



THE MARIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

20 December 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the tough time facing our school community in 2021, the resilience shown by the entire school has been so positive and reassuring. Your donations this year again enabled the Te Kupenga - Catholic Student Leadership programme covering Curriculum Resources and travel. Donations also supported students in the Ignite Faufautua Program. This year the Trusts contributions to the school totalled over \$15,700. The Trust also put funds aside on deposit for use in upcoming needs. These donations are vital for the school growth and special character.

#### **Your Annual Donation**

The ST Bernard's Board of Trustees has renewed the government's Donations Scheme Funding Policy for 2021 and 'opted in' continuing the scheme in 2022. The Donations Scheme relieves the school from asking you for curriculum related course costs. Also, the government does not cover school facilities that are not integrated.

Due to limits in the Donations Scheme the Board must ask your continued 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 school community resilience and achievements in such a difficult year and ask for your continued support in 2022. The **annual donation** has been held at \$150 per student or \$200 for families with two or more students.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a stable and Happy New Year.

Kia kaha te arohanui,

Grant Shanahan

Chair

Marist Community Development Trust