



# Rouse Hill Anglican Collegians

## 2020 Collegian of the Year – Mariah Saad

Since graduating from Rouse Hill Anglican College in 2017 as College Co-Captain, Mariah Saad has continued her passion for charity with boundless energy and commitment. While managing a double degree at the University of Technology, Mariah works as a Paralegal at Anderson Boemi Lawyers conducting research, preparing briefs and occasionally making an appearance in Court to brief Counsel. In addition to this substantial workload, Mariah still finds time to think about and support others. Early this year Mariah organised the 'CEO Vinnies Sleepout' raising some \$15,000 for the St Vincent de Paul Society, and a 'Jersey Day' event bringing together local businesses in Dural to raise awareness about organ donation. As a member of the Law Society Mariah has also been raising money to promote good mental health for students in COVID-19 learning.

Mariah's time the College was instrumental to her current passions. *"The day I was announced as College Captain was a complete shock. I got emotional because I had worked really hard leading up to it. It was the first time in my life that I had achieved something all on my own."* As Prefect and Captain, Mariah organised our first 'Girls Night In' and 'World's Greatest Shave' charity events. *"I am also driven by my struggles. I want to show people that no matter your past, you're in control of your future. You're only limited by your imagination."*

Mariah plans on continuing her charitable work on a pro-bono basis for marginalised groups, and to host Australia's biggest ever 'CEO Sleepout' event.

Mariah's charity of choice for the award is Beyond Blue. Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live. For more information about the many services they offer, please go to [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

