12 February 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the start of a new year at MacKillop Catholic College. Hopefully all students have now settled into their Home Rooms and are developing new relationships with their peers and teachers.

Given that it is the beginning of the school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Year 8, Year Level Coordinator (YLC) for 2015. My role as YLC includes overseeing the pastoral care of all Year 8 students, together with their respective Home Room teachers.

MacKillop Catholic College encourages all students to challenge themselves and strive to achieve their personal best, with the knowledge that they will be supported every step of the journey by a team of dedicated teachers.

Our Year 8 Home Room Teachers for 2015 are a highly professional team and look forward to working with you and your child to provide appropriate and responsive pastoral care.

Year 8 Team – Email Contact Details

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The upcoming Goal Setting Conferences will provide you with a fantastic opportunity to meet your child’s Home Room teacher and to establish an important working partnership for your child’s education in 2015.

What are the Goal Setting Conferences?
Parents will be invited to attend a meeting with their child’s Home Room teacher to discuss goals for 2015. This meeting will also provide you with an opportunity to have an early conversation about how your child is settling into the new school year. These conferences are scheduled for Friday 27 February 2015. Teachers will also be available on Thursday 26 February 2015 from 4.00pm - 6.00pm. Please mark these important dates in your calendar. Further details will follow shortly.

Home Room
There are two Home Room periods each day. Morning Home Room begins at 8:30am sharp and is an opportunity for students to organise themselves for the day and for their first lessons. Afternoon Home Room begins at 3.05pm and lasts for 10 minutes.

Home Room is a great opportunity for your child to establish positive relationships, good organisational habits and ensure that high standards of uniform and punctuality are maintained. Home Room teachers
provide the primary pastoral care for your child and are usually the first point of contact for parents and students should there be any issues or concerns.

**Student Planner**
The Student Planner is an important link between home and school and should be checked regularly. The best way to stay up to date with the life and upcoming events of the College is through the College website ([www.mackillop.tas.edu.au](http://www.mackillop.tas.edu.au)), together with the fortnightly College Newsletter, which is also available on the website but is also sent home with all students.

**Year 8 Retreat and Camps**
Year Retreats and Camps are planned to take place during the week of 16th – 20th February 2015. Further information about these activities will be forwarded closer to the time.

I look forward to a positive and productive year and to working with you and your child in 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mat Dixon
Year 8, Year Level Coordinator

To assist us in making contact with you regarding your child, please include your email contact details below, and detach and return to your child’s Home Room teacher:

- **Student Name:** ____________________________ **Home Room:** _____________
- **Parent/s / Guardian/s:**
  - **Name:** ____________________________
  - **Email Address:** ____________________________
  - **Name:** ____________________________
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