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Dear Parent

Foremost, I would like to say that it is impossible for me to ever reflect fully how grateful I am for the opportunity you have given me. Through your kindness in spirit and generosity, I have been introduced into a world broad in scope with infinite possibilities; a million words can do no justice for all you have done for me.

I arrived at Cranbrook at the beginning of Year 9 and was instantly immersed into the boarding community of Rawson House (led by Mr James Boyd). The environment that boarding breeds is one that is truly indescribable to anyone that hasn't experienced it – the sense of loyalty, humour, mateship and support found within the House was evident from day one and held true throughout the course of my time here. I have realised now the power that the 'simple things' in the boarding house - such as conversations sitting on the balcony and games of touch footy in the afternoon – have had on both my personality and my overall attitude towards life.

In regards to my academic experience at Cranbrook, straightaway I was thrown into a world of education that turned my previous schooling involvement 'on its head' so to speak. I found all my teachers would go above and beyond for me regardless of my ability or age, as well as a classroom that constantly stimulated learning. This has helped me immeasurably in regards to my study habits, classroom effort and contribution, my HSC and my results - and can be owed completely to your generous donations towards the Martin Pitt Scholarship.

Outside the classroom, I have also had a vast array of amazing experiences. I have had the honour to play for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV (Rugby) and earn colours for it, as well as to play for the 1<sup>st</sup> VII (Water Polo) and earn an EQV badge. Furthermore, I have also represented Cranbrook for Discus and Shot Put in the CAS Athletics in 2015, volunteered for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal and Clean Up Australia Day, gained my First Aid and CPR Certificates, completed my work experience at Bay Active Physio in Double Bay, toured both domestically and overseas for Rugby and completed my Outward Bound courses for Years 9 and 10. I was also lucky enough to be encouraged and selected for the National Art School HSC Intensive Programme for Life Drawing, completing with a mark of 45/50. Overall, Cranbrook and the Martin Pitt Scholarship has allowed for me to actively participate in a wide variety of experiences, to which I would have never previously been able to do.

Personally I have also learnt – as my Housemaster would say – valuable 'non-atarable skills' to take into the world. Respect, true friendship, coping mechanisms, attitude, passion and hunger with humility are a few of the key 'non-atarable skills' that I have learnt at my time here at Cranbrook. Cranbrook life has taught me that you do not have to be confined to one thing, that you are allowed to be engrossed in sport and also enjoy art, drama or music; I have learnt that individualism and a broad base of skills are vital in life. Overall these traits I believe will hold me in good stead for whatever life throws at me.

Looking to the future, the concept of travel is one that excites me. I have been lucky enough to gain a spot as a Gap Year Student at St Andrews Prep School on the south coast of England, and am locked in to work there until the close of 2019. There I will hopefully be able to help out on both an academic, art, sporting and casual front. After that I am planning to either return to Sydney and begin University, go to University overseas or travel the world while I'm able to!

I have been so fortunate for my time at Cranbrook School, and would like to thank everyone that has helped contribute to my time here. To Mr Boyd, my family, my friends and especially the Martin Pitt Scholarship donors, a huge thank you; I will be forever grateful for this life-changing opportunity, and I hope I have made you all proud.

Regards,

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***Inaugural Martin Pitt Scholarship Recipient (2014-18)***