Aroha Mai, Aroha Atu

Love Received, Love Returned
The Korowai
Arete

Living to one’s fullest potential.
“To educate boys to become the men the world needs”

The world need love & the world needs arete.
“Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.”

– William Butler Yeats
“And how can man die better
Than facing fearful odds...
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers
For he today that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother”
• If you don’t make every decision based on your vision, in the end you will fail.

• That nothing is ever perfect. We have to learn to accept that, live with that, and remain optimistic while being realistic.

• That a key part of leadership is reflection – just as the Jesuits, stop, completely, twice a day, to reflect on their purpose, we have to understand that we have to have moments of intentional silence in our day. It is not just doing the jobs, it is doing the jobs which make a difference to our world.
• That there are stages in the journey, and each stage has its challenges as well as its real rewards. Cherish the stage you are at, and find the joy of being new in your leadership role, just as much as the joy you gain when you are experienced and confident.

• Retain the passion you feel for your school, or leave. Never do the job for the money – we have to do it for the boys!

• Never be fooled into thinking that you are the sage on the stage! Humility is a key quality of being a strong leader.
In your relationship with boys, treat the rest like the best, and the best like the rest!

Always address poor and mediocre behaviour from staff. Never leave it! Respect the best staff by having a complete lack of tolerance for those who are not meeting expectations. Always work with the expectation that teachers will become better teachers. Don’t let them fail.
Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua

I walk backwards into the future with my eyes on the past.
“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.”

– Edmund Burke
“Is that which is holy loved by the Gods because it is holy, or is it holy because it is loved by the Gods?”
Hamilton Boys’ High School
“One never loves enough”

- Aldous Huxley
Thank you for your care, in listening to me today!

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