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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Last month the College’s Board of Management held its AGM. At this meeting the following officers were appointed:

Chairperson Mr Michael Verrier
Deputy Chair Mr Ben Wallace
Treasurer Mr James Versteegen

I would like to welcome our newest member, Mr John Kenny, to the Board and to thank Mrs Annette Jakobovski and Fr Peter O’Loughlin for their ongoing support.

Furthermore, I would like to thank and acknowledge the many contributions of Mr Steven Hyland, Mr Erik Siedler and Mrs Deborah Brewer as they finish their respective terms on the Board.

BOARD VACANCY

The MacKillop Catholic College School Board plays an important role within the school community. It has an advisory role and is concerned with the overall wellbeing of the College.

The MacKillop Catholic College Board of Management is seeking nominations from the school community for positions on the Board.

If you are interested in playing a role on the Board please contact me or Mr Jorrick Chivers for details.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be held for Years 7 and 9 students during Week 2, Term 2 (12-14 May).

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YEAR 7, 2015

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