



## ST PIUS X COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

### COLLEGE SCHOOL FEES 2023-2024

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 provided another 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 students during the year as well as their care and attention to the boys educational, health and spiritual needs. We also thank the students and you, their Parents and Guardians, for the many ways you have supported each other and the College this year.

We wish the Year 12 students all the best for the HSC exam results 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 has resulted in an ongoing decline in Government funding for our College in real terms. The effect on the school budget has been significant with the College experiencing a decline in funding of \$1,856.00 per student since 2018.

#### Commonwealth and State Funding Decline per Student

2019 -\$366.00	2020 -\$572.00	2021 -\$302.00	2022 -\$618.00
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We expect Government funding to continue to decline in the short to medium term.

The College Advisory Council conducted extensive deliberations regarding the College budget to ensure the tuition fees remain as affordable as the College can sustain. As communicated to the College community in 2021, 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 tight budgets in the short term primarily due to the expected ongoing decline in 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 the best for the remainder of 2022, a safe and holy Christmas, and a fulfilling 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Populin,  
College Advisory Council Chair