9 October, 2015

Dear parents & prospective parents of Shoalhaven Anglican School

I am writing to you following the open forum between the Shoalhaven Region Anglican Schools Council and a number of parents in September, 2015.

As I outlined at that meeting, the School Council has been working with our Executive Principal, Mrs Lorrae Sampson, to put in place strategies to ensure the long term viability of the Junior School. These initiatives have been framed within a business plan and budget for the coming years, which the Council has recommended to the Board of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation for its approval.

The business plan has four key goals:

1. continuing improvement in the teaching & learning environment for all students of the School, which we believe is already apparent through the leadership of Mrs Anna Carswell and her staff;
2. improved communications between the School and parents, including regular discussions directly with the Council;
3. more pro-active marketing aimed at raising the School's profile and awareness within the local community of its unique features; and
4. the repair and refurbishment of facilities at the School to enhance teaching outcomes and provide a safe learning environment for students - which are substantially completed.

There has been considerable progress in all these areas over the past year, which the Council believes will provide a solid base for the Junior School to continue to develop in 2016 and subsequent years.

The Council, the Executive Principal and the leaders of the School are committed to the business plan providing a dynamic framework for realising the goals of the School, both by learning from experience as the School develops and incorporating into the business plan any lessons learned as appropriate.

Your continuing support and feedback as parents will be very important in this respect, and I encourage you to raise any issues that you feel need to be addressed either through the Parents & Friends Committee or directly with the Head of School, Mr Tim Knowles, or Head of the Junior School, Mrs Anna Carswell.

You will be aware that the South Coast Trade Skills Centre was officially opened in September. It is also based on a forward-looking business plan which has been approved by the Corporation Board, and which the Council is confident will allow it to expand over the years ahead. There is already considerable student interest in the subjects being offered next year, including from year 10 and 11 students at Nowra Anglican College.

The Council sees these developments as leading to an exciting new era for the Shoalhaven Anglican School, and looks forward to working with you as parents to ensure the best possible education for your children.
If you have not yet secured a place for your child next year, I encourage you to contact Mr Tim Knowles, Head of School on 4454 0688 at your earliest convenience. An updated School Prospectus is being finalised and will be distributed to all parents in mid October.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair  
Shoalhaven Region Anglican Schools Council