



JOSHUA J. SMITH - STEPHENS HOUSE

HOUSEMASTER'S YEAR 12 TESTIMONIAL

Joshua Smith has been a day student at Toowoomba Grammar School after commencing in Year 5 in 2011. He has enjoyed his many years at the School and has developed into a confident and capable young man.

In his scholastic endeavours, Joshua has studied Chemistry, English, Graphics, Mathematics A, Physical Education and Technology Studies as his chosen Senior courses. He is currently achieving positive results and has demonstrated an industrious work ethic. Joshua has been rewarded for his academic efforts during his school career with Special Commendations and Pro Diligentia Awards, a Pro Summa Diligentia Award, and an Encouragement Award for the Young Creator of the Year.

Joshua has embraced the School's co-curricular program and made a significant contribution involving himself in GPS Swimming (Captain of the team in his final year), and Rugby (4th XV), Football and Volleyball in previous years, as well as having represented the School in the local Basketball Competition. His performances in Rugby resulted in him earning Man of the Match Awards and receiving the 16E Rugby Most Valuable Player Award. It is his performance in the pool, however, that is most notable. He represented Darling Downs at the State Swimming and Water Polo Championships, and Queensland at the National Swimming Championships. He dominated his preferred Breaststroke events often finishing with first placings at GPS, State and National levels, resulting in Co-Curricular Awards, Honour Colours for Swimming and also a record of 1.09.57 in the Open 100m Breaststroke at the House Swimming Carnival. Most impressive though is the fact that Joshua competed at the Commonwealth Games Swimming Trials.

Joshua also participated in a wide range of Inter-House activities including Cross Country, Singing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Track and Field, Tug-of-War and Volleyball. There is much to be gained from this aspect of the School's offering in terms of camaraderie and enjoyable experiences. I was also particularly pleased with his participation in the TriCare initiative where he demonstrated both empathy and sensitivity towards others. Joshua has benefited from and enjoyed making his contribution to these areas of school life. He was a very deserving recipient of Co-Curricular Awards for Swimming over the years. However, of particular significance Joshua also received The Singy Myles Trophy for Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement of 2018, and the Outstanding Performance Award (G.R. Banks Trophy).

I have enjoyed my association with Joshua, especially as his Housemaster, and thank him for his work in Stephens House. He has maintained a strong focus and a self-disciplined approach towards achieving the best possible outcomes in Swimming. These are fine personal qualities which when combined with his caring nature towards others, as mentioned earlier, will stand him in good stead in years to come. I wish him every success in his future undertakings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.A. Sullivan', is written over a horizontal line.

P.A. Sullivan
DAY HOUSEMASTER

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