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Dear Parents and Guardians

The Peninsula School Board of Directors is able to announce the revised Schedule of Fees for the academic year commencing January 2014.

The School has agreed to maintain a thoughtful and practical approach to next year’s budget. We aim to ensure that the School’s debt free status is preserved whilst maintaining the School’s affordability for our community by keeping school fee increases to an absolute minimum.

The Board is mindful of the many sacrifices families are making to send their children to The Peninsula School. Recognising this fact, fee increases for next year have been limited to an average of 4.5% for tuition. For my part, I shall endeavour to provide ample evidence that this investment in a Peninsula education is well worth it.

This increase is necessary for several reasons as the School works to remain financially healthy. We aim to provide the highest quality teachers which we know are the single greatest contributing factor to enhancing student learning in schools. It is also evident that our students have at their fingertips the best resources, excursions and IT infrastructure available in schools at this time.

The extensive building programme over the past four years has been tremendously successful, but with it has come increased operational costs. New buildings, improved facilities and the like are more sophisticated and therefore more costly to run.

Our new Senior School Centre will provide our Year 11 and 12 students the perfect environment for the pursuit of academic excellence while fostering positive wellbeing. This building has alerted us to other areas of the school which need to be modernised and updated to provide our students with the very best surroundings to grow and learn. It is for this reason we have introduced a building levy of $600 pa for each family in the school which will be amortised in $200 instalments over our 3 billings.

A building levy is common place in independent schools, although most would be at a higher level.

The strengths of our School have been underlined over the last few years with student numbers continuing to remain very high and demand for places particularly strong.

In line with the School’s Terms & Conditions, fees are due for payment within 30 days of issue. Parents are particularly asked to note that should any fees remain unpaid then their child will be unable to attend trips and activities until the account is cleared or a satisfactory arrangement undertaken with the Business Manager. You will find attached the new schedule for tuition and fees for the 2014 school year.

I would also bring your attention to the discounts that apply if annual tuition fees are paid in advance; 3% discount on 2014 fees if paid by 19 December 2013.

Finally, I can guarantee all in our community that it is our intention to continue to work to develop and improve our School whenever such opportunities arise. By every comparison, the quality of education at The Peninsula School is exceptional value for money.

Yours sincerely

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