Dear Parents,

We have had a very fine start to the year. Thanks so much for all your work getting your children back to school in the right uniform and so well groomed. Our students are well settled in their classes and we believe that serious work has already begun.

We had the opportunity as a College to welcome and bless our new Year 7 students on Tuesday. I have included the blessing that we used during the liturgy below. It is a really wonderful ceremony and all our students remember this years later. Together we all pray for a very peaceful and fulfilling 2015.

God Bless.

May God’s joy be in your heart and God’s love surround you. May you know God’s presence in your growing and learning. In all your beginnings and endings may the bright light of Christ’s love be with you and the bright light of God’s spirit surround and enfold you.

As we journey through the year, may we be a blessing to each other and a witness to the light of Christ and we make this prayer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Kevin Jones

Blessing of Year 7
College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~
Principal
Mr Kevin Jones
Assistant Principals
Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez
Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Jessica Attard
Social Justice Coordinator
Mrs Janette Wick
Business Manager
Mr Paul Cruise
Administration Coordinator
Mrs Anita Meehan
Learning Technologies Coordinator
Mrs Jeanette Lans

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~
Creative Arts
Miss Carol Muscat / Assistant: Angela Rando
English
Ms Marsha Edwards / Assistant: Mrs Jeanette Lans
Human Society & Its Environment
Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon
Languages
Ms Felicity Lupton
Mathematics
Mrs Nichole Padden
PDHPE
Mr Marc Sluiter
Careers
Mr Brett Collimore
Science
Mrs Jenelle Gavin / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans
Special Education
Mrs Jan Trefoni
Sports Coordinator
Mr Dean Bertenshaw
Technology & Applied Studies
Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

Year Coordinators

Year 7
Mrs Dianne Santos

Year 8
Miss Hayley Lalor

Year 9
Miss Kristy Walsh

Year 10
Mr Nick Briffa

Senior Coordinator
Mr Stephen Godfrey
Assistant: Miss Rhiannon Marsh

Home-School Liaison Coordinator
Miss Jenny Woods
Student Counsellor
Ms Zoe Sweeney
Librarian
Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

Year 7 Enrolments 2016

Enrolment forms for Year 7 2016 will be available from the office from Monday 16 February 2015. All feeder schools will also have enrolment forms available from this date. Completed applications MUST be returned to the College no later than Friday 29 May 2015.

It is absolutely essential that families with children at Bede Polding ensure that they collect an enrolment form for siblings they wish to commence at Bede Polding in Year 7 2016. The school has no way of knowing that you wish to enrol a sibling unless you submit an application.

School tours will be conducted during Catholic Schools Week. If you wish to come to a tour of the College on Wednesday 11 March from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, please call the office to express your interest.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS
RE SCHOOL BUS ZONES IN RIFLE RANGE ROAD
Please be aware that conditions have changed with the School Bus Zones in Rifle Range Road. These changes are:

1. The existing bus bay near the main car park gate is now a School Bus Zone on School Days from 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Therefore other than buses - any vehicle parking or stopping in this bus bay for any purpose during these times is doing so illegally. Clear signage has been erected reading "NO ENTRY - BUSES EXCEPTED" to warn motorists of this change.

2. The former School Bus Zone located near the Front Gate has been converted to a Full Time Bus Zone. Clear signage has been erected to warn motorists of this change. Therefore other than buses, any vehicle parking or stopping for any purpose in the School Bus Zone at any time, is doing so illegally.
YEAR 7 2015 FIRST DAY AT BPC

YEAR 7 WELCOME TO BPC ASSEMBLY
**IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

**Recharging Mobile Devices:**
All students are asked to ensure that their mobile devices are fully charged before they arrive at the College each day.

**Illegal U Turn:**
All parents and students are warned that making a U turn out of the bus bay on Rifle Range Rd is illegal. We bring this to your attention as making this turn is very unsafe, even when the 40kmh limit applies. Please do not make this turn.

**Illegal Stopping in Tasman Place**
This has been reported to police who will issue penalty notices to those offending.

*Kevin Jones*
*Principal*

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**Star Spot**

*These are the stars of the week congratulations to:*

*Jessica Martin (10S5)* who trialed last November and made it into the PDSSSC Softball team to compete in NSWCCC on 17 February.

*Noah Moncrieff (7D8)* who will be travelling to Quebec, Canada this month to represent Australia in the International Ice Hockey Tournament.

*Emily Jones (11B4)* who has been awarded “Equestrian NSW Vaulting Young Female Athlete of the Year for 2014”.

*Well done - to these students*

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**Noodle Cups**

Due to safety concerns, hot noodles cups are no longer sold at the Canteen.

In addition, canteen staff are no longer able to fill noodle cups for students.

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**Hawkesbury Valley Junior Rugby Union** are recruiting U/16 players. First pre season training is Thursday the 5th 6pm at Deerubbin Park South Windsor.

All welcome – It doesn’t matter if you haven’t played before come along even for a chat or phone Coach Greg 0424142034 Manager Darrell 0467 9046 75

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**Year 7 Welcome Assembly**
Listed below are the Charities supported by our Year Groups 7—9 for 2015

**Year 7**

**Good Sams Foundation**

Bacolod City, the Philippines: Kinder School, a children’s feeding program, and women’s outreach group.

**Year 8 Sisters of Saint Joseph**

**Mary Mackillop East Timor Mission**

**Year 9**

**Edmund Rice Centre**

Awareness • Advocacy • Action
Social Justice at BPC

Listed below are the Charities supported by our Year Groups 10 - 12 & SRC for 2015

**Year 10**

**Year 11 and Year 12**

**SRC**

- San Miguel Family Centre
- BoysTown
EXPLANATION OF FEES & LEVIES FOR 2015

A. SUMMARY OF FEES PAYABLE

To give parents greater certainty for the 2015 school year and bearing in mind the financial pressures many families are facing, the Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Schools Council approved an average increase of 5% in diocesan tuition fees for 2015 in line with inflation.

This increase is necessary to help meet the rising educational costs for each child and ensure that we can maintain our current service levels.

Sibling discounts, which benefit over 60% of families, will remain the same for 2015.

The Diocesan Building Levy which supports capital works of all Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese, will be increased by $33 per annum.

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- Sibling reduction applies for 2nd and consecutive children for School Fees
- The Building Levy, Maintenance and P & F Fundraising Levy are family based fees and are billed to the eldest child in the family.
- The Resource Fee and Sport Fee are per student. No sibling discount applies for these school based fees
- Years 11 & 12 Sport Fee includes swimming and athletics carnivals and school examination costs.
- Effective Fees for Years 9 to 12 are included in the Resource Fee.
- Year 7 enrolment fee of $100 has been credited against the Camp for 2015.
B. **SCHOOL FEES**

These fees are set by, and collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and are passed on to the Catholic Education Office. Specifically, proceeds from these fees are directed towards supplementing Commonwealth and State Grants (which cover around 80% of the running costs of schools) for the payment of teachers' salaries, as well as general running costs associated with the school and the administration of the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta. School Fees will be apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3.

C. **RESOURCE FEE**

This fee helps meet the costs of administration of the school and the provision of resources for use by students and includes:

- Paper, printing, stationery and mailing costs
- School newsletter and other school publications
- Resources/equipment acquired by the school for use by teachers and students (eg. Library, video network, various equipment and curriculum resources)
- School diary for each student
- Computer resources and internet access provided for use by the students
- Provision of careers' advice and resources to students
- Implementation of school-based Pastoral Care programs for students
- Careers' Market attendance costs for all Year 10 & Year 12 students
- Australasian Schools' Competition costs for various subjects & year groups
- Aquatic Program costs for all Year 7 & Year 9 students' PDHPE course
- Retreat for Year 10 students & RYDA/Pastoral Day for Year 11 students
- Various subject workbooks and protective goggles
- Combination locks for Year 7 students' lockers
- English text books for Years 7-10
- Elective Subject Fees for Year 9 to 12

The Resource Fee is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3.

D. **DIOCESAN BUILDING LEVY**

This levy is paid by the first child attending a systemic school in the Diocese of Parramatta. It is collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and is paid directly into the **Parramatta Diocesan School Building Levy Fund**. This Fund is used to support building projects for all schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. The Diocesan Building Levy is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3 and is charged per family.

Please note that sibling reductions for the Building Levy only apply to those children attending Systemic Catholic Schools in the Dioceses of Parramatta, Sydney, Wollongong and Broken Bay and St. Dominic's College at Kingswood.
E. **MAINTENANCE FEE**

This fee is directed towards the costs associated with the general running, maintenance, and development of the school campus. For example, it will contribute towards the cost of replacement classroom furniture and the acquisition of student lockers.

The Maintenance Fee is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3 and is charged per family.

F. **SPORT FEE**

This fee covers the costs associated with transporting students to and from various venues as well as the actual costs associated with individual sporting activities such as golf, tennis, squash, ten pin bowling, ice skating, indoor climbing, replacement of sporting equipment etc. It also covers costs associated with school swimming and athletics carnivals as well as sundry examination costs.

G. **PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING LEVY**

A Fundraising Levy applies for 2015 as the sole means of fundraising for the Parents & Friends’ Association. The cost of the levy is $45 and is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3. It is charged per family.

H. **RETREATS, CAMPS, EXCURSIONS**

Please note that costs associated with students' attending subject excursions, retreats, pastoral days, school camps and other school-approved excursions for whole Year Groups have been included in the Fee Statement. However, activities for smaller subject groups are additional to the fees already outlined.
Accounts for fees are issued in equal installments (*) in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Fee billing dates for 2015 are as follows:

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Parents are requested to pay fees within 30 days of the date shown on the account.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Payment can be made via the following means:

- **Cash** - to be paid at front office.
- **Cheque or Money Order** - by mail or through payment at front office.
- **Credit Card** - payment at the front office or by phoning the school with credit card details.
- **Debit Card** - payment at the front office using EFTPOS.
- **POSTbillpay or BPAY** - payment as indicated on the Statement.
- **Centrelink** - payment deduction organised through the Business Manager.

When fees or other payments are sent via students, these should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked with the student's name, class and purpose of payment. This envelope should be deposited in the Fees Box located in the Student Foyer as soon after the student arrives at school. Excursion payments and notes should be handed to the teacher concerned.

All families are offered a Flexible Payment Plan to pay school fees off. To avail of this payment option, simply complete the forms supplied with your 2015 School Fee Statement and return it to the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta for processing.

If parents are experiencing difficulties, (either of a temporary or continuing nature), in meeting their financial commitments with respect to school fees - they must contact the College's Business Manager Mr. Paul Cruise to arrange an interview with either him so that a mutually acceptable arrangement can be agreed upon. This matter will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

It is important that families experiencing or expecting financial difficulty, please contact the Mr Cruise early in Term 1 or it will be taken that all fees will be paid by the due date.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many students are educated in Catholic schools?
In 2013, there were 351,098 students enrolled in 588 Catholic schools across NSW. Catholic schools educate 21% of students in NSW.

How many staff are employed in NSW Catholic schools?
Catholic education is one of the largest non-government employers in NSW with more than 27,000 staff, including more than 19,000 teachers.

Who runs Catholic schools in NSW?
Catholic schools fall into one of two categories:
- Diocesan (also known as ‘systemic’) or
- Congregational (also known as ‘Catholic Independent’)

There are 539 diocesan schools in NSW, spread across 11 dioceses. Each has a central office (called a Catholic Education Office or Catholic Schools Office) to administer its diocesan schools.

There are also 44 Congregational schools in NSW. These are administered individually by various Religious Institutes of brothers, nuns and priests or their agents.

A Catholic school must be recognised as such by the local Bishop.

How much does it cost to educate a student in a NSW Catholic school?
According to the most recent figures available (2012), the average net cost of educating a student in a NSW Catholic school was $12,118.

This cost is met by State and Federal governments, parents’ fees and school fund-raising. This represents very good value when compared with the cost of educating a student in a government school ($18,532 per year).

How are Catholic schools funded?
Catholic school funding comes from four main sources:
- Federal Government (57.5%)
- State Government (19.7%)
- Parents (16.4%)
- Other fundraising (6.4%)

THE FACTS

Sometime, messages about Catholic schools can be confusing and misunderstood in the media. Here are the facts about NSW Catholic schools and how they are funded.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
- Catholic schools have provided quality education for Australian children since 1806
- There are 588 Catholic schools in NSW, educating more than 351,000 students (or 1 in 5 NSW school students)
- Catholic education is one of the largest non-government employers in NSW with more than 27,000 staff, including more than 19,000 teachers
- Catholic schools are open to all students – Catholic, non-Catholic, poor, wealthy, indigenous and those with a disability – and are therefore representative of the wider Australian society
- Enrolments of students with a disability and indigenous students have been the fastest growing components in NSW Catholic schools for the past 15 years

ENROLMENT SHARE (2013)

HOW THEY'RE FUNDED

- Catholic schools represent excellent value for money, educating at a lower cost per student than government schools and other non-government schools
- Catholic schools are funded by the Commonwealth (57.5%) and State Governments (19.7%), parent fees and other private funding (21.8%). Catholic schools therefore receive much less public funding than government schools
- NSW Catholic school parents paid more than $1.1 billion in school fees and capital funding in 2012
- Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that schools remain accessible. No child is ever denied a Catholic education because of their family’s financial situation.

NSW SCHOOL FUNDING SOURCES 2012

Leadership, Advocacy and Support
Council of Catholic School Parents
www.csps.org.au
1300CSPS (2777) | info@csps.org.au
ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

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A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS

Submission Instructions Years 11 / 12

- Submit the task by placing it in the Assessment Bin at the Student Foyer by 9.00am.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the due date will immediately receive a 50% mark penalty of the achieved mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the next day will receive a zero mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

Submission Instructions Year 7—10

- Submit the task by handing to your class teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - For assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday workshop to complete the task and submit at the end of the workshop.

PLEASE NOTE:
In the case of any discrepancy in the assessment dates published here the date that will be used by the College in the event of any appeal or other process will be the date on the Assessment Task Cover Sheet provided directly to the student. Please contact the College if you have any concerns about any of the information published here.