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INTRODUCING THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2020:



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ALANNAH SULLIVAN

STUDENT LEADER 2019-20

I attended Grose View Public School and my time there was an enjoyable experience. I was involved with many school group activities including dancing and choir and I really enjoyed hanging out with my friends.

My hobbies and interests include listening to music and singing. I enjoy social justice, as I am interested in learning about the world around me as well as analysing the laws of our society.

Whilst at Colo I have been involved in many programs such as Duke of Edinburgh and Student Representative Council and have been part of planning committees for events such as the senior jacket design committee and the formal planning committee.

I have always enjoyed my classes and the extracurricular opportunities I have participated in throughout my time at Colo. I have enjoyed being a part of the Student Representative Council and having a say in the way our school functions. Colo has allowed me to form many friendships and learn a lot.

For the HSC, I am studying English Advanced, English Extension 1, and Maths Standard, Legal Studies, Society and Culture and Music. I am studying these subjects as I have a strong interest in them.

I am confident doing the HSC at Colo, as I know that I can access support if I need it and I am informed about the realities of the HSC and everything that I need to strive for.

Being a student leader at Colo for 2020 means that I have a voice and can relay the voices of my school community and help to enact change.

BAILEY LANGHAM

STUDENT LEADER 2019-20

For primary school, I started off at Kurrajong North Public School from kindergarten to Year 4, after which I moved to Richmond Public School to join the Opportunity Class for Years 5 and 6. Kurrajong North was a small school environment with maybe just under 10 people in my year at times. It was good because I had close relationships with my teachers and learnt to make friendships with people that I wouldn't have initially considered being like me. Richmond was another good but different experience as it allowed me to step outside of my comfort zone, make new friends, meet new people and integrate into a larger school community.

My hobbies and interests include; motorbike riding, hiking/camping, aviation, debating, taekwondo and conservation, which have lead to me participating in some great activities at Colo, for example, Group Triathlon, Cross-country, AFL, Swimming, Duke of Edinburgh, Year 11 Ski Trip, debating as well as other programs such as Spirit Week, Year 10 Formal, Peer Support, Peer Numeracy Roll Call and more. Many of which have been some of my favourite times at Colo.

For the HSC I am studying Physics, as it is a prerequisite for aviation. Geography because I enjoy the concepts and some of the skills are applicable to aviation. Earth and Environmental Science as the content ties in well with Geography and I enjoy learning about the environment and natural phenomena like volcanic activity and earthquakes. Mathematics (Advanced and Extension) because maths isn't subjective and I am given feedback where I can make direct improvements. Economics as I thought it would be interesting and English (Advanced), well because English is compulsory.

Completing the HSC at Colo High School means finishing my 13-year journey with familiar friends and achieving the best possible ATAR.

Being a student leader at Colo for 2020 means being a voice for the school community and our peers; developing leadership and speaking skills and experience; identifying flaws and proposing plans to assist in fixing and improving them.

JAYLEN BILBIJA

STUDENT LEADER 2019-20

I attended Grose View Public School from Kindergarten to Year 6 where I was also School Captain in 2014. My primary school experience was a lot of fun as Grose View was in bushland and we had wide-open spaces with environmental classrooms as well as chickens, a new playground and lovely teachers making it an enjoyable time to find great friends, learn plenty and represent the school with a lot of pride.

In my free time, I enjoy playing various sports including soccer and squash. I also enjoy reading in any free time I can find and have quite the impressive book collection. I also love reading Vogue and Harpers' Bazaar, as I am an avid lover of fashion and high-end couture. I also attend many concerts, as I love music and live performances.

I have loved the opportunities that have been presented to me at Colo, these have varied from academic to sporting opportunities and I am grateful for every single one. The teachers also offer an extensive range of support networks and they make attending school that much more enjoyable. For me the transition from Year 7 to Year 12, as well as the schools transition throughout this time has been fascinating to be a part of. In 2018, I was a Year 10 Peer Support Leader and now I am a student leader and have also been apart of the girl's soccer team since Year 7. In Year 10, I was also on the formal committee and the Year 11 senior jacket committee, I was an exam scribe, a Year 5 and 6 ambassador at local primary schools, House Vice Captain 2019 for Eagles, as well as participating in a number of other programs offered at Colo.

Doing the HSC at Colo means being able to achieve the best possible result with the help of empowering and dedicated staff members who only want the best for their students. To me it also marks the end of a journey, being proud and knowing that I was given every opportunity to succeed.

The subjects I have chosen to study for my HSC include; English Advanced, Modern History, History Extension, Society And Culture, PDHPE, Business Studies and Legal Studies. I decided upon these subjects because I am extremely interested in every single one of them and believe the more interested you are, the more you get out. I also share similar interests with my dad who also did many of the same subjects as me when he attended Colo. These subjects are also well-respected subjects offering quality marks towards a respected ATAR provided I maintain the work and obtain quality results.

To me being a student leader means garnering the qualities and attributes all great leaders possess, as well as to gain experience and valuable knowledge that will help us in leadership positions potentially in the future. I also want to be the voice of the student body and in my year as leader I wish to listen to their requests and act upon them whilst striving to make it a better place for all that accompany the school, reiterating that Colo High School is THE place to be. It also means following in my families footsteps as many of them were also student leaders at Colo in years prior and this to me is my way of doing them proud.

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JEREMY YABSLEY

STUDENT LEADER 2019-20

I previously attended Ironbark Public School from kindergarten through to Year 5, then moved to Comleroy Road Public School to complete my primary school education. Moving during primary school was a difficult transition, as Ironbark was a large school of over 1000 students and Comleroy had just 110.

Moving into high school, I had just a few friends who would be attending Colo with me, but since then I have been involved in many school programs and met many new friends.

The programs I have been involved with include: Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver and Gold), Student Representative Council, Peer Support Leadership, Peer Numeracy Leadership, Year 5 Leadership Day, Legacy, Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day ceremonies and I have also taken the opportunity to volunteer in various roles as often as possible.

These programs have helped prepare me for my role as a student leader and for me this leadership opportunity is a huge accomplishment and honour. I know this role will not only allow me to develop and maintain leadership skills but also introduce me to the wider community.

Being a student leader will allow me to work with a great bunch of students whom also share similar goals and beliefs, in particular of greater student involvement within Colo. I am looking forward to working with the team over the next year.

I have a strong interest in Tae Kwon Do and aviation with future aspirations of joining the Australian Defence Force as a RAAF Pilot. In order to make this a reality I am studying the following HSC courses; Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, English Advanced, Legal Studies and Business Studies.

Completing the HSC at Colo High School means completing my school journey alongside the friends and teachers I have gotten to know over many years. I have found Colo to be really supportive and offers many opportunities that help guide us senior students. I believe Colo performs well in the HSC and it will be a privilege to complete my schooling career here.

OLIVER ABELL

STUDENT LEADER 2019-20

For primary school, I attended two different schools, Bilpin Public School and Blue Mountains Grammar School. My experience was a bit of a rollercoaster that fortunately had more ups than downs, but despite that I managed to pull through to get through to where I am now.

My favourite hobbies and interests include; model plane building and flying, military aircraft (Air force), spending time with my friends and sports including AFL, rugby, soccer and cricket which lead me to being a part of the Colo cricket team.

During my time at Colo I have also been involved in a number of programs including Year 5 and 6 leadership days, peer support and peer numeracy programs, and most recently the Student Representative Council and now I am a member of the Student Leadership Team for 2020.

For the HSC I am studying the following subjects Mathematics Advanced, English Standard, Food Technology, Legal Studies, Chemistry and Extension Science. I've chosen these subjects because they give me a good platform to use as I leave school and get into the workforce, after having an illustrious career in the Air Force.

Completing the HSC at Colo High School to me means that I've got the best chance possible to achieve to the best of my ability, and to get the ATAR that I would like to obtain.

I have enjoyed my time at Colo, seeing friends that I haven't seen for ages, and having more opportunities to do what I love doing and being a student leader is part of that. Being a student leader means that I must put in, to the best of my ability not just academically, but physically and when I am out on school business.

SAYA CARROLL

STUDENT LEADER 2019-20

For primary school, I attended Bilpin Public School from kindergarten to Year 6. My time at Bilpin Public School mostly consisted of sport. I played soccer, cricket, and handball, participated in the cross-country and athletics carnivals and had very intense games of tip and bull rush. Throughout primary school I loved hanging out with my friends and learning from really great teachers. Overall being in primary school was a joyful experience, without any responsibility.

Moving into high school I still continue to be involved in the cross-country and athletics carnivals, but I have also been a peer support and peer numeracy leader, a member of the Student Representative Council, a student leader and assisted with the organisation of our Year 10 formal. Being involved in these programs has created some of the things I've most enjoyed about being at Colo. For instance developing new friendships, gaining access to new opportunities, being put outside my comfort zone and enjoying Spirit Week shenanigans.

My hobbies and interests include; exercise, sketching, watching TV shows, cooking and science and my interest in science shows in my HSC subject choices. For the HSC I am studying Physics because solving problems and understanding why objects behave the way they do intrigues me. Chemistry because understanding how chemicals react is super cool and completely mind-boggling. Biology because it is an interesting subject involving the human body, cell structures, genetics and more. I am also studying English (Advanced), Mathematics (Advanced, Extension 1 and 2) as well as Business Studies.

Being a student leader at Colo for 2020 means I can be a voice for the students at Colo, be able to make a change and impact on the school, develop more confidence and really make a contribution.

For me, completing my HSC at Colo means that I can get a good education close to home and spend my last years of senior schooling with close friends, good teachers and my family. I am able to do the subjects I want at a school that allows the students and teachers to speak their minds and make positive changes and make Colo *the place to be*. So yes, it means quite a lot to me because everyone gets to be who he or she wants to be.