

Monday, 8 September 2014.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal

Re: 2015 School Fees & Levies

The Marymede Catholic College Board met on Wednesday 20 August 2014 and determined the fee structure for the 2015 year based on recommendations from the College Finance committee.

The Board has agreed to maintain a thoughtful and practical approach to next year's budget. We aim to ensure that the College provides for the future growth whilst maintaining the College's affordability for our community by keeping school fee increases to an absolute minimum.

The Board was mindful of the many sacrifices families are making to send their children to Marymede Catholic College. Recognising this fact, tuition fee increases for next year have been limited to 4% (*Please see attached 2015 Fee Structure*).

This increase is necessary for several reasons as the College works to remain financially healthy. We aim to provide the highest quality teachers which we know are the single greatest contributing factor to enhancing student learning in schools. It is also evident that our students have at their fingertips the best resources, excursions and IT infrastructure available in schools at this time.

Our plans for 2015 are as follows:

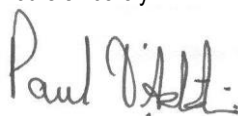
- Expand subject areas and offer additional pathway opportunities;
- Extend sport, music, debating, performing arts, clubs and other co-curricular events;
- Improve the specialist areas of Art, Science, Food and Wood Technology, the Resource Centre, Fitness Centre and its sporting fields;
- Update the information technology platforms and hardware;
- Enhance the Student Welfare department with specialised staff in literacy and numeracy, counselling and student support staff;
- College wide Master plan in consultation with Community stakeholders;
- Begin construction of a Trade Skills Centre and
- Launch of a new interactive Parent portal and communication tools.

The strengths of our College have been highlighted in recent years with student numbers continuing to grow and demand for places high.

I remind families who have not yet returned the re-enrolment form for 2015 to confirm the enrolment of their child or children for 2015. The re-enrolment form is also an affirmation of each family's commitment to support the values and principles of the College as well as to pay the tuition fees and levies in full and by the prescribed dates. Please return this form and payment immediately.

Finally, I can guarantee all in our community that it is our intention to continue to work to develop and improve our College whenever such opportunities arise.

Yours sincerely



Paul D'Astoli
Principal