Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

When I buy a new CD, I am always tempted to skip over the songs I have never heard and listen to only those that are familiar. Once I get past that tendency and give the new tunes a chance, at least one song always becomes a new favourite. It can be the same with our relationship with God. When one reflects on last year’s relationship, with God, it would be easy and necessary to think about how I can improve my relationship however, when one looks at New Year’s resolutions, one can think what does it matter. It is a new year, it is a new opportunity to renew or change what I have done in the past. One only has to look at nature in spring to see how regrowth occurs to hope. It is the same for us in our relationship with Christ as he is always ready for a new beginning. We can all embrace 2017 as a new year and recharge and renew in every area of our life.

Welcome

Welcome back to our returning families. A warm welcome to the new families who are joining the College and to our new staff members. I hope that everyone has had a refreshing break and returned well rested for the new year. Our new staff members are as follows: Mr McGuigan – Agriculture/Science, Mr McGovern – Mathematics, Mr Carter – PDHPE, Mr Weeke – Head of the Junior School, Mr Singh – Computing Studies and Mr Bryan – IT Support. I am sure that, with their skills and experience, they will only add to what the College already has to offer.

200 Years

This year, the Marists worldwide are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the Little Brothers of Mary (Marist Brothers) who were founded by St Marcellin Champagnat in France. There will be a number of celebrations taking place during the year to commemorate this event.

Facilities

There have been a number of improvements during the holidays to the College facilities. The Brother Luke Hall is now fully air-conditioned, courtesy of the Foundation. A number of classrooms that were not air-conditioned, have now been commissioned. The last Science laboratory that was not renovated, will be completed in a couple of weeks and then all science laboratories will be renovated. The Learning Centre will be completed by the end of the month. This will complete the full refurbishment of all our College facilities that are used for teaching and learning. The big project this year will be the building of the Junior School, which should commence by the end of the month. The completion date for the Junior School will be December. The College is also looking at improving the internal traffic movement such entrances, internal access and parking.

The Gregory Hills Drive to the front gate should be completed by the end of Term 2, which will mean a quicker trip for everyone from the west. Gregory Hills Drive should be completed by Christmas down to the roundabout.

Events

St Gregory’s is known for holding many events throughout the year, hence the College Calendar that you received during the holidays. The Opening Mass will be held today followed by the first Parent Forum next Monday for Years 10, 11 and 12. Meetings are always at 9.00am and 7.30pm and are held in the Donovan Room.

High Achievers Assembly

The College recently held the High Achievers Assembly and Richard Bahamondez was acknowledged as the Dux of the College. The Assembly celebrates the success of our high achievers, in other words those who achieved an ATAR of 90 or more. The College also acknowledges any students who were selected for the various exhibitions for their major projects, such as Brock Cooper who had his work selected for the Shape Exhibition at the Power House Museum. The College also acknowledges a student who made the top ten in the State in a particular subject, such as Josiah Folau who came 8th in Studies of Religion 1. It is important to also acknowledge the students who worked to the best of their ability and achieved everything that they set out to do, and there would have been many in this position.

Quae Seminaveris Metes.

Damien Millar
Head of School
Traffic and Transport Arrangements

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for your patience and cooperation at the start of the year with numerous changes regarding traffic and other transport issues. As always, the College is trying to ensure that things run as smoothly as possible with the students’ safety paramount in our thinking. A few points to clarify:

1. No student should be dropped off or picked up in the staff car park. It has been brought to my attention that this has occurred. Please use either the top or the western pick up areas to drop off and pick up students.

2. If you are using the western pick up (Gregory Hills side), please use appropriate speeds. As you are entering a school, some drivers are simply driving too fast.

3. The bus companies and the College are monitoring the bus situation at this time in order to ensure that boys get home safely and in a timely manner. The road works outside the College are slowing some of the entry and exit of cars and buses though, again, we are working with TRN to look at the best possible options at each stage of development.

4. The Priority passes have been issued based on home postcode and connecting services. It is difficult to make allowances for outside non-College reasons to get a pass as if all requests were granted there would be no point of the priority pass.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College with any concerns regarding transport arrangements and we will endeavour at find a solution.

Matthew Brennan,
Head of Senior School/Deputy Headmaster

Mission

Our theme this year is Awaken. The theme invites us to experience the dawn; sunrise. It is a time of expectation and anticipation; the opening of a door to a brand new day. Marists throughout the world celebrate our Marist Bicentenary with the expectancy and hope of the awakening of a brand new day.

This is the artwork for our theme for 2017.

The hands represent our humanness. As co-creators, we continue God’s work of creation by building and forming young people.

The heart or M reminds us of our identity as Marists and how we strive together with a generous heart.

The Holy Spirit is represented by the wind as it was at Pentecost. The Spirit breathes life into our lives and invites us to go out to the world and open God’s word to others.

At our Opening Mass this morning we welcomed our newest members to the College community. We celebrated the beginning of the year with the same hope of the awakening of a brand new day.

My hope is that their time here is a time of joy and that there is a real sense of belonging to our Catholic, Marist community. It is my hope that our new families experience the same.

Cathie Clarke,
Director of Mission/RE Coordinator

Information regarding School Zones Parking and Traffic Offences can be found in the News section of the College website.
Congratulations to the following high achievers from the HSC Class of 2016:

- Richard Bahamondez, College Dux, ATAR: 94.45
- Josiah Folau, ATAR: 93.75
- Frank Lopresti, ATAR: 93.10
- Cathal McMahon, ATAR: 93.00
- Bailey Ivancic, ATAR: 92.50
- Murray Cooke, ATAR: 91.70
- Liam Clarke, ATAR: 91.20
- Sam Hackett, ATAR: 90.90
- Flynn Fielding, ATAR: 90.85
- Brock Cooper, Major Work for Design and Technology selected for the Shape Exhibition

Welcome to the 2017 academic year. Both Years 11 and 12 have had a busy start to the year with very practical study skills sessions with Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning. For more information on these sessions and for study tips, see the report on the College website at Teaching and Learning.

Year 10 are working towards the first completion stage for the ROSA. Year 9 have started the study of electives for the first time while Year 8 has added Italian to their programme of study. For our new Year 7 students, the exciting but occasionally daunting journey that is high school has just begun.

### Class groupings 2017

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*In Years 9 and 10, we also have a B stream in English, Science and HSIE.

### Professional Learning

Much is made in research and in the media of the need for quality teachers in our schools. Quality teachers know their subject and know how to teach it. They create supportive and safe learning environments for their students, and they engage professionally in their own learning. St Gregory’s College has committed to the continuing development of our quality teachers through the introduction of timetabled professional learning and engagement opportunities. This year students will see more teachers in one another’s classrooms, sharing their expertise and learning from each other. Teachers will meet more often to discuss teaching and learning, develop goals, and evaluate their own progress. This is all the work of a vibrant learning community.

Catherine Keegan, Director of Studies

Louise Millar, Director of Teaching and Learning
Year 12 News

The Year 12 Group of young men have certainly returned to school for their final three terms with a solid sense of determination and willingness to work. It is a positive attitude, which we encourage them to maintain throughout the remaining time as students at the College.

A group of around sixty students took up the opportunity to attend a day at Wollongong University on the Monday just past. Speaking to a number of these young men about it, they really embraced the snapshot of Uni life that they were given. Many thanks to Mrs Dein and Mrs Keegan for facilitating this day.

This is a big week for the group as they will receive their Year 12 Jersey, will be issued with their Senior badges and will welcome our new Year 7’s into their first College Mass today.

Pat Newell, Year 12 Coordinator

Sports Events

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School Fees/Statement Distribution

Dear Parents,

This is to advise that fee statements will be issued twice a month from February 2017 to assist families in planning their payments across the year. The dates the College will be processing fee Direct Debit or Credit Card payments is noted on the College Calendar.

Please contact Deanna in the Finance Office on (02) 4629 4112 if you have any questions in relation to fees.

Euan Liddell, Finance Manager

Sports News

TERM 1 – WEEK 2

NATIONAL MARIST CRICKET CARNIVAL
At the end of Term 4 the First XI travelled to Cairns, Queensland and participated in the Annual National Marist Cricket Carnival. With wins against Alice Springs, Adelaide, Cairns and Sale, our undefeated team retained the Championship Cup for the 10th time in the 20 years of competing in the Championship. The team was led by Captain, Daniel Slane, Player of the Carnival and Captain of the Marist Merit team. Other award winners include Vincent Hreszcuk, who hit the Carnival’s only century 104 against Alice Springs, Batsman of the Carnival and Marist Merit team. Our two opening batsmen, Rohan Indap and Cameron Middleton, were named in the Merit team along with our opening bowler, Matt Stimson. Daniel Hodson won the Team Champagnat Award for his positive playing and contribution to the team. Other team members included Ryan Clark, Ji Mills, Lawson Clark, Sam Price, Liam Neeson, Charlie Allen and Jakob Eljed. These fine, young men were coached by Mr Luke Morrissey who was named Coach of the Marist Merit Team.

MCS BASKETBALL COMPETITION
The 2016-17 MCS Basketball and Cricket competitions continued at the start of Term 1. The Basketball games were against the always strong St Dominic’s College. While being very competitive, our only win was by one point in the Year 9 game. Scores against Penrith were: Firsts 37-90, Seconds 23-41, Year 10 26-45, Year 9 32-31 and Year 8 24-36. Individual highlights include Firsts – Tim Villaverde 15 points.

MCS CRICKET COMPETITION
The very successful MCS Cricket season continues with seven wins from seven games. Firsts defeated Penrith by 59 runs (Cameron Middleton 54 and 3-9, Daniel Slane 47 and 2-12); Seconds defeated Fairfield by eight wickets (Charlie Allen 4-12); Thirds defeated Penrith by 39 runs (Tanmay Kulkarni 3-4, Isaac White 3-13); Fourths and Fifths had Byes; Year 10”A” defeated Penrith by eight wickets (Cameron Cotter 33 runs and 2-16); Year 10”B” defeated Fairfield by 70 runs (Harry Lane 78, Nick Alcorn 46, Christian Malone); Year 8”A” defeated Penrith by nine wickets. (Liam Sutton 35); Year 8”B” defeated Fairfield by nine wickets.

Joseph Lantz, Sports Coordinator

St Gregory’s College Campbelltown

OPEN DAY

Sunday 19 February 2017 10am to 1pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL K-Yr 2 — Enrolment Information Evening Tuesday 21 February 7.30pm
SENIOR SCHOOL Yr 7-Yr 12 — Enrolment Information Evening Wednesday 22 February 7.30pm

ST GREGORY’S IS A BOYS CATHOLIC SECONDARY DAY AND BOARDING COLLEGE FROM YEAR 7 TO 12 IN THE MARIST TRADITION. SINCE 1926, A CO-ED JUNIOR SCHOOL, K-YR 2, WILL OPEN IN TERM ONE, 2018.

FEEL WELCOME TO VISIT THE COLLEGE, TAKE A TOUR OF OUR STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES AND MEET OUR STAFF.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact: College Registrar—Kate Stott on 4629 4269 www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au
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