A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER TO THOSE MAKING APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT YEAR 11, 2014

Dear Parents, Carers and Students of Year 10, 2013

Welcome to the start of the enrolment process for the Senior School at St Gregory’s College. This is an important time in the lives of Year 10 students and represents the start of the non-compulsory part of Secondary Education.

NSW Government regulations introduced from January 2010 now mean that after Year 10 – and until students turn 17 – students must be:

- in school, or registered for home schooling; OR
- in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship); OR
- in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week); OR
- in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Being a Marist School gives St Gregory’s a tradition, a vision and an ethos which assists young people living in an ever-changing world. Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the Founder of the Marist Brothers, gave practical expression to the vision of Jesus Christ. Saint Marcellin Champagnat’s chief reason for establishing schools was, “to make Jesus Christ known and loved”.

Therefore, the College considers the following to be very important:

- Active support for the religious ethos of the College.
- Full participation in a well structured Religious Education Program.
- Attendance and support of Liturgies, the Eucharist and Retreats.
- Application by all to a rigorous academic program of study based on individual needs, working towards the HSC and other educational credentials.
- Active support for the College’s welfare policies, discipline code, uniform regulations, fee structure.
- A genuine spirit of giving by all to co-curricular activities, be it sport, liturgy, community service, the creative and performing arts, and representing the College in the community. To develop the whole person in a school setting is a long and sometimes difficult task. Each student is treated with respect and, in return, the College expects that each student will give of his personal best for the good of the whole St Gregory’s community.

St Gregory’s strong academic success places it in a special category of schools in New South Wales. These successes do not just happen. They are the result of a very dedicated and highly professional teaching staff who put in time,
over and above their formal classes, to create the educational opportunities for students at the College. It is this spirit of giving which characterises everything good at St Gregory’s.

As part of the enrolment process, a copy of the College Rules and Expectations is enclosed. Each student and parent should read these prior to signing the Conditions of Enrolment.

To further assist us in planning for Year 11, 2014, determining which subjects will be offered, and in the preparation of timetables, and other matters associated with College organisation, the completion of the attached Application to Proceed form is necessary.

**Completed documentation is to be returned to the College Registrar, by**

**Monday 5th August 2013.**

Once these forms are returned, the students will receive notification regarding their subject selection choices. Delay in returning the paperwork will mean that your son may not be able to obtain placement in the subject course that he wishes to undertake. Please find attached:

- **Application to Proceed Form**
- **Conditions of Enrolment to the College as Senior Students**
- **OR, if your son is not continuing at St Gregory’s for Year 11 2014, written advice of his educational intentions to comply with the new NSW Government regulations**

It is expected that all students will aim high and work to the best of their abilities. We have set achievable standards over the years and we expect our students to strive diligently towards the reaching of those standards.

Jesus came so that we might have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). By working together, we hope that life may indeed be yours and that the education we offer will be rewarding and fulfilling.

Best wishes and God bless,

Yours sincerely

Damien Millar
Headmaster