Dear Parents

As you are aware we commence in 2014 with a new college uniform. All year 7 students will wear this uniform, along with many others at the college who have purchased it or ordered it already. Families will have two years to transition to the new uniform, with all students wearing it from the beginning of the 2016 school year.

School council has introduced the new uniform as one of the many strategies in place to rebuild a sense of pride in the college, and to raise expectations for students. This is not being done in isolation, and the bulk of our focus remains firmly on what is occurring in classrooms.

I wanted to briefly communicate the significant changes regarding the wearing of all uniform for 2014 and will write again prior to school recommencing, to give further details.

The key change is that school council has agreed that it is reasonable to expect every student to attend school every day in full and complete uniform. Their view is that if a student had a part time job and came in incorrect shoes, or the wrong shirt, they would not be able to work, and that we should promote the same high expectations.

So after a short period of reminders and parent contact to meet expectations next year, those out of uniform, for any reason, will not be permitted to attend classes. They will be supported to continue their learning of course, in a supervised area, as much of their learning can be accessed online via their netbooks.

The government also expects that where a uniform policy exists in a school, parents send their students to school in this uniform. This includes wearing it correctly and we are providing this advance notice, to reaffirm that girls’ dresses should touch the top of the knee cap as a minimum requirement, not be pulled tight by tying the ends of the belt together, and be able to be worn with the buttons comfortably closed. The correct socks with the old uniform are white for girls and grey for boys, and as noted previously, clean, neat and tidy uniform is the expectation. Also, where students choose to wear an additional layer under uniform pieces, it should not be visible.

Thank you in anticipation for your support. As mentioned previously, further details will be provided in January.

Regards

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