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Dear Parent / Guardian

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the College's future plans and strategic intent and invite you to our STEM launch and Open Night.

Our current strategic plan prioritises our core business of Teaching and Learning as well as accountability. In addition over the last twelve months we have been working on defining our vision and purpose and reviewing how we best prepare and develop young people for their futures and their careers. As you would be aware there is constant and significant change in the job market and both global and local economies impacted also by technological change and advancement. For some time now we have known our students will work in jobs that don't even exist yet!

The great challenge for us as educators – internationally, nationally and as a secondary college on the Mornington Peninsula – is how we best educate and prepare our students to be young adults entering this environment. It is not a challenge however that we will shirk away from, but rather one that we intend to grasp and lead with. We have spent time reviewing our programs and curriculum and planning how we move to meet the challenges presented. We believe we have a lot in place and with some further enhancements we will be offering a true 21st Century Education. A snap shot of what underpins this at our school, is an education that:

- Grows students learning in all areas to maximise their outcome and knowledge in every subject
- Cements learning of 21st Century skills and mindset including entrepreneurial skills
- Is culturally and holistically completed with diversity through sport, global opportunities, the arts, environment and more
- And includes a solid exposure to STEM pathways and education. One of the fastest growing sectors of the economy, STEM being Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and including things like digital coding, digital literacy, programming and robotics is essential for solidifying a 21st century education. Our recently completed STEM centre is a great addition, which houses our core STEM program for Year 7 and 8, and also an upper primary program for students in our local primary schools, including: Hastings, Wallaroo, Crib Point, Bittern, Tyabb and Tyabb Railway.



In light of this work we have decided to update our logo, and after consultation with staff, students, parents and council we are pleased to unveil our new logo:



The new logo will come into effect from term 2, and all external signage, electronic signage, school material and the like will be updated accordingly. Please note that logo on the uniform will be phased out over time and there is no requirement to change or purchase new uniform.

To officially launch our STEM centre and programs I am pleased to extend an invitation for you to join us on TUESDAY 28th MARCH 2017 commencing at 3.45pm at the schools STEM Centre. Our Open Night activities and tours will also be held on this day from 5pm – 7pm, and current parents and friends are welcome to attend either or both. We see this as a great opportunity to bring together the school community and stakeholders. Please RSVP to the General Office by Friday 24th March 2017.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael Devine", is written over a faint, light blue horizontal line.

Michael Devine
Principal