



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Peter Mendham Letter of Reference**

This letter is in support of Peter Mendham. I was one of the Vice-Principals at St. Joseph's Catholic High School during Peter's practicum in January 2026. During his time at St. Joe's, Peter taught courses in Construction Technology and I was able to observe one of his lessons.

Peter's rapport with his students and presence in front of the classroom produced a learning environment that was both kind and safe. Students were engaged and there were no classroom management issues as a result. Peter demonstrated a thorough knowledge of curriculum which resulted in a rich learning experience for his students. In my opinion, Peter's greatest strength was his ability to develop relationships with his students through interacting with them in a very caring and empathetic manner. This fostered an environment where students felt safe taking risks and learned much more as a result.

Overall, Peter demonstrated many characteristics of a seasoned educator and is on his way to becoming an asset to any teaching staff that would be fortunate to have him.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Costella".

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