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To Whom It May Concern:

Reference for Chris Waugh

Chris is a highly intelligent and passionate educator who delights in creating an environment of learning within his classroom and throughout the school. Pedagogically Chris is well thought out and deliberate and through this he brings English and Drama alive, empowering his students to be capable learners for life.

He relates very well to the students, establishing meaningful relationships and gaining their respect. Students are eager to be in his classes and respond to the obvious care he has for them as individuals. Chris gives generously of his time mentoring a wide range of students such as elite athletes, gifted students and students in need of pastoral care. He helps them develop as individuals and to perform at their best in a diverse range of interests.

As Head of the English and Drama Departments Chris has encouraged a wide variety of staff to continue to develop professionally. He is prepared to listen to feedback and support staff as they work together to explore greater ways to engage students and teach effectively.

Chris has a clear vision for education which places students and their learning at the forefront of everything we do as a school. I asked him to lead a representative group of staff which was established to consider the future direction for education at Mount Aspiring College. His foresight for what education could look like is challenging and exciting and something which Mount Aspiring College has benefited from.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Chris and appreciated the way he works towards the clear vision he has for education, enthusiastically challenging others to join him. Chris is an outstanding teacher and a passionate leader who will leave no stone unturned as he continues to explore ways to develop students further.

Regards,

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