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Dear Families,

The Pilgrim School Board consists of a diverse group of individuals who are committed to seeing Christian education continue to thrive and flourish at Pilgrim School. Many of our Board members have children, or grandchildren, who attend or have graduated from our wonderful school, and we are very proud of the culture and legacy of Pilgrim School.

For over 40 years, the Pilgrim Board has overseen this important ministry, seeking to provide a safe and nurturing school community for children and families. During this time, we have seen many factors impacting Christian education. The Board has played a vital role in discerning future influences on schooling and education from across the country and the world and we proactively seek opportunities to strengthen this outstanding school.

Our Leadership Team (Andrew, Julie, Lisa, Michael and Kristen) manages the day-to-day needs and operations of the School within the strategic vision and directions from the Board.

Five years ago, the State Government announced that Year 7 would move from primary to secondary school sites. A letter was sent to our families on 30th July 2018 outlining the impact of those changes. This communication also highlighted the strengthening of the ongoing relationship and partnership with Emmaus Christian College.

The letter shared that the *“Boards of each school have been in joint discussions ... in order to strengthen the existing, strong relationship between our schools in both the immediate and longer term future... The [Pilgrim School] Board aims to grow Pilgrim as an R-6 school in the future and sees its relationship with Emmaus as central to this growth.”*

As our Board seeks to strengthen opportunities for secondary schooling for Pilgrim students, these discussions regarding pathways and partnerships have continued with Emmaus Christian College. A strengthened partnership between Pilgrim School and Emmaus Christian College would provide stronger access to education beginning at preschool age, with the future possibilities of a seamless Early Learning to Year 12 school model for those families who would choose this option.

We will keep families informed of the ongoing strength of this partnership as these conversations continue. The Board and Leadership Team are committed to continuing to invest in and strengthen the excellent education we provide at Pilgrim, including the outstanding commitment and care of our staff team, for whom we are very grateful.

With blessings,

Wendy Perkins
Pilgrim School Board Chair

*To challenge and inspire children
in a Christ centred community*