FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MR BERNARD McFARLANE

Dear Parents,

Your son’s semester report indicates his educational achievements over the last six months. I hope that he has experienced some successes and that both he and you can be proud of his achievements.

During this time he has also had the opportunity to grow and mature as a young man, to develop as a son, a brother, a friend and as a member of our Australian society. This personal growth takes time and comes with some pain to both the young man and at times his parents. It is the quality of who we are, of the person we become that determines success in life. And together with personal growth is our ability and willingness to show care and compassion for others especially those less fortunate than ourselves.

May this Christmas season inspire each of us to be loving and caring people in our families, our school, our work places and to all we met along the way.

Yours sincerely

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Links with the Academy of Mary Immaculate

Next year we will continue our co-instruction arrangements that we have successfully established over the last three years. Young women from the Academy will attend the St Brigid’s VCE Campus to study Specialist Mathematics, Physics and Biology Units 3 & 4. Young men from Simonds will study Food Technology and Japanese at the Academy.

This sharing of some classes has enhanced the learning opportunities of the students from both schools and is an opportunity that both schools are keen to promote.

At a recent celebration of Principals from Catholic Primary and Secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne the Principals of the Academy and Simonds were each congratulated for their service as Principals. Sister Mary Moloney RSM has completed twenty years as a Principal, while Mr Bernard McFarlane is retiring after twenty seven years as a Principal. We congratulate both Principals on their commitment and leadership in Catholic education.
I am pleased to announce the new leadership team for Simonds Catholic College, beginning in 2013.

**Principal**  
Mr Peter Riordan

**Assistant Principal: Learning and Teaching**  
Mrs Helen Koutoulogenis

**Head of St Mary’s 7-10 Campus**  
Mr Robert Anastasio

**Assistant Principal: Senior Studies and College Organisation**  
Mrs Helen Koutoulogenis

**Head of St Brigid’s VCE Campus**  
Mr Robert Anastasio

The college is most fortunate to have these highly qualified, experienced and dedicated staff to lead it in the future.

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**Staff changes for 2013**

As well as the retirement of Mrs Clara Bertoncello, Mr Gerry D’Cruze, Mr Alan Croughan and Mr Bernard McFarlane, several other staff are leaving Simonds this year.

We say farewell, thanks and best wishes to: Mrs Rosie Noble, Mrs Naomi Medlin, Mr Adam Abrahall, Ms Zoe Kotros and Mr Nathan Cooper-Brown. We wish Ms Jennifer Ma a successful study tour to Japan and an enjoyable twelve months travelling overseas.

The following staff will return in 2013 from leave: Ms Laura Fisher, Mrs Van Hoang, Mrs Junko Osanai and Mr Tom Smith.

We welcome new staff: Mr Fabrizzio Ghio (former student), Mr Lucas McLennan and Mr Edward Nikolaidis (a replacement teacher for Term 1)

Teachers appointed to leadership positions include:  
- Mrs Maryanne Krall, Religious Education and Faith Development  
- Ms Maria Tsironis, Daily Organiser  
- Mr Mal Roland, Year 12 Coordinator  
- Mrs Cristy Alevizos (nee Williams), Year 11 Coordinator

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**CALENDAR**

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