



GIRL'S SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECH

When was the last time you challenged yourself? Perhaps to finish your homework on time, to challenge your friends to a handball game or simply to read a book you've been dying to finish. I want you to keep that in mind.

Good morning students, teachers and parents. My name is Taylor Moppett and I stand before you today, proud and humble and ready to discuss the reason why I want to be your school captain for 2024.

I joined Orara back in 2019, a scared and nervous girl about to start Year 7, with lack of confidence and hardly any friends. I had to face many challenges, however my first impressions of Orara were simply this, a big community of students coming together to challenge each other and themselves, to show off their talents, whether it was in sports, academics or creative arts, but no matter what the outcome was they always supported each other, and that's exactly what Orara did to me. Orara shaped and supported me into the person I am today, seeing the kids challenging themselves inspired me to do the same, which is why I am standing here today, to challenge myself, to do something out of the ordinary. Whether I fail or not, I am taking a leap of faith.

Sport has always played a big role in my life, whether it's a team or individual sport, it has taught me how to encourage, inspire and motivate my teammates.

I believe Orara is much like a big team, and while it's my intention to lead from the front, I will always make sure no one gets left behind, because the only way we can achieve great results and face every challenge is if everyone is working together as a team. As I see it, leadership isn't about the role, but more about the goal, and as a possible future captain my ultimate goal will always be, to lead Orara with respect and dignity.

To me school captain is more than a badge or a leadership position, it's a chance to make a positive impact not only on the students but to the teachers as well, it's a role where you put hard work, focus and teamwork together, and as my dad often says leaders become great not because of their power, but their ability to empower others.

Over the years I have witnessed many proud captains and leaders of this school. Their passion and devotion not only encouraged me to be like them, but also made me realise the amazing opportunities this school has to offer, and I want to continue this astounding legacy by always being there for my peers, no matter what, or how hard the challenge is.

As someone once said, "in order to carry a positive action we must develop a positive vision" and my positive vision for 2024, is to encourage everyone to wear the school emblem with pride, while also maintaining a respectful, inclusive and safe environment for all of Orara.

Before I leave you today I dare say that the message I am trying to get across to you, is that challenging yourself is part of the day to day life , it's okay to win some challenges and to lose some, it's okay to take that leap of faith, whether you're confident or not, because challenging yourselves and failing builds more confident and stronger leaders. So, remember to challenge yourself once in a while.

To be a leader of this school would be the greatest opportunity, and challenge to receive and with your vote, I will make sure to support and encourage you all, making 2024 the best year yet. Thank you!