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**Mother of Sam (OX 2019) and Joe (Year 10)**

My two sons, Sam (OX19) and Joe (Year 10) attended Kostka for two years each, Years 7 & 8, from 2014. Whilst their experience seems brief compared with students with much longer experiences, they will forever be boys of Kostka Hall.

Graduating from Kostka Hall was a moment of pride and they hold their mementos crafted by families from Timor close to their hearts. It allowed them both to establish friendships that continued on throughout their time at the Senior Campus and beyond. The travel from home to Xavier by the Sea was a roll out of bed as close to the bell as possible and a cycle to school; this changed to a much longer journey on the train to Xavier College but was always done with great friends from Xavier and other schools across Melbourne. Plus, the added bonus of all those additional hours on Learner plates driving across Melbourne to early mornings APS training!

My sons have both established themselves in Triathlon with all the events so close to Xavier by the Sea and Sam went on to lead the College as Triathlon Captain in 2019. As parents, the Campus was always a welcoming environment and I always enjoyed the invitation to class masses and time spent volunteering in the canteen serving the students hot food on those cold winter days outside. The relationships built with Kostka parents remain strong as we supported each other as our students' journeys continued though the senior levels and beyond into higher education and work.

Fond memories have been built over our time at Kostka Hall and with great sadness that we say farewell to this very special campus.