



Thursday 19 October 2023
Valedictory Dinner

Introduction of Fellow

Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM
President of the College Council

Good evening. Our first award tonight is the Award of Fellow of the College.

A Fellowship is the highest recognition that the College can bestow. Fellowships honour persons of eminence and high achievement in the community, in particular alumnae, Council members and staff of the college. The person or people to receive such an award must have met one or more of the following criteria:

- Have distinction in their field and have given service to the College community through their profession;
- have made a substantial contribution to higher education and/or the college community by commitment to services; and
- have benefited the general community through leadership in public life.

It is my great pleasure to advise that we have two candidates tonight to be awarded Fellowships. We will bestow these awards one at a time.

I invite Mr Jeffrey Sipek on to the stage.

Citation

The College Council has determined that the honour of College Fellow be bestowed upon Mr Jeffrey Sipek, Director of Operations of the College, in recognition of his substantial contribution to the College community by his commitment to services.

Jeffrey Sipek was appointed as the College's Operations Manager on 6 March 1989. He will retire as Director of Operations on 20 December 2023. For almost 35 years, Jeff has overseen and coordinated the activities of the College to ensure the smooth running of the day-to-day operations of the Catering, Conferences and Events, Housekeeping, Facilities, Security and Administration functions, including compliance with all operational statutory requirements. His strong passion for customer service and maintaining relationships with internal and external clients has resulted in a very significant and lasting impact on College life and the memories of generations of young women who have called the College home. Throughout his 35-year tenure, Jeff has made an extraordinary and enduring contribution to the College and its community through his unwavering commitment to service and excellence in all areas.

Congratulations, Jeff, on this Fellowship Award and for such an outstanding contribution to the College and its community.