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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 10 Students

Looking ahead - Year 11 and 12

We are pleased to **invite students, parents and staff for thoughts and input** as we consider some exciting opportunities ahead for St Joseph's College VCE and our wider Year 11 and 12 curricula.

St Joseph's College has built a reputation as a school of choice and excellence, not only in terms of educational outcomes, but in the quality of the students we shape – qualities abundantly demonstrated each year in our Year 11 and 12 student cohort.

As a College, we have been very proud of the continued academic development of our students with data over the last five years highlighting the upward trend of our Year 12 results. As shown in the graph on the second page we continue to improve the percentage of students achieving an ATAR of above 80. We are also very proud of our English results and our ranking in various school ranking tables. For example, "Better Education" (www.bettereducation.com.au) ranks all secondary schools in the state and provides a good measuring stick of school academic performance. They base this ranking on Median VCE Scores and percentage of study scores of 40 and over (study scores are given as a score out of 50). **According to this data, we are clearly the highest ranked school in North West Victoria.**

The cornerstone of our school curriculum is a wide range of Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and Vocational Education and Training (VET). That will continue to be the case.

We currently have more than 170 students in our Year 11 and 12 student cohort, and the growth in our Year 7 enrolments over the past two years indicates senior school numbers will continue to rise.

You can be confident of our commitment to maintaining our small VCE class sizes and to honour our mission for "active and engaged learning".

We are also committed to growing and extending the opportunities and experiences we offer to our senior students to broaden the range of **48 subjects we currently offer at Year 11 and 12**. You can be assured we will continue to investigate and offer new subjects at Years 11 and 12 as per interest, demand and availability. New subjects this year include VCE "Systems Engineering" and VET "Outdoor Recreation".

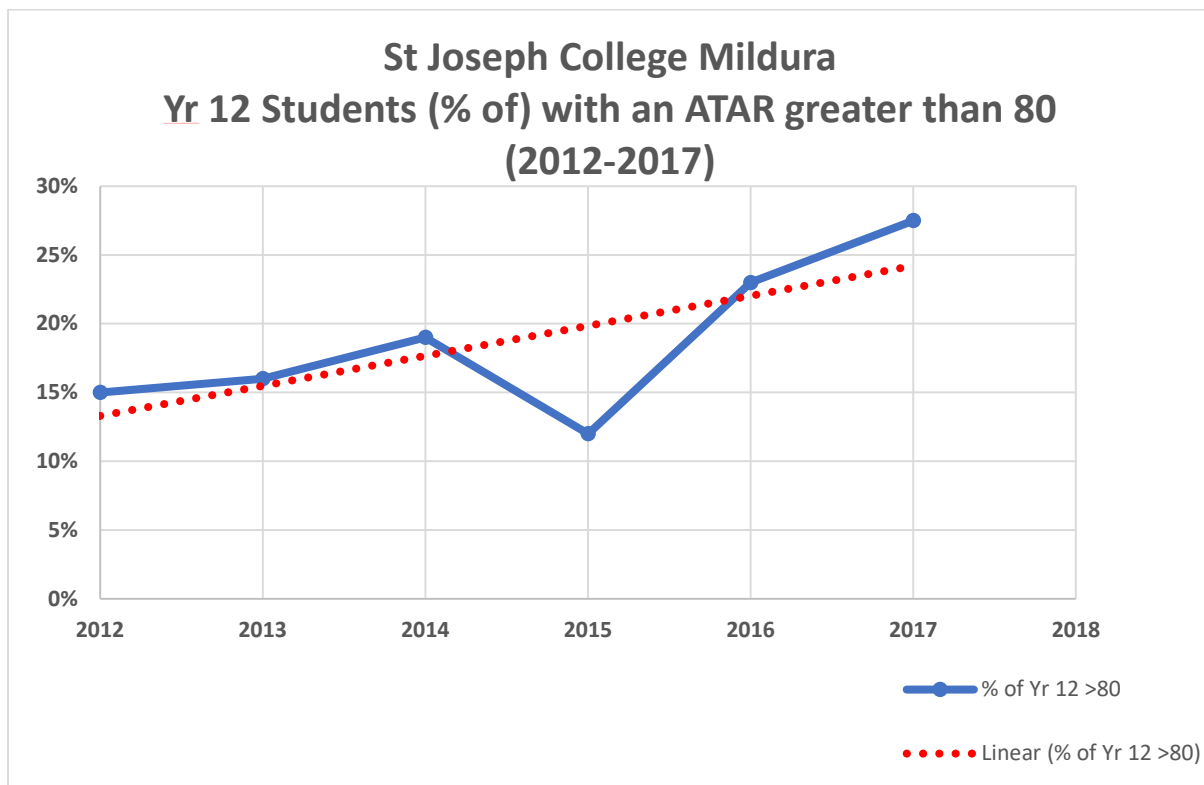
From a co-curricular perspective, options such as a Year 11 common room and additional social, emotional and spiritual development opportunities are under consideration.

St Joseph's College students succeed because they want to do well, and they believe that they can achieve at the highest level. Their teachers share this belief. St Joseph's College students will seek opportunities to create exciting futures through learning experiences that promote excellence, leadership and personal esteem.

We are about to commence a series of informal feedback/listening sessions with our Year 10 students to receive their feedback on future options and opportunities.

If you have thoughts to share on how St Joseph's College can continue to develop and enhance our VCE/VCAL/VET program and, more broadly, Year 11 and 12 student experiences, **we welcome your input.** Please register your interest by emailing taston@sjcnda.vic.edu.au

We look forward to working with you to continue to build St Joseph's College on the foundation of our rich heritage in Sunraysia, together with the gifts and talents of our staff, students and families.



Yours sincerely

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