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Good morning fellow and old Xaverians, my name is Sam Noonan and today, like my cousin Paddy I wanted to touch on how special it is to be a Kostka boy.

I loved Kostka. I was happy to go to school from my first day as a grade 5 right up until I walked out the New St gates at the end of year 8. It was such a special place for me. The tight-knit community meant I was able to establish relationships with nearly all the boys and teachers. Everyone at Kostka is an individual who is known, supported, and cherished. Moving to the senior campus is a sharp contrast from life at Kostka. It was a big but a welcomed change coming together as 'Xavier Boys' in year 9. I love it here and although I endeavour to meet as many staff and students as possible, with the sheer numbers you no longer know everyone, and they no longer know you. Despite being outnumbered by and becoming great friends with the old Burke Hall boys, the Kostka friendships always stay with you. I have found that whenever you see an old Kostka boy around the campus there is an immediate and special bond.

In this final year of Kostka I have been lucky enough to be the head of the junior school liaison prefects. This allows me to overlook having a few of the older boys down at the campus and even popping down sometimes myself to connect with the younger boys and reminisce about all of the wonderful memories I had down in Brighton.

I know when I say this I'm not alone, I'm genuinely going to miss Kostka and the close community that surrounds it. However, having a small contribution in its send-off has been extremely meaningful to me and I am very grateful to have had a small part in such a rich history.

