



## **Peter and Paddy Callinan**

*Peter:*

I have been lucky enough to have Kostka as part of a few different phases of my life. Firstly as a student in the 1980s. It was a wonderfully vibrant school with so much family involvement. Then to return as a teacher where I could be part of the lives of the boys has been great. Over 15 years I have loved the interaction with the boys and their families as they forged their own Kostka experience.

The final phase has been as a parent. A huge source of pride to have my son attend Kostka and experience the nurturing and caring environment that Kostka provides. I have loved watching him set sail on his own unique Xavier experience.

Teaching is a wonderful vocation and to make it even more special I have been able to now be teaching the sons of my former school mates. This has been a particularly rewarding experience.

I am very excited about the next phase of Xavier College as I believe a Years 7-12 campus will change the whole dynamic of Barkers Road. The opportunities for the boys from all levels to engage with each other will be invaluable and who knows, perhaps a little bit of the spirit of Kostka Hall will transfer to the senior campus. Let's hope so!

*Paddy:*

My name is Paddy Callinan and I am in Year 7 at Kostka. I have been lucky enough to be at Kostka for the last 3 years and have loved every day. Some of the best memories I have of my time include playing footy on our unique back oval and playing cricket on the front oval overlooking the bay on a nice sunny day.

I have made some fantastic mates and I'm sure if my dad and grandpa are anything to go by, these mates will be with me for many years to come. I have also just completed the final Kostka production of "Billionaire Boy". It was a lot of hard work but the result was really enjoyable and I'm glad I had a go at it.

I'm really looking forward to coming up to the senior campus next year and taking up the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.