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Dear parents and carers,

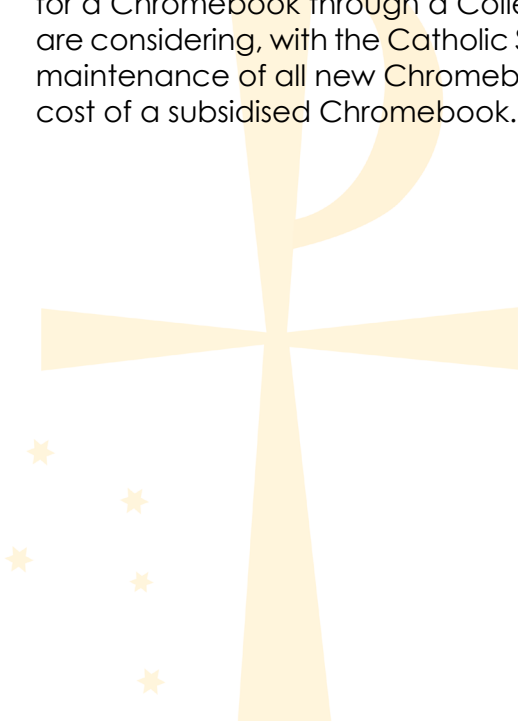
I hope this letter finds you well.

I visited St Joseph's, St Edward's and St Nicholas Tamworth Primary Schools today to tell Year 6 students that enrolments for Year 7, 2022 at McCarthy Catholic College are now open. Assistant Principals Mick Larkin and Sally Sparke visited St Joseph's Quirindi and St Michael's Manilla, respectively. This letter outlines the enrolment process. Attached is an enrolment form.

The message to you is the same as the message to students: please consider continuing Catholic education at McCarthy Catholic College and in the Armidale Catholic Diocese system of schools. Having spent 12 months as a School Performance Leader for the Diocese in 2020, I am very aware of the strengths and sound educational direction of our system of schools. A system improvement focus on student care, coherent and skilled teacher practice, and the building of strong teaching and learning teams, is also the improvement work of McCarthy for 2021. Please read our 2021 Improvement Plan [here](#).

I hope you have had a chance to read '[Living Well, Learning Well](#): A Student Support Framework for the Diocese of Armidale'. Page 19, 'Families as Partners in Catholic School Communities' is reproduced on the next page. This partnership agreement is the key to proceeding with your enrolment. We enter into partnership and hold each other to account in that partnership to improving learning, wellbeing, faith development and life opportunities for all children and young people in the College.

Please note, fees for 2021 have been set at \$3354.00. In addition, families ordered and paid for a Chromebook through a College portal. This year the Chromebook cost \$466.40. We are considering, with the Catholic Schools Office, taking full responsibility for the supply and maintenance of all new Chromebooks. If this happens for 2022, fees will rise to include the cost of a subsidised Chromebook.





Living Well, Learning Well

Families as Partners in Catholic School Communities

In choosing a Catholic school, parents enter a partnership with the school in which there is shared privilege and responsibility for the child's faith formation, learning and wellbeing. There is a shared goal that all children and young people in Armidale Diocesan schools are safe, valued, respected and cared for, and esteemed and supported as learners.

Families strengthen the partnership by:

I am SAFE

- * Supporting policies, practices and protocols that keep people safe
- * Quickly informing the school when aware of a risk to safety
- * Supporting and teaching help-seeking strategies to children and young people
- * Assisting children and young people in the replacement of unsafe behaviours



I am VALUED, RESPECTED and CARED for

- * Supporting policies, practices and protocols that ensure people are valued, respected and cared for
- * Quickly informing the school when aware of a risk to a child/young person's sense of being valued, respected and cared for
- * Modelling in the family the ways people are valued, respected and cared for
- * Supporting and facilitating positive relationships with school staff and other families in the school community
- * Recognising and supporting the link between strong school attendance and connection to school
- * Understanding how family engagement in schooling contributes positively to the learning, wellbeing, faith development and life opportunities of children and young people



I am a LEARNER

- * Supporting policies, practices and protocols that enhance student learning
- * Recognising and supporting the link between strong school attendance and successful learning
- * Engaging in ongoing, productive conversations about learning with students, teachers and school leaders
- * Recognising high family regard for learning, a literacy-rich home environment and a high regard for the work of the school as powerful positive influences on student learning and wellbeing outcomes



Our Diocesan Schools:

Recognise that the partnership between family and school centres on the child/young person, who has voice in the partnership and whose learning, wellbeing and spiritual development are the reason for the partnership - as taught and modelled by Jesus, our children and young people are at the heart of the Kingdom of God (Luke 18: 16).

Our Families:

Recognise that positive partnerships between families and school strengthen the school community and improve learning, wellbeing, faith development and life opportunities for all children/young people in the school.





McCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Enrolling Now!

Join McCarthy Catholic College in 2022! Year 7 enrolments are now open.
* An enrolment package will be emailed to all Year 6 Armidale Diocese Primary School students. Any questions call Belinda Gleeson-Barker, Enrolment Officer, 67610802 or mccenrolments@arm.catholic.edu.au

First Round Applications close on Wednesday 31 March 2021

Please ensure that the Application Form is fully completed and has the following documentation attached:

- a copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate (Catholic applicants only)
- a copy of your child's latest school report
- a copy of your child's most recent NAPLAN results
- a copy of any court orders for custody/access (where applicable)
- a copy of any travel/visa documents (where applicable)
- a copy of your child's immunisation record

A \$100 Non-Refundable Application Fee is required with this application. This will be deducted from fees in 2022 for McCarthy Catholic College students.

I wish you and your Year 6 child all the best for 2021 and hope to confirm enrolment at McCarthy Catholic College in 2022.

All the best,

Rod Whelan

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Principal

