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Dear Parents and Caregivers

PARENT AND CAREGIVER VOICE

Our highest priority as a learning and faith-sharing community, centred in Christ is to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff. A safe, caring, and engaging school climate has been shown to have a positive impact on student learning and achievement, teacher retention, and parent involvement.

As we continue to strive to ensure that all students experience a safe and healthy learning environment, the College is conducting a School Organisational Climate Survey. This voluntary survey is designed to gather information from students, parents, and staff about their school experience so that we can better understand and respond to the degree to which our stakeholders perceive the climate in our schools to be safe, supportive, and engaging.

How to complete the survey

For parents and caregivers to respond to the School Organisational Climate Survey (PaCS) go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code: UFPACS.

What is school organisational climate?

‘School climate’ is a broad, multifaceted concept that involves many aspects of the student’s educational experience. A positive school climate is the product of a school’s attention to fostering safety; promoting a supportive academic, disciplinary, and physical environment; and encouraging and maintaining respectful, trusting, and caring relationships throughout the school community.

Why measure school climate?

A positive school climate is critically related to student success. For example, it can improve attendance, achievement, retention, and graduation. Research suggests that the quality of the school climate may be the single most predictive factor in any school's capacity to promote student achievement.

The results of the survey will enable the College to examine the aspects of our school climate that support a positive learning and working environment and that promote academic success among all students. We will use the results of the survey to celebrate our strengths, respond to areas of concern, and monitor changes over time.

What is the School Climate Survey?

The School Climate Survey is developed by the *National School Improvement Partnerships* (NSIP) as a tool for Catholic schools in Western Australia as a common, reliable, and nationally validated measure of school climate. The survey is administered to students, parents, and school personnel using an online platform. Participation is completely voluntary and strictly confidential; no personally identifiable information will be requested or collected from any survey respondent.

The survey will be available from Monday 16 August until Sunday 29 August 2021. We invite and encourage all stakeholders to participate. To take the survey, please access via the link provided. (Printed copies are also available upon request from Reception on both campuses).

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Your time and consideration are much appreciated.

With regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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