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Dear Parents and Carers,

New Core Systems Changes – Launching this Term

In partnership with Merici College, the Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn (CECG) is launching a significant initiative in Term 4. This endeavour is set to revolutionise the diocese's core systems and provide the following key benefits to the system:

1. **Enhanced Student Information System:** The introduction of an Enterprise Student information System will revamp the management of student information across the diocese, significantly improving efficiency and effectiveness.
2. **Streamlined Finance Enterprise System:** The implementation of a Finance Enterprise System will enable the seamless optimisation of financial processes throughout the diocese.

To create a centralised platform for families across the diocese, we will utilise the Compass Parent Portal or Compass mobile App. This platform will provide direct access to billing information and the ability to digitally approve excursions, among other tasks, starting later Term 4.

These integrated systems will empower parents to engage seamlessly with **SEQTA** and Compass, providing an enhanced parent and caregiver experience relating to our students. **SEQTA** will continue to be utilised by the College to engage with parents in relation to student management, attendance, teaching and learning activities, and reporting.

What is Compass?

Compass is a student-focused system that allows parents or guardians to access up-to-date and meaningful information about your school and your child's progress. Benefits provided from Compass include, individual parent logins being distributed to responsible persons to view online information relevant to each enrolled child. With additional information available regarding

1. School Excursions (Events)

The College will also begin utilising Compass to complete digital approval and payment of fees for Excursions. This will require parents and carers with authority to provide approval to actively sign into Compass. A digital payment option for excursions will be available via Compass. The College will also accept over-the-counter payments via the College Front Office utilising cash or EFTPOS.

Please be aware that other payment methods such as Direct debit, Direct bank deposit or third-party services such as Qkr! will no longer be accepted by Merici College for excursions.

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2. School Fees

Once the College has transitioned to the new systems, a new fee statement will be emailed for any outstanding fees. The statements will also be visible to each financially responsible Compass parent account via the Compass Parent Portal / Mobile App.

There will be changes to the design of fee statements, which will include a **newly assigned BPAY Biller Code and Customer Reference Number (CRN)**.

BPAY will be the preferred payment method for the payment of student tuition fees and levies. Most banks allow for regular recurring payment to be made via BPAY. For more information on how to enable ongoing payments using BPAY, please contact your bank.

Existing Direct Debit arrangements in place will remain for the remainder of 2023, with the transition in 2024 to an electronically updated process. Further information will be provided to families in 2024 regarding this new process.

3. Other Features

Additional features will continue to be utilised in 2024.

We appreciate your support during this transition to our new suite of core systems. If you have any questions, please contact the College Office or a member of the Leadership Team.

With kind regards,



Mrs Anna Masters
Principal