



The Mackay School
Words from the Chairman of the Board of Governors

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"Message on 167th The Mackay School Anniversary 2024"

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A Message to Teachers, Staff, Support Personnel, Students, Parents, Members of the Board of Governors & Old Mackayans on our 167th Anniversary

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Today, we celebrate not only the anniversary of The Mackay School, but we honor the rich legacy that has shaped generations of students and profoundly influenced Chile's educational landscape.

Therefore, today is more than just an anniversary. It is a celebration of a legacy that has endured for 167 years—a legacy woven with triumphs, challenges, and an unbreakable bond of unity.

But this legacy is not merely history—it is something living, something that pulses within each of us here. Today, we are celebrating "The Spirit of Mackay"—a spirit that has molded and transformed every life that has graced these grounds.

Founded with the vision of integrating the best of British education, The Mackay School stands as a beacon of excellence, fostering a sense of duty, loyalty, and honor. These values have not only shaped our students but have played a vital role in the development of educational standards across Chile.

From the beginning, British ideals of leadership, resilience, sportsmanship and camaraderie have been woven into the fabric of our institution, creating a legacy that has helped mold not just students, but future leaders, innovators, and citizens of the world.

To our teachers —you are the custodians of this institution’s legacy.

Your dedication -much like those who came before you- upholds the standards of excellence that Mackay is known for. You are the embodiment of the very British ideals this school was built upon —fostering critical thinking, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence.

Through your example, our students not only gain knowledge but also develop the character necessary to succeed in life.

Thank you for the profound impact you have on every student who walks through these doors. Your influence goes far beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting imprint on their hearts and minds.

Remember: You don’t just teach subjects—you shape lives, inspire dreams and nurture the character of our students.

To our support personnel —inspectors, administrators, and staff —your contribution is immeasurable.

Behind every successful student, behind every triumph on the field or in the classroom, there is a network of unsung heroes who make it all possible. You are the quiet strength that holds this institution together, ensuring that the spirit of excellence thrives in every corner of Mackay. From the early mornings to the late nights, your dedication is felt, and today, **we honor you for your invaluable role in keeping *The Spirit of Mackay* alive and running.**

To our students —you are the living sample of “The Spirit of Mackay”.

You carry forward not only the traditions of this school but the ideals of a legacy that spans continents and generations. You are part of something far greater than yourselves. The friendships you forge here, the challenges you face, and the victories you achieve will stay with you for a lifetime.

You are the present and future of Mackay, and in you, the legacy of British influence and excellence continues to shine.

Remember: You are called to lead by example, not just in your words, but in your actions.

Our motto, **Vincit qui se vincit**—He conquers who conquers himself—reminds us of the deepest lesson this school teaches. It is not just about academic or sports victories. It is about mastering oneself. The strength to rise after every fall, the courage to face your fears, and the resilience to push beyond your limitations — these are the qualities that define true greatness.

At Mackay, we do not just teach subjects; we teach character. We do not simply mold students; we shape leaders. Our rugby fields, our classrooms, and even our school Anthem reflect the enduring values of teamwork, loyalty, and perseverance. When we sing our Anthem with the immortal melody of “Men of Harlech,” we are not just reciting words—we are making a declaration: that we are united in purpose, bound by history, and driven by a spirit of courage that knows no bounds. As we celebrate today, let us remember that “The Spirit of Mackay” is more than history —it is alive, it is growing, and it is unstoppable.

Together, we are Mackay.

Together, we are stronger.

Together, we carry forward a tradition of excellence that transcends time and borders, grounded in the values that have shaped not only this school but the educational landscape of Chile itself.

**May God bless you all,
and may “The Spirit of Mackay” live forever**

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