

2022 TRANBY COLLEGE
COLLEGE CAPTAIN SPEECHES



Daniel Cairns

Gandhi said, ‘The best way to find yourself is to serve others.’ I’m paraphrasing, but you know what I mean. Service is important to me in a number of ways, and this will make me a good College Captain. I’ve been a student at Tranby College since year 4. Through these years I’ve had many opportunities to do service to the communities through the emergency services cadets and my out of school aspiration, venturer scouts.

I have lots of opportunities for leadership both in and out of school. I’ve been a house representative, I’ve been the Indonesian captain, I’ve went to the Jane Goodall roots n shoots student leadership excursion. Out of school, I’ve been the chairman of the Baldivis Venturer Unit, the representative for South Perth in the Branch Venturer Council and I was in the CampWest design team, which means I organised an event for 3000 youth. I also play guitar. Over this time, I’ve made mistakes, I’ve learned, I’ve improved as a person and here I am now, aiming for a position that will take me even further.

Being a College Captain is going to help me as a person by building on my strengths. I will advance my leadership skills to grow my potential as a school leader and as a youth leader in and out of school. As a College leader I will work towards creating an indoor and outdoor space where we can gather, relax, and have fun. This will be vital during exam periods to help us recharge, de-stress, and chill out. It is important that we are heard, and we have a say in what is done for us. I can act on any matters important to us to make our school experience the best it can be.

I’m proud of being a student at Tranby College, and I think we have a great tradition of student leadership. I would be very proud to be a student leader and to be part of this tradition. I will be an excellent representative for the year 12 student cohort.

I’ve been Daniel Cairns. Leader, senior, guitar player. Thank you for listening.

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Jarmonie Liyanage

Hello, you may or may not know me, but my name is Jarmonie. I would expect that most of you, view us upper years to be much older, as I did myself. I can remember year 7 as if it was just yesterday. This concept of time is what I want to explore today, to give you all an understanding of who I am.

I look at you all and see the future generations that hold great potential. Through my responses to experiences, I’m able to see them as life lessons, which has led me to find the importance of time and decision making. Most of us tend to not think about our actions, attitudes, and behaviours but these are what present us to the world.

This is why I want to become College Captain, I have learnt from my experiences and have found myself taking advantage of healthy habits, this has opened a new path for me where I work towards being the best version of myself.

Change is inevitable, it is always going to occur, this is why I truly believe that it is important to demonstrate the College values in our everyday lives. I know that I am capable of influencing those that are open to beneficial change, as I want to be the person that any of you can come to, for meaningful conversation and encouragement.

This is a powerful concept called The Butterfly Effect, that is evident in all of our lives. Just to think that every decision you have ever made has resulted in you to be exactly where you are right now. If even the smallest thing in your past was done differently, your entire life would be a completely new story to tell.

For example, the opportunity of coming to Tranby College would have never come without my great grandad. Coming to this school brought me to a better environment which in turn, led me to make better decisions. If you had known me a few years ago, it is clear to recognise the change that I have undergone.

This greater change occurred through taking on beneficial habits such as reading, meditation, journaling, etc. which brought me to understand the world through a different lens. I could go on about other concepts such as the misconception of popularity, the universal laws, others judging the character of you in their own minds, etc. but I am unable to cover it all in this speech.

I do have one last note to leave on, and it is one of the many quotes that I live by.

There are 4 things you can't get back in life:

- 1. The word after it's said*
- 2. An opportunity after it's missed*
- 3. Time after it's gone*
- 4. Trust after it's lost*

And I would hate to miss this opportunity to be College Captain.

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Mikhail Shaik

Good morning everyone. My name is Mikhail Shaik and I have applied to be your 2022 College Captain. Some background information about myself is that I was born in South Africa and in 2017 my family and I moved to Perth. Some of my hobbies include playing football and basketball, gaming and I am a huge Manchester United Fan. Now I would like to tell you why I have applied to be your Tranby College Captain for 2022. Ever since I came to Tranby in year 7, I remember people giving their speeches for this role and I never thought one day I would build up the courage to apply but time went quick and with the encouragement of my peers I have decided to put my name down for this role.

I have found school to be a rollercoaster ride, it has its ups and downs, and everyone experiences it differently. Some people find rollercoasters fun and exciting while others may find it scary and overwhelming. In my experience I have found it to be a mixture of these emotions from the highs of camps and learning new things to the lows of failing a test or getting a detention. Some of the highlights of my schooling career are the friendships I have built that have helped shaped me into the person that I am today. These have led to many memorable moments such as playing with fire in Mr Kenny's chemistry class and all the boys singing Party in the USA on the way to a football tournament. Although there are a lot of these happy memories, I know for a fact school isn't always a fun and happy ride. It can be a daunting place due to what feels like endless piles of homework and having to put yourself out there even when it makes you uncomfortable, for example me standing here today. Through these ups and downs, I would like to be the leader that can guide you on this rollercoaster ride that we call high school. I aim to do this by supporting and encouraging people to use all experiences, both good and bad, as learning opportunities, and I would like to make myself available to help people in different aspects of their schooling life, whether it be academics, on the sporting field or just to lend a listening ear.

Many a people have said "You don't need a title to be a leader" so regardless of whether I am successful I would still do my best to play a part in supporting and encouraging you during my last year at Tranby.

Riley Walsh

Good morning everyone, my name is Riley and today I'll be talking to you about why I believe you should vote for me to become College Captain.

I have been a student at Tranby College since Grade 5 when my family moved from interstate. During this time, I have seen the school grow and change as I too have personally grown and changed. I believe that by being given the opportunity to be College Captain I can continue this process as the school too continues to grow.

Throughout my time at Tranby, I have held a number of leadership positions, I have valued the opportunity and would like the chance to continue to further develop my full potential whether this is through further leadership opportunities, at sporting events or standing here talking to all of you.

I believe I would make a good school Captain as I have solid leadership skills. I have immersed myself in College activities and have been a member of the school Cadet program since year 7. Throughout this time, I have taken part in all aspects of the program including Disabled Surfing, tree planting and clean-up activities to name a few.

Through Surf Lifesaving I was lucky enough to be chosen to participate in a Leadership camp earlier this year by Surf WA. Within my club at Secret Harbour, I am now not only an active patrolling member but also a qualified trainer, surf boat rowing team member and pool rescue competitor where I have competed at state level numerous times.

When not volunteering at the Surf Club or competing I work as a swim teacher. Through this I have learnt the skills of perseverance and patience. I have also played basketball in local competition for a number of years where I have worked within a team.

I believe that the skills I have learnt from taking part in the above-mentioned activities will help me to be a successful captain. I am able to talk to peers of all ages, I value honesty and am approachable.

I'll leave you with a quote in the words of Walt Disney "If you can visualise it, if you can dream it, there's some way to do it".

My name is Riley Walsh, thank you for listening.

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Tom Leo

Good morning staff, students, and parents. My name is Tom Leo, and I am applying to be your College Captain for 2022. I am a year 11 student at Tranby but originally, I was born in Kalgoorlie and lived in Kalbarri before moving to Perth in 2014. I came to Tranby in 2017, when I was in year 7 and immediately loved everything about it. I was able to be a part of so many different things including college productions, interschool sports events, curriculum competitions and service opportunities like cadets.

Ever since coming to Tranby, College Captain is something that I have always aspired to become, as they are able to make a difference around the school and support others around them. I also believe that College Captain is the bridge between the students and the teachers, communicating with each other to make Tranby the best place it can possibly be. If elected, I want to strengthen this bridge and help communicate ideas and suggestions that you feel could be in the school.

I want to work in collaboration with everyone to help make Tranby the most positive and safe place for you and to help make the changes that all of you want to see. You would always be able to come and

Speak to me to talk about any problems you're having, or even if you need a bit of support or guidance during a stressful day at school.

A question you should ask yourself is "what actually makes a good leader?" To me, a good leader is someone who communicates well, collaborates with everyone, helps develop others around them with respect, and has a clear goal. These are all qualities that I strive towards every day, and because of my experiences in Surf Life Saving, dance, and previous leadership roles at the school, I have been able to learn and develop skills like how to work in a team, time management skills, problem solving, and active listening.

Over the course of my time at Tranby, I have fully engaged in all opportunities that have arisen over all areas of the school. This school has so much to offer, and I hope to inspire people to step out of their comfort zone, get involved and try new things.

And in the words of Walt Disney "The only way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing".

My name is Tom Leo, and I would appreciate your vote for College Captain. Thank you for your time.

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Zoe Shackles

Hi, my name is Zoe Shackles, I have been a student at Tranby College since starting Kindergarten in 2009.

Over the past 12 years I've been at this school I have been given so many opportunities and experiences that have helped me learn and grow.

One thing that I have realised after watching and listening to so many College Captain speeches is that whilst they all promised great things and whilst all of them became great leaders, they were also just people like you and me trying to make the most of their last year at Tranby and try their best to give back to the school that has given us all so many opportunities.

Martin Luther King Jr said, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way". I believe that if I was to become College Captain I would be able to be the voice for the students and be able to work towards creating a more inviting and welcoming community among the staff and students, as well as being able to encourage everyone to put their best foot forward and embrace every single opportunity that they get.

I believe that as College Captain I would be able to help the College grow for the better and move further into embracing our school values of Integrity, Respect, Commitment and Collaboration, as well as being the person who is always there cheering for the team and willing to help out whenever I am needed.

Finally, I want to end with a quote from Thomas Edison "If we did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves". Thank you.

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Erin Bullivant

Good morning everyone,

I stand here today in hopes of being elected as College Captain for 2022. Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Erin and my life at Tranby College began all the way back in Kindy with Mrs Suter. This school has been my second home for almost 13 years, and we all know "there's no place like home".

Whilst at Tranby I have had the pleasure of being a member of the Dance Academy and vocal ensemble and have therefore performed in my share of school musicals and performances. This year I had the privilege of playing Jasmine in Tranby's production of Aladdin. These have all been amazing experiences for me and have allowed me to explore my interests in the arts. Aside from my love for performing on stage, I am passionate about my education and am always striving for ways to improve both myself and the College.

Having had leadership roles in the past, I have realised being Captain isn't about me, but about what I can do to benefit the College and my peers as a whole. Over my time here I have seen Tranby grow as a community and I would value an opportunity to assist in the future of the College. I want to make sure that all of your experiences here are just as incredible as mine have been and receiving the position of College Captain will let me to do this.

Being College Captain here at Tranby will allow me to form the bridge between students and teachers which will improve our sense teamwork here. I want all students throughout the College to feel like they are heard and valued because even I have felt like my voice was not always understood. It is important to me that I am friendly, approachable and a good listener. If elected College Captain I hope that you will all feel comfortable enough to come and speak to me about anything and I promise I will always try my best to help you out.

I am a positive role model and would like to make a long-lasting difference here at Tranby, and I would appreciate your help. Ultimately, I would love to give something back to the school that has given so much to me, and I will make sure to promote and uphold the values and mission of the College to do so. Finally, if I were to receive the role of College Captain for 2022, I can assure you that I will be fully committed to the position, because I want Tranby College to feel like your second home too.

Thank you.

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Kelsey Waddington

Hey guys I'm Kelsey Waddington and I'm applying for College Captain. My last name may have a familiar ring to it and that's because my older siblings went to Tranby. Let me tell you about Ben, well he graduated. Sophie? She gave leadership a crack and was Sports Captain. So, becoming College Captain would be great to one up the siblings.

I'm not going to list all my qualities and convince you in the space of only 2 minutes that I will change your life forever as College Captain, and I'm not going to promise unlikely things like a swimming pool and free canteen food. I have been attending Tranby since I was year two it has given me the privilege to listen to multiple of those speeches.

However, my speech for College Captain is about letting you guys know that I am applying for it. Putting my name out there, because like my grandad over in the back says with about lotto, you got to be in it to win it. As you put in your votes for who you would like to be your College Captain, you don't really remember every word of their speech. But you base it off what you already know about the person, and what they do around the school, because actions speak louder than words. So hopefully, some of you have noticed the things I have done such as shaving my head for be brave and shave, as you can tell by that awkward photo to my right, or you may have seen me do something sports related.

As I mentioned before I have an older sister. We both play for the Western Australian netball league, and she is Captain of the under 20s. Like most big sisters they influence you a lot, so I ask her how she takes on such an important role. She states that she's not the best in the team or the most popular, but she is the leader because of the personal connections that she makes with people in her team and the support she shows for everyone on and off the court. I experience this support when I do outrigging as well, it is

an uncommon Hawaiian canoeing sport. I mention this because as I steer and captain a 40 ft canoe down 4m swell, I really rely on the support of those around me and know how important it is.

So, if I was your College Captain, it would not be about wanting you to be the best out of everyone, it would be about us working together as a team, to be the best that we can achieve. Whether it's in cross country or those 1% quizzes your math teacher makes you take. You may think that they are useless but it's the little things that count.

Just like my speech, that's why I'm going to keep short and sweet, so thank you to everyone for listening to why I want to be College Captain.

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Patrick Walsh

Good morning, my name is Patrick Walsh. In the words of *Elon Musk* **'I COULD EITHER WATCH IT HAPPEN OR BE A PART OF IT'**. Today I'm standing before you to tell you why I believe I would be the best choice to represent all of you and our school as College Captain in 2022.

I myself came to Tranby from Victoria to begin year 5. Since then, I have taken every opportunity to immerse myself in the life of the College community. I have done this by taking part in sporting events, joining the Cadets program, and participating in service activities, disabled surfing and sporting carnivals as a participant and umpire or official on occasion. I have also held a range of leadership positions since coming to the school.

Additionally, I've also been lucky enough to represent Tranby at both state and national levels in the Young ICT Explorers competition two years running and being fortunate enough to place 1st in Western Australia and 3rd nationally on both occasions. This was made possible by the support of Mrs Jemolajew and Dr Massey.

Throughout my time at Tranby College, I have shown respect to the College values and strive to uphold these throughout all my endeavours in and out of the school environment.

I have experience in leadership and believe that I have a lot to offer all of you as your College Captain.

I'm a surf lifesaving WA lifesaver, youth and adult trainer as well as rescue boat operator. A majority of my spare time is spent volunteering and giving back to our local community. Earlier this year I was also lucky enough to be chosen to participate in the Surf Lifesaving State Leadership camp.

What I can offer you all here today is leadership, honesty, and guidance through your schooling life here at Tranby and beyond.

I would like to conclude my speech today with another quote, this one by Dwayne (the Rock) Johnson **"Success isn't about greatness it's about consistency."**

Thanks for listening and remember to vote for Patrick.
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