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To Whom It May Concern

## Tom Polkinghorne

Tom Polkinghorne entered Scotch College in 2013. This year he has successfully completed the requirements of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and has been awarded the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The VCE Unit 3 and 4 subjects studied included Business Management, Computing: Informatics, Computing: Software Development, English and Further Mathematics.

This year Tom was appointed a School Officer, a position of responsibility within the senior school structure. As a School Officer, he was responsible for setting a good example for all students and for assisting in the day-to-day administration of the school. He was appointed to the position on the recommendation of the teaching staff and his peers and discharged his duties capably and responsibly.

Tom is an able student who, when applying himself to his full capabilities, can achieve good results. He has a particular interest and ability in computing.

Tom is a very able sportsman and athlete, helping him achieve a healthy balance between work and play here. He is an enthusiastic footballer and cricketer, playing in both the 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII in football and 1<sup>st</sup> X1 in cricket. He toured England with the Crusaders in June/July 2017. Tom also played 1<sup>sts</sup> basketball in 2016/2017.

His athletic ability in both track and field combined with his personal qualities, resulted in Tom being appointed as vice-captain of athletics in 2018. He has also been successful in basketball and volleyball. Tom has been awarded Full Colours in cricket, basketball and athletics. Tom also received the award for Excellence in Sport at the school's Presentation Night. He has put his sporting talents to good use by assisting Gilray House in its extra-curricular programme, thereby achieving the coveted Senior House Colours award, recognising the outstanding service that he has given since the beginning of Year 9.

Tom is an enthusiastic and engaging young man who will readily make his way into future study and employment. We hope he will make a positive difference to the lives of others in the years ahead.

We wish him every success in the future and he takes with him our highest personal recommendation.

Mr D J Brown Head of Gilray House