



1 December 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your continuing donations to the **MARIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (MCDT)** in support of St Bernard's College.

In 2017 your donations helped fund renovations to the College's gymnasium entrance which is now underway. The relocation of the gymnasium toilets, the new expansive entrance and lobby would not have gone ahead without the MCDT contribution of \$69,000.

During 2017, your donations have also supported the College's Special Catholic Character. Funding was provided for the O'Shea Shield Speech and Drama Competition, Student Leadership Development and Religious Education Resources as well as several other items. This funding amounted to \$37,500.

In addition, the MCDT has provided \$10,000 to assist with education costs in cases of financial hardship, again all made possible from your donations.

The total funding provided by the MCDT to the College in 2017 was \$116,500.

Your Annual Donation

For 2018, the annual donation has again been fixed at \$150 per student or \$200 for families with two or more students.

.tis the MCDT is a charitable trust, your donation can be claimed as a charitable donation for tax purposes so that one third of your donation will be refunded t,y the Inland Revenue Department on application. Receipts for donations to the MCDT are issued in April each year.

The MCDT looks forward to your continuing support, which enables it to achieve its charitable objects which are to provide financial support to maintain and develop the College's facilities and educational programmes and facilitate the propagation of the Catholic faith through the operation of the College.

The 1rj.16tees extend warm blessings for Christmas and the New Year to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Grant Shanahan Chair
Marist Community Development Trust