at Chev. In particular, it is within you all here today. This is because, through your everyday actions, you are living and exemplifying the MSC ethos. You are exhibiting a compassionate, welcoming, kind, knowledgeable, humble, charismatic spirit which adds to the greatness of every member of the Chev community; past, present or future. ...I could not have asked for a better group of people to accompany me over these past six years and I have you all to thank for putting up with me for that long. I wish you all the best of luck in the HSC and hope to see you all achieve everything you strive towards.

Joel Bourke
Chevalier College Captain 2015

...The most valuable lesson that Chev has taught the meek little Year Seven girl that I was, is to be unafraid, to wildly be myself. I learned that, really, we cannot teach people anything. We can only help them discover it within themselves, and for all of you sitting here, that is something I want you to know is the most empowering quality to possess. That for me, Chev has helped me to discover.

Year 12, my hope for each of you is that your worries, mistakes and failures remain small, that you always have the courage to start over, and that your dreams remain indestructible. Develop your own compass and trust it. Take risks, dare to fail, remember that the first person through the wall always gets hurt. But most of all, I hope you never shrink yourself for the sake of others, because I know that all of you sitting here are too vibrant and exuberant to be confined by any restraints. You are art - never doubt the impact that your splashes of colour can have on people. Be your vivid selves.

I hope that in your lives you have the strength to remain the kind, intelligent and important people you are. Each of you has power enough to change the world. As famously said by Nelson Mandela, “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? I say, who are you not to be?”

Anna Reid
Excerpts from College Captain’s 2015 Farewell Speech

Good Luck and Best Wishes for the future...!

Congratulations to our Class of 2015!

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