To All Parents and Fee Payers

SCHOOL FEES 2014

I write to confirm that the College Board has now ratified tuition and other fees for 2014. In doing so the Board is conscious of the financial pressure on families and aims to keep costs and expenses as low as possible. Therefore, the fees increase for 2014 have been kept to a minimum and are in line with CPI annual index.

For 2014, there is a global fee of $4,800 for each year level. This global fee comprises all tuition costs and a range of compulsory activities throughout the year as well as the use of a college provided iPad. As in previous years, refunds will not be given for non-attendance at activities that are included as part of the global fee. Parents should ensure that they read the 2014 Fees Schedule and the Fees Policy (available on the College website) and pay particular attention to any charges that are not included in the $4,800. Parents are also reminded that they must provide one term’s written notice of a student’s exit or incur withdrawal fees.

A family discount of $960 for two siblings, $1,440 for three siblings and $4,800 for four or more siblings will apply (provided siblings all reside at the same address).

The Building Levy for 2014 remains at $400. This levy assists the College to fund the cost of borrowings for our soon to be completed Middle Years Centre and help provide for the continued implementation of the College master plan.

Other College items (iPads, library books, locks) must also be returned in good condition by the required date. If these items are not returned on time, the family will be charged at replacement value. If the item is returned after the bill is issued, there will not be any refunds or credits given. This will cover the additional cost incurred for administering and replacing late returns.

A bill for 2014 fees and the Payment Plan forms will be sent to you in December 2013. Fees are due and payable by 28th March, 2014. A 6.5% discount off tuition fees will apply to all accounts paid in full by 28th February 2014. A discount of 5% will apply for tuition fees paid in full by 28th March, 2014. A range of payment options is available to those who require more time to pay. Please note that all fee payers opting not to pay their fees in full by the 28th March, 2014 will be required to sign up to a payment plan at the start of 2014 and to clear the account no later than 30th January, 2015. If you experience financial difficulty at any time during the year you must contact the Business Manager to discuss fee payment.

All optional activities must be paid for in advance; this includes bus fees, private music tuition, VET courses and elective camps (if applicable).

Government Allowances
Some fee payers may be entitled to assistance in the form of Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). There are specific eligibility criteria for the Education Maintenance Allowance. Further information can be found at http://www.education.vic.gov.au..

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

Yours faithfully,

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BUSINESS MANAGER