Welcome to the 2014 school year and a very special welcome to our Year 7 students and families as well as those students and families joining our community for the first time at other year levels.

We also have four new staff joining us for 2014; Penny Morris, Paul Carroll, Patrick McCarthy and Howard Stevens. We warmly welcome them and look forward to the contribution that they will make to our Catholic learning community.

As usual there is much to look forward to in 2014. The Diocese of Sale Catholic School Renewal process gives us the opportunity every four years to reflect on our values, mission, and purpose and then set ourselves goals that will assist the continued growth of the College. First and foremost we reflect on WHY our College exists. What is our College’s role in the Mission of our Catholic Church? What makes us identifiable Catholic?

Whilst we are working through school renewal we will also be feeding thoughts and ideas into developing a College Master Plan to plan necessary improvements to the grounds and facilities in order to help us to achieve the goals we set ourselves for the next four years.

You may have noticed in the media this week that we have been given final approval to start construction of our Trade Skills Centre during 2014. This is fantastic news for us and is the result of more than five years of planning and application preparation.

I have no doubt that we can ensure another successful year by working well together and wish all students and families the very best for the 2014 school year.

Michael Delaney
Principal

NOTE TO PARENTS

A reminder to parents that the drop off/pick up area for students is at the car park behind the multi-purpose hall only.

Leaving the College at the end of the day.

The back Car Park.

All parents are to wait until the buses have left the front of the College to leave the College grounds, someone is usually on duty at the T intersection stopping the traffic. This is to avoid a bank up of cars at the corner of Ogilvy Street and Horn Street. We need to get the buses to the Secondary College asap after the end of the school day.

I would also remind staff, parents and students of the following:-

- ALL students leaving the College on foot must use the footpath to exit the property via the main gate. It is not safe to be crossing Horn Street between the main gate and Strzelecki Highway. Nor is it safe for a parent to stop and collect or drop off students in this section of Horn Street.

In order for buses to run to schedule, no student, parent or staff vehicles (with the exception of the teacher on bus duty at the Leongatha Secondary College) should leave ahead of the first group of buses.

Thank you
LUNCH ORDERS
Yooralla Leongatha will be providing the lunch orders again this year. A new menu will be provided in next week’s newsletter along with more details. Please provide your child with a packed lunch until these resume. Thank you.

DEBUTANTE BALL
All Deb fees are due on 15 February 2014. Girls Fees are $240. Boys Fees are $210. This can be paid by cash or credit card. Please mark payments ‘For the attention of the Finance Department’ and post through the Finance slot opposite the sick bay.

Information from school
Parents please note that should there be an important announcement that we need to get out to the community, we will use the College Portal. You can access this as a parent or your student can access it. If you have any concerns about accessing the portal please contact the college office on 5662 4255. Thank you.