This year the Year 12 and Year 11 groups held their formal dinners where they invited partners and had fun eating and dancing. They looked terrific and the dining room was superbly decorated by the boys with the help of our housemother Pat Meredith. Pat and Donna Ingleton have worked tirelessly all year for the boys. They sew, they drive them to appointments, they tend their ailments and they spend time and emotion listening and chatting to the boys about the small things and big things in a teenager’s life.

I send a sincere thank you to all the Boarding staff, senior and junior supervisors and teachers for their care of the boarders. They work long hours and their task can seem thankless but they are greatly appreciated and I know I speak for the parents and students when I thank them for another good year. My colleagues Mr Keddie and Mr Whalley work tirelessly, efficiently and with great good humour as they manage the minute details of everyone’s lives. I cannot thank them enough for their support.

Finally, an enormous thank you to the boarders and their parents for a great year in Boarding.