24th March 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your son's/daughter's class will be having their Year 8 Retreat on Thursday 31st March, and Monday 4th April respectively.

Thursday 31st March: Boys’ Retreat Day (bring $5 for lunch on the day)
Monday 4th April: Girls’ Retreat Day (bring lunch for shared picnic)

The famous Greek philosopher, Socrates, once boldly stated that: “The unexamined life is not worth living.”

We are unable to grow towards a better understanding of our true nature unless we take time to examine and reflect upon our lives.

At MacKillop Catholic College, the Retreat programme strives to help students appreciate the need for time out and reflection if they are to grow spiritually and personally.

The Year Eight Retreats explore the theme of identity, challenging students to reflect upon how they view their world. Students will also begin to reflect upon the role they are growing into as young men and women.

Retreats are considered an integral part of the Religious Education programme and, as such, all students are expected to attend. This year the Retreats will be held at Blue Lagoon in Dodges Ferry. Year 8 Boys will have their Retreat together on Thursday, and the Girls will have theirs together on Monday. The program will be facilitated by the Retreat Team comprised of Staff. The remaining cohort on each day will participate in regular timetabled classes on each day. Sports uniforms are to be worn for the day.

The students will leave school at approximately 8.40 am on the bus, and they will return to the College to go home at their usual time. **No student is to be dropped to or picked up from the venue on the day, even if you live close by.**

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Linda Pollard
Director of Ministry & The MKC Retreat Team:
Mr Ben Slade, Mr Ty Capacci, Mr Adam Blackburn, Mr Sam Cramer, Mrs Kate Chasemore, Mrs Sharon Lawler and Ms Kaylee Bonfield.