



ST PIUS X COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

COLLEGE SCHOOL FEES 2022-2024

On behalf of the College Advisory Council, thank you for your continued support of the College for the education of your boys in the Edmund Rice tradition.

The continued impact of COVID-19 together with recent tragic events made for a challenging year for the College community. We thank the Principal, Mr John Couani, and the College Staff for the way they placed the safety and wellbeing of the boys at the fore and for their unwavering dedication to the education of the boys during the year, from the preparation and delivery of on-line schooling to the additional care and attention to the boys educational, health and spiritual needs when they returned to College in the last couple of weeks. We also thank the boys and you, their Parents and Guardians, for the many ways in which you have supported each other and the College during this, the most difficult of years.

We wish the Year 12 boys all the best for the HSC exams and their future as they leave the College and look forward to them making a positive difference in our world.

The College Advisory Council works collaboratively with the Principal, the College Leadership Team and Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) to support faithfulness to the Charter for Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition and quality stewardship aimed at offering the best possible learning community for the students at the College.

The College is dependent on Commonwealth and State Government funding to help keep fees affordable. However, the impact of the Commonwealth Government's education funding policies since 2017 have resulted in an ongoing decline in Government funding for our College in real terms.

The College Advisory Council conducted extensive deliberations regarding the College budget to ensure the tuition fees remain as affordable as the College can sustain, particularly considering the impact of COVID-19 on the College Community. The College Advisory Council has approved a tuition fee increase of 8% per annum for the years 2022 to 2024. Even with this tuition fee increase, the College will be running modest budget deficits in the short term primarily due to the expected significant cut to Government funding in the coming years.

The College Advisory Council is committed to ensuring the College continues to provide fee assistance by way of equity scholarships to those families in need of help.

On behalf of the College Advisory Council, I wish you and your families all the very best for the remainder of 2021, a safe and holy Christmas and for a fulfilling 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Populin
College Advisory Council Chair