

# SUPPORTER Q&A

**J**im Marsden, Senior Partner of Marsden's Law Group, is Chair of the Organising Committee for the Foundation Dinner, Mater Dei's largest and most glamorous fundraising event.

How did you first become involved with Mater Dei?

**Q**A On March 16, 1974, I married my wife, Marion, in the Mater Dei Chapel with hymns and songs provided by the beautiful Mater Dei Choir conducted by the saintly Good Samaritans. One could not ask for a better first contact with Mater Dei.

Living in Campbelltown my entire life, I have been aware of Mater Dei and the work that it does. Over the last 12 years since my involvement with the fundraising dinner, I have become more acutely aware of what Mater Dei does for its students and their families.

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

**Q**A Never underestimate these kids. Always expect the unexpected from them and enjoy their happiness with them.

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

**Q**A It is not a matter of loyalty when it comes to Mater Dei. There are many, many good causes to devote some time and energy to. For me, Mater Dei is a special one.

Who are the most inspiring people you have met?

**Q**A There are many people in the world who can inspire. Most of them are famous writers, orators, philosophers and the like. I mean it when I say the kids at Mater Dei and their parents give me inspiration. The closest of those kids to my heart is Jacqueline Adam. Watching and being part of her life, in a small way, has been inspirational for me.



## WITH JIM MARSDEN

What is your mantra?

**Q**A Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

What book or movie has had a great impact on you?

**Q**A One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest.

If you could invite five people to dinner, who would they be?

**Q**A My wife and four children. I wouldn't stop at five though. I would have their partners and kids. I would also have some of my closest friends. If they were all unavailable I might consider people such as Nicole Kidman, Jack Nicholson, Barack Obama and maybe even Mohammed Ali.

**Jim is pictured at his office in Campbelltown with current Mater Dei student Heidi Johnston and former student Jessica Cutner, an employee of the Marsden Law Group, in front of one of his Mater Dei student artworks.**

