



On Friday, 24 November 2017 Curro Aurora was kind enough to host the Class of 2007 and former staff in celebrating our 10 Year Reunion.

As a class, we were extremely curious to discover the subsequent developments both in each other's lives and to our 'old stomping ground'. Even the change in weather to a downpour did not hinder our walking tour of the school as we recalled memories such as having lunches under trees which have been replaced by enviable sports facilities and having had a first 'break-up' behind a surviving tuck-shop amongst others.

It seemed almost instinctual, but we quickly found ourselves on *the other side*, where we can use phrases like 'In our day...' and follow it with a triviality such as 'we did not initially have a designated uniform per se, only a compulsory red-collared golf shirt coupled with almost any black trousers'. I say 'almost' for a personal memory of mine is having to stand on a chair in the then Deputy Principal's office located in Jupiter as she and an assistant stapled my pants to a more appropriate length after having been deemed 'too baggy'. Such drastic measures appear to have been resorted to as the baggy-pants epidemic had struck - I was the last in a long line who received the same treatment.

The immense developments to the school could be awed at as we enjoyed our welcome drinks in the Milkyway building, a new addition it must be said. It is understandable that nostalgia cannot trump progress automatically; there is clearly a place for nostalgia in progress as Curro has come to show. It was entertaining to hear those idolising the Rocks, which once flanked the piazza where the Milkyway stands today, silenced by those who had encountered them while running to make a class and coming short. In much the same way as the uniform evolved during our time (We eventually came to have blazers) so too has Aurora itself. It is the Curro chapter we are proud to have a link with, just as the former Aurorian students who were part of its early 1993 infancy recalled to us when the school moved to its present site with pride. With this perspective, we would like to

extend our gratitude and appreciation to Curro Aurora for hosting and providing us with this opportunity to be more than a trip down memory lane and form a tangible link to an evolving school. While those of us chatted, prowled pre-Facebook photographs, met spouses and held each other's children, it became clear the former motto, *carpe diem*, had been taken to heart by us as well as the school. There is something to be said for the amount of 'go-getters' who live abroad as well as elsewhere in the country and thrive in their chosen fields just as our school has come to adapt to the community's educational needs. It is in this spirit that we wish to encourage the pupils to do the same. Seize the day and make it yours, not because you do not know what that the future holds, but because when you do you will have a better future which will be upon you before you know it, something else you get to say from *the other side*.

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