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Letter to St Paul's College Community

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and boys

On behalf of the Board I wish to outline a number of developments and issues that have been a feature of the 2020 year.

A COVID Year

There is no mistaking that this year has and continues to test us all. Through lockdowns, College closures and social distancing our concerns have been for the health, welfare and continued education of our students. The response from all students and the teaching staff has been remarkable. We needed to ensure that St Paul's remained a safe environment and one where through various forms of communication we maintained our educational standards. Parents, Guardians and students all played a big effort in ensuring these standards were met. The College is now back on track with focus on end of year exams.

We have been extremely well served by our leadership team under the guidance of our Headmaster, Mr Kieran Fouhy and all of our hard working teaching staff.

Our Purpose

Our strategy and purpose remains the same. That is to provide excellence in education based on our traditional Catholic Marist values.

Educational Results

We placed great reliance on academic achievement in NCEA. The goal is for every student in year 13 to pass UE and for students taking NCEA levels 1,2 and 3 to achieve 20% merit endorsement and/or 20% excellence endorsement; a culture of Academic Excellence.

College Roll

Over the last few years we have experienced a significant increase in roll. At the end of 2017 our roll was 226. At the start of 2020 our roll was 291. Given the confirmed enrolments, our roll at the start of 2021 will be at around 380. This is a wonderful endorsement of the community's "buy in" of what St Paul's is now achieving in the education of our students.

However, such growth may result in a short-term constraint. According to the Ministry of Education our maximum permissible roll is 400. Currently we will not receive any State funding for student numbers above 400. We are in the process of applying to the Ministry for an increase in roll. We are advised that this could be a long process, but we are hopeful of having an increase in place for the 2022 year.

College Attendance Dues and Financial Contributions

For the last three years we have not increased the overall level of parents' financial contributions. We are pleased to advise that the 2021 level of contributions will again remain at \$2,200. Parents are reminded that the Attendance Dues that form part of this are a compulsory payment and are passed through to the Catholic Education Office.

The following is a summary of 2020 Attendance Dues and Financial Contributions.

	Year 7-8	Year 9-13
Attendance Dues	\$432	\$848
General Purpose	\$1,768	\$1,352
Total for the Year	\$2,200	\$2,200

Of the General Purpose donations approximately 45% (\$90,000) is paid as interest on the Loan required to complete the St Marcellin Champagnat building. The remaining 55% is used across a wide range of College activities such as additional teaching resources, sporting equipment, building maintenance and new College Vans.

We thank all of those parents who recognise their financial obligations to St Paul's through this voluntary payment.

Sporting Facilities

Basketball is the highest growth sport in New Zealand schools. We have recently installed four new hoops on the asphalt area behind the music centre and shortly plan to install another two. These are already proving extremely popular with the boys.

Through the great efforts of a parent, Dion Nash, and at no cost to the school, we have also installed three cricket practice nets in the grass area adjacent to the basketball hoops. Our First XI is currently in the second grade but with these vastly improved facilities we expect cricket to flourish at the school.

These two sporting facilities have lifted the whole profile of these two sports within the school.

College Lunches

St Paul's has been invited by the Ministry of Education to participate in the College lunch scheme for 2021. This scheme will provide lunches for every boy for the entirety of the 2021 College year.

There are a number of issues that we still need to work through such as an independent local supplier and the requirements around healthy food standards and hygiene.

Structure of the Board

As most of you are aware, Catholic Integrated schools such as St Paul's also have Proprietor's Representatives on the Board. The composition of our Board is 5 Parents' Representatives, 4 Proprietor's Representatives and 3 Representatives from the School.

Parents' Representatives;	Bernice Mene (Deputy Chair) Asilika Aholelei Brother Colin Divane Junior Fiu Peter Hogg
Proprietor's Representatives	Denis Wood Bruce Smith Mark Bowden Regina Smuga
Headmaster	Kieran Fouhy
Teachers' Representative	Glenn Stanbridge
Students' Representative	Salesi Foketi

The Board and individual members are here to serve the entire College community. Please do not hesitate to approach any member of the board if you have any issues you wish to discuss.

The Board meets nine times a year usually on the second Monday of the month (excepting January, July and December). These are public meetings and members of the community are entitled to attend. If you wish to do so, please contact the College Board Secretary for the date of the next meeting.

College Prize Giving, 2020

The annual Prizegiving Function will be held at 6:30pm on 8th December at Christ the King Church (the same venue as last year). We hope to see you all there to celebrate the achievement of all of our students and to wave good bye to 2020.

Kind regards
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Denis Wood
Chairman - St Paul's College Board of Trustees.