



THE MARIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

11 December 2018

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 2018 your donations helped fund further renovations to the College's gymnasium. The MCDT has contributed a further \$20,000 for the gym foyer ceiling, including lighting, re-wiring and relining as the upgrade's final stage. A contribution of \$7,140 was also made to install new glass double entry doors and upgrade the access way to the school chapel.

Your donations this year have grown St Bernard's men through investment in the College's special Catholic character. Funding was provided for participation in the O'Shea Shield Speech and Drama Competition, for Student Leadership Development and Religious Education Resources. Additionally \$10,000 was set aside to assist with educational costs in cases of financial hardship. Special character and hardship funding amounted to \$31,186.

The total funding provided for the College by the MCDT in 2018 was \$58,326.

#### **Your Annual Donation**

For 2018, the annual donation has been held at \$150 per student or \$200 for families with two or more students. The Trust acknowledges the financial challenges faced by many families and thanks you for your continuing support.

*As 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 by the Inland Revenue Department on application. Receipts for donations to the MCDT are issued in April each year.*

The MCDT's charitable objectives 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 Trustees acknowledge the hard work of the Principal Mr Simon Stack and his wonderful team and wish you the very best for Christmas and 2019.

Yours sincerely

Grant Shanahan

Chair

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