

From the Office of the Principal

25 August 2017.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

2018 School Fees & Levies

On Wednesday 16 August 2017, the College Board met to discuss and set the 2018 School Fees and Levies. The following aspects were taken into consideration:

- Changes to Schools' funding arrangement committed to by the Federal Government under the Gonski 2.0;
- The College's commitment in providing more specialist teachers in the Primary years;
- Staff salary increases that have been now set in the New Multi-Enterprise Agreement; and
- Increased financial demands on families dealing with the rising cost of living.

As a result, the College Board has approved for 2018 a 1.9% increase in tuition fees and levies throughout Prep to Year 12.

The 2018 increase is in line with the Consumer Price Index of 1.9% but below the Educational Consumer Price Index of 2.1% for the year ending June 2017. The Board is mindful of the financial pressures on families as well as the need to keep the College in a strong financial position as we enter an uncertain period with respect to education funding and wage growth. The Board will continue to do all it can to keep the cost of Marymede's comprehensive education program and capital works to a minimum. The 2018 Fee Structure is attached for your information.

Also for your information, as part of the College's Capital Development Program, in addition to the Marymede Early Learning Centre which will be up and running in 2018, the following projects have been planned over the next 15 months:

- New car park, drop off/pick up area and roadway connecting Williamsons Rd to Vincent Street;
- Design and Technology building;
- Sporting Field Lighting and;
- Development of a new Maintenance area.

Re-Enrolment Forms

Each family is asked to confirm the enrolment of their child/children for 2018 as soon as possible. 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.

This is being undertaken to ensure fairness to those families who are on the waiting list for places at Marymede Catholic College and to reinforce the importance of fulfilling the financial commitment and sacrifice families make to have their child/children educated at our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Kenny".

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal