

The Newington Citation acknowledges the considerable contribution made by parents or families to support Newington's vision during and beyond their son's schooling.

NEWINGTON CITATION 2017

Kerrie and Con Dedes (ON 1987)

Con Dedes was at Newington from 1982 to 1987. He had a passion for Cricket and Football and in his final year, received Colours for 1st X1 in Football, an achievement he is most proud of.

After leaving Newington, Con ventured into the hospitality industry and for the past 35 years, he and Kerrie have grown the Dedes Group on the simple principles of impeccable service, food and fabulous locations.

Con and Kerrie's connection with the College became even stronger when their son Stavros started at Wyvern in 2005. Con will always be found on the side lines at the cricket, football and rugby – watching his son and all of his son's mates do their best for Newington – while shouting numerous coffees!

In the meantime, they always make the Dedes Groups venues available for parent functions and voluntarily sponsor and support a wide range of other Newington endeavours. Indeed, the numerous extra-curricular functions they have generously subsidised and hosted at their restaurants over the years is one of the most significant ways in which Con and Kerrie have helped to build the broader community spirit at Newington.

Outside of the College, Con and Kerrie are very successful business people and philanthropists, being major supporters of HeartKids and Heart Research Australia. Con's solo 100km walk from Wollongong to Woolwich raised close to \$100 00 for Heartkids. "Look after your people, son" was Con's father, Stavros favourite piece of advice and Con and Kerrie have delivered on this advice through their business and through their devotion to Newington College.

The College is proud of Con and Kerrie's achievements and is grateful for the ways in which they have served and supported the Newington community over many years. We congratulate them on being awarded the Newington Citation for 2017.

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