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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: SCHOOL BUILDING LEVY

The Catholic Education Office, with the approval of the Bishop, has determined to establish a central funding approach for major capital works within Catholic Systemic Secondary Schools. This approach will be in operation from the beginning of 2015.

The creation of a centralised financing vehicle enables the Catholic system of schools to identify, plan and schedule major capital works within all Secondary schools over a rolling 10-year strategic planning cycle.

Projects have been identified across all Secondary schools and prioritised based on a number of criteria including demographic projections, the age and condition of current facilities, their compliance with current and emerging standards and their alignment with the provision of educational programs.

To ensure equity, all Secondary school building levies will move to a ‘per pupil’ rate and be standardised across all Secondary schools over time. It is important to note sibling discounts will also apply to Secondary school Building Levies for the first time in 2015. This has necessitated change in 2015. This change is reflected in the 2015 Fees & Charges included in Fee statements.

The result of this planning has meant that capital works are being scheduled for our school at a total approximate cost of $8.5 million over the next 10 years.

This is an extremely positive outcome for our school as we, through the support of the Catholic system of schools, can now enter into detailed planning for the design and construction phases of projects (including a School Hall).

Yours faithfully

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Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal