23rd March 2012

Dear Parents

In the coming weeks the Year 7 children will be participating in a short survey about how students manage the transition from primary school to secondary school.

This research is being conducted in several Catholic primary and secondary schools across the Sydney Diocese. All the schools involved have a commitment to ensuring the transition process is as successful and smooth as possible for their students. The data gathered will provide schools with valuable information about student needs as they prepare their transition programs. I will also use the information to design workshops for Year 6 and Year 7 students that specifically target the areas of need that are identified in the survey.

The surveys have been co-designed with school principals to ensure relevant information is being collected and will be completed by students at school. The Catholic Education Office, Sydney has granted approval for this survey to be conducted.

Some examples of student questions include:
  a) I feel like I am fitting in at high school.
  b) Using a laptop has made it easier for me to complete my schoolwork.

Parents will also have the opportunity to share their opinions of this process via a parent survey. I strongly encourage you to share your perspective of your child’s transition because, as a parent, your understanding of your own child will help to provide important information about this change in their schooling. The survey will be available for parents at the following link from 28th March until the end of term.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/parents7

Please be assured that all surveys will be anonymous, with no student or parent names collected.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Atkinson

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YEAR 7 SURVEY PERMISSION NOTE

I give my daughter: ________________________________ Tutor group: ________ permission to participate in the survey on transition into Year 7.

This survey will be undertaken electronically at school under the supervision of a teacher.

Please return this permission note to the Student Office by next TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH 2012 in an envelope with the words “Year 7 Survey” and your daughter’s name and tutor group on the outside.

Parent signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________