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2017 has been another remarkable year in St. Peter's College. Our Senior Football team has been heroic and has lead us on a hero's journey. The final against St Brendan's was no less heroic in terms of performance, endeavor and courage. Heroism is transformational, enhancing the lives of others as we put ourselves at their service. It is about doing the right thing and, of course, this goes way beyond the playing pitch. Acts of heroism occur daily at St.Peter's College. They are the simple acts of caring that ultimately underpin community. We are encouraged to make a difference in the lives of others no matter how near or how far. Be heroic.

I want to thank all members of the school community for their continued dedication and heroism. I would like to thank our Patron, Bishop Denis Brennan for his support and encouragement throughout the year and Mgr Joe McGrath, for his outstanding work as Chairperson of the Board of Management. I extend a very special thank you to the members of the Board of Management, the Students' Council, Parents' Council, and Past Pupils' Union.

I congratulate the students for their efforts in so many academic, sporting and cultural events. Our students continue to bring great honour to the College through their many outstanding achievements. In particular, I thank our 'Senior of the House' Carl Riordan and our 'Sub-Senior' Barry O'Connor, who were outstanding ambassadors of the College and represented us with distinction. I congratulate Barry also on his selection as Student of the Year. Every student can aspire to feature at our award ceremony at the end of year mass. The first steps are taken 'behind the lines', unnoticed, unheralded. It starts with presenting for school on time, in uniform with your homework done. It continues with engagement.

Thanks to all the parents / guardians for your support and encouragement over the year. St Peter's College has maintained a strong tradition of parental and community links over the years and I am confident this partnership will continue to grow and flourish.

In St Peter's we are blessed with a very talented and dedicated teaching staff whose influence and commitment extends far beyond the classroom. I thank them for their on-going commitment and dedication.

To our Chaplain Fr Aodhan, a special thank you. I am glad to say that the Catholic ethos, friendships and camaraderie that are synomonous with the College continue to flourish under your care.

To the administrative staff, secretaries, caretaker and security staff, I thank you for your extraordinary contribution to the College, its staff, students and parents. Thanks also to the cleaning staff and the staff of “Oven Door Catering” whose contribution is a valued and vital part of College life.

Education is about much more than the transfer of knowledge. Our boys are encouraged to be aware and curious, humble and honest, to think morally, open mindedly and accurately, care about one another and be willing to stand up and be counted. Excellence is not an act but a habit and we are what we repeatedly do.

I wish all our students well with their Leaving and Junior Certificate exams and in their future careers.

I wish you all the very best for the summer months and look forward to your safe return to us in late August. I wish the community that is St Peter’s College, God’s Graces and Blessings with continued success into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Callaghan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a small 'J'.

Principal