



To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I vouch for character and abilities of Mr. Mark Papadopoulos.

I have known Mark in his capacity as a student at Newington College and as a leading junior tennis player in NSW. I am proud to be associated with this outstanding young man.

As a tennis player, Mark was the number 1 ranked player in the school (and ranked number 2 across the AAGPS sports association). He represented the AAGPS (Athletic Association of Great Public Schools) and the NSW CIS (Combined Independent Schools), as well as the NSW All Schools team who won the national championships (Pizzey Cup) this year.

Mark regularly sacrificed his Australian ranking tournaments because of his commitment to representing Newington in AAGPS weekend fixtures. In recent years, Mark was part of Newington's successful campaign winning the AAGPS 1st Grade premiership in 2016, as well as leading our team all the way to the individual school championship final in 2017. He was also selected to be a member of the Newington TASP (Talented Athlete Support Program), identified as an athlete who will pursue a professional sporting career, or undertake a student-athlete pathway.

As a young man, Mark represented his school, his family and his peers with honour. He was 2017 Newington Captain of Tennis. He won the ONU Service Prize for tennis, awarded for his contribution to the game. He has assisted with the coaching of our junior players, and always attended weekend fixtures encouraging our teams to victory. He has been a true leader among his peers, and this is recognized by the school.

I personally have known Mark for over five years and am proud of the man he has become. His parents, Tim and Maria, can be proud of the manner in which he represents his family on and off the court.

Mark is passionate. He is determined to study and play tennis at a USA college next season, and is trying to secure a US College athletic scholarship. I wish him all the best in his endeavours and I know he will be a great asset to any roster who picks him up. At Newington, we pride ourselves on a *Reputation of Resilience and Respect*, and Mark is a perfect example of this mantra.

I am available, on phone or email, to further discuss this reference. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Kind Regards,

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