



ST PIUS X COLLEGE BOARD

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support of the College for the education of your sons.

The College Board works collaboratively with the Principal and Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) to provide quality stewardship aimed at offering the best possible learning environment for the students at the College. It is responsible for governance of Mission & Vision, Strategic Planning & Review, Policy, Finance & Risk Management as well as support to the Principal and the College Leadership Team.

We especially thank the Principal, Mr. John Couani, and the College Staff for their enthusiastic commitment to provide a Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition, striving as they do to promote the spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural and physical growth of your sons. We wish the Year 12 boys all the best for their HSC exams and future as they leave the College and look forward to them making a positive difference in our world.

The College is very much dependent on Commonwealth and State Government funding to help keep fees affordable. The outcome of the Commonwealth Government's decision in May 2017 will result in an ongoing significant decline in Commonwealth and State funding in real terms for our College.

Given the expected cut to Government's funding in 2020, and taking into account our increased educational costs, College sustainability and the operating costs of enrichment and support programs, the Board has approved a tuition fee increase of 6.75% for 2020. Tuition fees will continue to be reviewed by the Board each year to ensure they remain as affordable as the College can sustain while allowing for the reduction in Government funding, increases in educational costs and the ongoing need for maintenance and upgrade of buildings and resources.

I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Board and Committee members, EREA and the College community who have supported me as Board Chair. A number of Board members are retiring at the end of this year and I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for their valuable contributions both individually and collectively.

The Board congratulates Mr Couani and the College on a very successful year and we are very confident the College will continue to thrive and succeed into the future. Thank you again for supporting the College. On behalf of the Board, I wish you and your families all the very best for the rest of the year and, while I know I'm early, a happy and holy Christmas, safe holidays and a fulfilling year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Populin,

Board Chair