

# SUPPORTER Q&A

## WITH GLENN CUSHION

Glenn Cushion is the General Manager of the Ingleburn RSL Club, which has been a supporter of Mater Dei for at least the last 15 years. Recently, Glenn and members of the Club's Board attended a special assembly at Mater Dei where they presented us with the new flagpoles and flags that the Club donated.

**Q** What have you learnt since you began your connection with Mater Dei?

**A** Mater Dei is more than a school. It is a very unique organisation that offers early intervention and residential programs, has an extensive volunteer base and a large group of supporters who are welcomed as part of the Mater Dei Community.

**Q** You have stayed loyal to the cause for some time. Why?

**A** Yes we have. It is easy for the Board of Ingleburn RSL Club to stay involved with an organisation that has the ethics and values that are evident at Mater Dei. Our Club has limited funds for community support, so it is important to ensure any grant made is to an organisation that has the standing of Mater Dei. Of equal importance is the chance to directly help the children.

**Q** Do you have a favourite story to tell about Mater Dei?

**A** I have two. During one of my visits to Mater Dei recently, I was shown through the classrooms and whilst they are impressive, it was the warm welcome I received from the children and their happiness that impressed me the most. Then, there was the day that Debbie Gates rang to ask me if I knew who would be the best company to supply flagpoles and flags for the entrance to Mater Dei school. I have to hand it to her, because her enthusiasm was such that it inspired the Club to take this great opportunity to sponsor the project ourselves!

**Q** What is your mantra?

**A** Treat everyone with respect regardless of their position and take time to get to know your staff and colleagues. Also, take time to remember how important your family is and to tell them so.

**Q** What books have had an impact on you?

**A** Wayne Bennett's 'The Man in the Mirror' and Bob Hawke's 'Memoirs.'

**Q** If you could invite any special guests to dinner, who would they be?

**A** My wife Leigh, children Max, Darcy and William and my father John.

*Editor's Note: Our Primary House Captains are now responsible for raising and lowering the flags.*

