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I know you are probably sitting there wondering where the heck the last eight or so months have gone, because this time last year I was thinking the same thing.

Your emotions are probably all over the shop; super excited to enter the next phase of your life but sad that you're leaving a place you have grown so fond of over the last few years.

The best piece of advice I received all of Year 12 was that there are going to be many times in your life where your ability to commit to something and give it your all will be tested. This is just a trial run. Test yourself. See if over Term 3 holidays and the beginning of your Term 4, whether you are able to truly commit to something and give it your all.

Don't have any regrets. If at the end of exams you can look at yourself in the mirror and say you had a genuine crack, then the score you get is "just a number".

Something that really got to me this time last year was the constant talk about school. When you see your friends, try to avoid talking about study or school work. Let your mind escape it for a few hours. Talking about it will lead to you comparing yourself against your friends. You are running your own race and you have your plan... just follow it.

Your teachers have equipped you with everything you need to do well. Now it just about rehearsing and practicing what you need to know.

Good-luck, I'll be thinking of you all and no matter what happens... this is a very small component of your life. Don't get too caught up in it because I can promise you (having already changed courses and genuinely forgotten what ATAR I got) that it's not the be all and end all.

What's most important is that you've given it your best.

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