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Dear Craig,

I am writing to express my (and the teams) appreciation for the assistance you provided us this season.

As you have experienced the VAFA Section 1 under 19 competition is fiercely competitive and any sort of edge can make a difference to the result. The knowledge we were able to apply from the reviews you compiled for us was invaluable. It gave the boys specific things to focus on individually in terms of their own preparation, how they could best combat their direct opponents and the Old Xavier method of play. I certainly believe we went into the Grand Final, both as coaching staff and players, better prepared and more able to anticipate our opponents.

We are thankful for the sessions you ran with the boys on improving and focusing on pressure skills. You developed a great rapport with the boys and quickly gained their confidence. Everyone acknowledges their importance of the 'one percenters' but executing them properly means that they are paid more than lip service when the players are actually in the contest. How important were these in the grand final?!!!! I think the work you were able to put in with them has made them more mature and thoughtful footballers.

As you would expect the boys were elated by their premiership success and rightfully proud of themselves. A number of them expressed satisfaction in the fact that they knew their opponents so well on grand final day and felt confident in the plans we had in place – half the battle. They looked back on the sessions you ran and your involvement as an important factor in the teams success.

Cheers from the 2006 VAFA Under 19 Section 1 Premiers.

Regards,

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