One of the founders of the Central Queensland Rescue Helicopter Service, Dr Peter Bastable, addressed the Mercy College Interact Committee in Mackay last week, giving an overview of his work in establishing the service.

Interact Coordinator and teacher, Mr Brendan Gunning, said Dr Bastable’s presentation was very informative and gave a great insight into the work and dedication needed to get the service up and running and continue to be operational.

He said Dr Bastable also shared five valuable life lessons he learnt over his career: passion is important; persistence pays off in the end; there are dark moments – these pass but may not be forgotten; really worthwhile achievements usually involve concerted efforts; change most often happens gradually; and, adversity makes us stronger once we face it and deal with it.

Mercy Interact also presented Dr Bastable with a cheque for the Central Queensland Rescue Helicopter to assist the vital life-saving work the service provides.

Pictured above: Mercy College Interact students with CQ Helicopter Rescue founder, (L-R) Dr Peter Bastable, and Geoff Morgan, Bruce Howlett, Syd Cowan, Barry Ingham.