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Dear Parents,

Thank you for seeking to enrol your child in our School. Our Catholic Faith is the fundamental principle that underpins the making of our community. St Vincent de Paul Primary School is an exciting part of the life of our Parish and we are delighted that you also are considering making this part of your journey.

I'm sure that you are aware and remember, when you asked that your child be welcomed into the community through Baptism, you said you would be both a light to enlighten their way, and would help them to 'know and love God'. We, also accepted the responsibility to walk with and support you on that journey, and hence the value that we place upon providing a sound and engaging education here in St Vincent de Paul Parish.

To be able to continue to provide a faith filled and loving environment for all who participate in the life of our School I would like to share some challenges with you:

- It is important that we all remember we are a community striving to live out the message of Jesus:- "love one another as I have loved you". To achieve this, it is paramount that we all maintain this vision and standard as a way of life. We therefore expect that you as a family will contribute to the faith life of our Parish. In this way you receive, as you give. We look forward to your involvement both practically and spiritually.
- Our School has been built with the generosity of many families over the years and still requires your generosity to continue into the future. There are many ways in which you will be invited to share in the life of the community. Please consider how you might share in this life.
- Financially the School Fees provide for the day to day running of the School, covering basic on costs and repayment of loans. The Levies cover classroom and curriculum costs, while the Maintenance Levy allows us to cover the basic maintenance costs that arise from year to year, allowing us to make sure that our facilities are adequately cared for future generations. The Capital Levy allows us to continue to improve the facilities to ensure a sound education for your children. The Government Grants, both Federal and State, cover the wages of the Staff.
- For the continuing future growth and expansion, general maintenance and redevelopment of our Parish plant, we are reliant upon the generosity of you and your fellow parishioners, through your contribution to Parish Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving also covers the day to day running costs of our Parish. Therefore I ask you to seriously consider the expectation of your commitment to Thanksgiving.

I am fortunate to have a wonderful dedicated team within our School, who will provide a challenging and engaging education for your family.

I also look forward to walking with you as you seek to enrol your child into our School.

Please be assured of my prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely,
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