



Share the Journey

Briefing to Dads and Mentors
Parent Auxiliary 2023



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Introduction

- Welcome and opening prayer
- The College perspective
- The origins and evolution of Share the Journey
- Discussion topics
- The affirmation
- The walk day logistics
- Dad/Mentor's experience
- Questions/discussion

Today's boys...tomorrow's gentlemen



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- Welcome and Introductions
- Welcome by Principal, Domenic Burgio
- Opening Prayer





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Prayer

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak; and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee -- and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.



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Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men, one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.



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And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humour, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously.

Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain!"

General Douglas MacArthur



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College Perspective

- CBC boys who are responsible young men with a healthy outlook.
- CBC boys developed as leaders.
- CBC boys with positive self-esteem.
- CBC boys with a positive relationship with their father.

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Origins and Evolution

- Share the Journey is an initiative developed by CBC fathers that aims to help CBC boys to become happy, mature and responsible adults through the fostering of the relationship between fathers and their sons in the College environment





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Origins and Evolution

- Fathers do not spend enough time with their sons
- Parent Auxiliary wanted to provide opportunities for fathers to share time with their sons
- Needed to be unique to the culture and demographics of CBC Fremantle community
- Needed to build on self-esteem of the son and positive affirmation
- A father's guidance is central to boys adulthood rather peer pressure and influence
- **Share the Journey** represents fathers and sons sharing together the son's journey from boy to man

***Adolescents need adult allies
and boys especially need their dads***



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Origins and Evolution

Share the Journey aims to help the boys on their journey through:

- Story
- Challenges
- Positive affirmation





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Discussion Topics

- Relate a story or two of your own experiences
- Tell your son something about your family history
- Describe to your son what school life was like for you
- Explain a little about your options at school
- Reflect with your son on the best/most precious moments you have shared with him



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Discussion Topics

- The most important piece of advice you received from your own father.
- Your hopes/aspirations/goals for the next 10 years
- Your hopes/aspirations for him for the next few years and beyond
- Thank your son for some aspect of his that you admire and value

These discussion topics are meant to lead to a conversation with your son.



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The Affirmation

- A couple of sentences about why you love your son and why he is special.
- Keep it short and sweet.
- Present your son with the Share the Journey badge.





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Walk Day Part 1

- Assemble at playground at Point Walter at 9.30am
- Pre-walk briefing
- Brief talk about the affirmation process fathers/significant males
- First half walk starts at approximately 10.00am
 - 2.2km walk from Point Walter to Bicton Baths
 - Not a race
 - Discussion questions/topics
 - Points of interest
 - Quiz questions



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Walk Day Part 2

- Rest at Bicton Quarantine Station Park 30 - 45 minutes
- Former CBC Fremantle father will talk about his journey with his son
- Commence return journey via a different route
- A former CBC Fremantle student will speak about his journey with his father
- Share a special moment with your son
- Sausage sizzle
- Things to bring
 - Hat / sunscreen
 - Rain jacket
 - Water bottle



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Past Years

- Parents' experience





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Questions

- Closing remarks/comments
- Discussion/questions





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Thank you – enjoy the day!

