24 August 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2017 COLLEGE FEE SCHEDULE AND FINANCIAL POLICIES RELATED TO FEES

Please find attached the 2017 College Fee Schedule and Financial Policies related to Fees. The College Board feels that we have a duty to give families as much time as possible to plan for their children's schooling in 2017 and we believe that a term’s notice of the 2017 fees accomplishes this. The Board also recognises that since we require 90 days' notice in writing from parents withdrawing children from the College it is only fair to give parents at least an equal amount of notice of the fees they can expect to pay in the ensuing year.

As a College we rely on a mix of Federal and State Government funding (75%) and fee income (25%) to support our staff wages, equipment purchases, buildings, cleaning, furniture and the incidental costs that allow our College to run. This funding mix is determined by the Federal and State Government on a needs based system. We manage the College frugally while keeping the standard of the facilities and education high.

Educational cost increases are in excess of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) index for inflation. This increase was 4.8% for Primary Education and 4.6% for Secondary Education according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics for 2015-2016. Therefore to maintain the high standard of service that we provide, a fee increase is unfortunately necessary. This fee increase will be on average $166 per student, which equates to an average fee increase of about 4.0%, considerably less than the index for the Primary and Secondary Education Subgroups of the CPI.

We are proud of the fact that our College fees are one of the lowest of any private school on the Sunshine Coast.

As in previous years our 2017 fees will be inclusive of educational costs. There will be no further compulsory costs that you will be charged through the year in the course of the normal educational service the College provides.

In 2017 our Payway Direct Debit System will again be our preferred method for payment of College fees. Since introducing this regular payment option, it has proven to be the easiest way for parents to manage their payments over the school year. For the convenience of families, pre-calculated direct debit forms will again be distributed with your 2017 Fee Statement in January.

Please phone our Accounts Receivable Officer, Mrs Penny White on (07) 5439 0033 to discuss any of the above matters further.

Yours sincerely

Mike Curtis
Principal