

SUPPORTER Q&A WITH JOHN ADAM



Before being elected as Chair of the Mater Dei Board in 2015, John Adam chaired the Finance sub-committee, Development sub-committee and until May 2015 was Vice Chair of the Mater Dei Board. As Managing Partner at Marsdens Law Group (long time and generous supporters and advocates of Mater Dei) John has contributed significantly to a wonderful relationship between Marsdens Law Group and Mater Dei as well as between Mater Dei and the wider business community of the Macarthur area.

Q How did you first become involved with Mater Dei?

A Marsdens has been a long time supporter of Mater Dei. I first attended a Golf Day in 2000 and it was at there that a group of us decided to put on a fundraising dinner which is now the Foundation Dinner held each September.

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

A I have learned to be more tolerant of people, to be more forgiving and to be amazed at people's potential.

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

A As a parent of a student, I understand the impact Mater Dei can have on people's lives – not only the kids but their entire family. I can't forget that.

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

A My daughter Jacqueline was in year 12 and the Cardinal was visiting and she was asked to welcome him. She was asked to say "Good morning Your Eminence". When the Cardinal arrived Jacqueline welcomed him by saying "Good morning your M&M". She did that deliberately because she thought it was funny.

Q Who is/are the most inspiring person/people you have met?

A I am not a celebrity watcher so I have no individual person who inspires me. But I do get inspired by normal people becoming successful by hard work and perseverance.

Q What is your mantra?

A Keep turning up and have a go.

Q How do you like to spend your leisure time?

A I work hard so my leisure time is very important to me. I now have four main leisure activities being golf, snow skiing, an interest in a couple of race horses and going out with my daughter Jackie to the movies and/or lunch each Saturday.

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

A I can answer that easily. I am about to turn 60 so I have decided to go away with my five best friends, namely my wife Anne and my four daughters.