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**Professor Gerald Fogarty**  
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Dear Gerald,

It is a great pleasure to write to congratulate you, your staff, and your students, past and present, on Warrane College's remarkable achievements over the last fifty years and its contributions to the university.

A lot has changed over the last half century, but some things have remained the same. The importance of being educated has never been clearer, so the role of the university in passing on knowledge and skills has remained paramount. The support your college provides for academic excellence sets up students for future success and your dedication to scholarship at every level is very much appreciated.

But the role of a university goes beyond just the acquisition of knowledge. Students grow and expand their horizons at a university. Your College provides vital opportunities for your students to explore and participate in cultural and sporting endeavours. I know that your College is renowned for its sporting achievements, but your students also make impressive contributions in music, debating, theatre, leadership activities, and the arts. The experiences students accumulate help them grow in confidence and will help inform their actions as they reflect on their experiences over whatever careers they enter.

Beyond both these curricula and extra-curricula roles, university and university-affiliated colleges play a vital role in providing a home away from home for students fortunate enough to live on campus. I recognise how hard Warrane works to ensure that you provide a welcoming community that nurtures and supports its residents. I know the warmth and friendliness of the College is much appreciated by all those who live in the College and by those guests whom you welcome to your events.

I have attended several of your formal dinners, where you bring together members of your college, with people from across the university and guests from the broader community. I have enjoyed the speeches, the intellectual discussions and debates that follow the dinners, and the well thought out way you follow the academic traditions on these occasions. I have been pleased to see how you manage to achieve the right balance of traditional formalities and contemporary flexibility as the university and our world continues to evolve.

In summary, on behalf of the students you have nurtured, and the university staff who share participate and benefit from your operations, I thank you for your work and wish you continuing success in the future.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

**Professor Ian Jacobs**  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
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