Friday September 2 2016

Dear Parents and Fee Payers

I write to confirm that the College Board, at its meeting on August 23 2016, ratified tuition and other fees for 2017.

In its deliberations, the Board was conscious of the financial pressure on families, the need to keep costs and expenses as low as possible and to consider if:
• the fees and charges to parents are reasonable
• the digital device program is sustainable
• the College has sufficient funds to finance the increased loans for its building projects

College Tuition Fees and Capital Levy
For 2017, tuition fees will increase by $100 to $4,900 per student for each year level, which is a minimal rise of 1.8% in line with CPI annual index. This global fee covers all tuition costs and a range of compulsory curriculum activities throughout the year.

A family discount of $980 for two siblings, $1,470 for three siblings and $4,900 for four or more siblings will apply, provided siblings all reside at the same address.

The Capital Levy for 2017 remains at $500 per family. This levy assists the College to fund the maintenance of our facilities and helps provide for the continued implementation of the Master Plan.

An invoice for 2017 fees will be sent to families in January 2017. Fee accounts are due and payable by March 31 2017. A 6.5% discount off tuition fees will apply if the account is paid in full by this date. A range of payment options are available to those who cannot pay the full account by March 31. Please refer to the attached Fees Schedule for estimated payment instalment amounts and discounts available.

Additional charges apply for all optional activities, such as private music tuition, VET courses and non-curricular excursions or trips, as they are not covered by the global tuition fee. Parents will receive a separate invoice for these optional activities and these must be paid by the advised due date.

Digital Device Program and ICT Resource Charge
In addition to the tuition fees and building levy, in 2017 parents/fee payers will be required to pay the annual ICT Resource Charge of $295 for Year 8 to 12 students. This charge covers usage of a College owned laptop, access to our ICT network, software licences, comprehensive insurance and the use of a reinforced carry bag. Students going into Years 8 to 12 in 2017 will continue to use the Lenovo laptop already issued to them.

The College is currently finalising arrangements for new laptops to be acquired for Year 7 students in 2017. Further details about the payment of the ICT Resource Charge and rollout of the Year 7 device will be provided to all parents at the Year 7 2017 Parent Information Night which is being held on Thursday October 6 2016.

Government Allowance - CSEF
Some fee payers may be entitled to assistance in the form of the government Camps Sport Excursion Funding (CSEF) allowance of $225. There are specific eligibility criteria for CSEF and application forms must be submitted in February each year. Further information can be found on the College website.

All fee enquiries or discussions about payment plans should be directed to the Business Office on 8734 2453 or by email at fees@thomascarr.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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Principal