Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the final weeks for our Year 10 students, there are a couple of important upcoming events that directly involve all Year 10 students. On Monday November 18, exams commence and will conclude on Wednesday November 20. I must stress the need for all students to prepare and focus on all core subject areas to help them finish the academic year on a high. This year all exams will occur at City-Wide, however, students should arrive and depart from MacKillop on these days. The final day for formal lessons will be November 15 and students may begin to take home books etc. after afternoon Home Room on this day.

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Our Year 10 students will be participating in the third annual “Moving Up” Conference on Friday 22 and Monday 25 November 2013. This conference forms another aspect of our farewell to our Year 10 students together with the conclusion of the Year 10 – My Future – career and transition program that has been running throughout 2013.

On Tuesday 26 November, Year 10 students and their parents are invited to our Year 10 Graduation ceremony at the Sir Stanley Burbury Theatre at the University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay.

This will be a similar arrangement to the 2013 Year 10 Dinner where it is a privilege to take part in this important event and not an automatic right.

“Although the majority of our students continue through to the end of the year with a positive attitude, finishing high school can be a challenging time for a small number of students. By focusing on students achieving in a positive way, we acknowledge their hard work and commitment over the last four years and provide them with a goal to work towards. If, in the event that students do not display acceptable behaviour or conduct, they will be issued with a warning letter that will be sent home to parents. There will only be one warning and if further infringements occur, the student will lose that privilege to attend one or all of these important events. This means that an invitation then becomes an acknowledgement of hard work, commitment and achievement”. (July 2013)

We hope to see all of the 2013 Year 10 students celebrate together with staff to remember their time here at MacKillop Catholic College and to reflect on their achievements.

The Graduation ceremony details are:

Date:  Tuesday November 26, 2013
Time:  7.00pm – 9.00pm (students to arrive by 6.15pm)
Place:  Sir Stanley Burbury Theatre at the University of Tasmania, Churchill Ave
Dress:  Full formal College winter uniform
(Please make sure that students maintain the rules regarding jewellery, makeup, hair etc.).
The students are required to attend rehearsal during the day on Tuesday 27 November at the University. They will catch a bus from the College at 9.15am to attend a Thanksgiving Mass at Corpus Christi and will then be bused to the University for rehearsals, returning by 3.00pm for normal buses. Students will be required to have recess and lunch as they will not have access to shops and be in their full summer uniform with blazers. Leaver’s tops are not permitted as this is a formal day for them.

As well as celebrating the final Liturgy together as a group, there will be the handing out of awards. We would encourage families to come along to join their son or daughter on this important occasion.

The Year 10 Final Assembly will be held on November 27 from 9.00-10.30 in the College Gym. Students are required to wear their full summer uniform. Students will finish at 11.00am and can be collected from the College at that time. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.

If you have any queries, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Sue Howard (Deputy Principal) or myself at the College.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Justin O’Brien  Mrs Sue Howard
Year 10 Coordinator  Deputy Principal