



THE MARIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

16 December 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

First, we would like to acknowledge the tough time facing our school community again this year, the resilience shown by the entire school has been so positive and reassuring.

Your donations this year contributed to the Te Kupenga - Catholic Student Leadership Institute programme covering Curriculum Resources and travel; Chaplaincy costs incurred by the school and Feast Day celebrations. This year the Trusts contributions to the College totalled over \$11,000. The Trust also put funds aside on deposit for use in upcoming needs. Your donations are vital for the College's growth and special character.

Your Annual Donation

The St Bernard's Board of Trustees has renewed the Government's Donations Scheme Funding Policy for 2022 and 'opted in' continuing the scheme in 2023. The Donations Scheme relieves the College from asking you for curriculum related course costs. However, the Government does not cover school facilities that are not integrated. Due to limits in the Donations Scheme, we ask for and truly appreciate your continued support in 2023.

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. These areas are not funded by the Government.

Taking into account the financial difficulties many in our community are facing, the MCDT has held the **annual donation** for 2023 at \$150 per student or \$200 for families with two or more students. We sincerely thank you for your contribution.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Brendan Carr

Chair

Marist Community Development Trust