



A Message to the Class of 2021

On behalf of the Palladians Association, a huge congratulations to the Class of 2021. I can imagine how disruptive the last two years have been; I want to commend all students on the positivity and commitment that you have demonstrated in your final two years of schooling. I also want to commend the rest of the students who have demonstrated so much resilience in maintaining their interest in learning and, most importantly, living the motto of "*Potens Sui*".

In our final address in 2021, I am writing to encourage all of you to consider yourself and to embrace the future as multipotentialites – people who thrive on learning, exploring, and mastering new skills.

The world's landscape is changing rapidly. I read an article recently which said that as Gen Z, you are likely to have 18 jobs across 6 careers in your lifetime. Not only do you need to adapt, but you also need to be entrepreneurial, and embrace your inner multipotentiality. McKinsey and Company, a global management firm, list 56 distinct elements of talents (DELTAs) that will help Gen Alpha and Gen Z to thrive in the future of work; they are broadly classified into four categories: cognitive, digital, interpersonal, and self-leadership. Some of these skills include developing relationships, teamwork effectiveness, mobilising systems, digital fluency and citizenship, self-awareness, self-management, entrepreneurship, goals achievement, mental flexibility, and critical thinking. Even if you just want to do a traditional specialism, like medicine or law, the world is rapidly changing, the specialism is likely to evolve, and you will require additional skills for success in the decades ahead.

So, what do you have to do to acquire these skills?

As past students of Mac.Rob, we are fortunate to be members of a diverse and valuable community. Look outside of your school; Palladians occupy all walks of life, all parts of the globe, and all stages of life while sharing a common experience of an education at Mac.Rob. We have alumni in politics, executive roles, F1 racing, lead scientists in climate change and biotechnology, opera singers, designers - you name it, there is always a Palladian representative.

In the past three years since I took on the role of Palladians President, I have been impressed by the breadth and depth of female leadership and collegiality at all stages of life within the

Palladians community. Each Palladian has a story to tell - they will be more than happy to share with you their “been there, done that” experiences, and give you their most honest advice to help you succeed. I cannot emphasize the importance of “networking” and “having many mentors in your life for different things”. Look no further than your classroom; the minute you step into this building, you are surrounded by a network of some of the most intelligent, agile, versatile, and creative women. You will forever be bonded by this unique sisterhood with the Palladians community.

For the Class of 2021, when you leave this school building one final time, I hope that you will always treasure your time at Mac.Rob and be proud of your heritage. Most importantly, I want to encourage every one of you to engage with the alumni association as we support and celebrate our individual and collective endeavours and achievements, as well as contribute to the growth and development of the communities that are important to us. Even if you are not ready to sign up for your membership, follow us and stay connected on social media. Many of us put in a lot of time and energy to support all students and young alumni, and I hope that one day, it will be one of you who will be writing this message and mentoring the next generation.

For students in Years 9 to 11, we cannot wait to come back to the school to engage with all of you face-to-face in 2022. Our four student representatives continue to provide a conduit between the school and the Palladians Association, so please let us know if you have ideas on how we can build a stronger relationship with the school community. Don't forget to sign up for the Junior Leadership Program as well; there are lots of new initiatives next year, and it will be an even bigger and better program in 2022.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday.



Dr. Sally Ng
Palladians President

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