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Dear Parents and Guardians

As we approach the end of another busy year for the College and our community, I have enjoyed reflecting on a special year in the history of our College. As you know, 2018 marked our 25 year anniversary and as a community, we celebrated by commissioning the acclaimed history of the college, *Living Forest*. I am personally very proud of St John's achievements in our short history. Most notably, our students featured in an April edition of the Courier Mail, revealing we were in the top 50 highest achieving OP schools in Brisbane. This is due to 37% of our OP students receiving between 1 and 5, which is the best result in our 25 year history.

Once again, life at St John's has been dynamic and exciting for our students. Our Primary students competed in the Queensland State Competition of RoboCup Jr for the first time. They also raised over \$3,000 for the Archbishop's Drought Appeal. In May, our Parents and Friends Association hosted another fabulous bi-annual carnival that left us all feeling grateful to the volunteers who successfully united our community on that day.

An all-girls team went to Canberra to compete in the Lockheed Martin Code Quest 2018. Two year 11 students attended the QUT Vice-Chancellor's 5-day STEM camp and in April, year 9 and 10 students participated in a coding workshop at QUT. One year 7 student also achieved top 10 status at SkierX, the Australian National skiing Championships at Perisher. This is a small snapshot of how our students are engaging with the wider world, and we are proud of the way they present themselves as fine St John's ambassadors on a global stage. It could not be done without your support and the enduring commitment of our academic and support staff who strive for excellence in their service to the college and your children.

Having opened stage 2 of our Performing Arts Centre and the refurbished Technology Design Centre, we now turn our attention to a new built environment plan that provides our teachers and students with state of the art facilities to support continual improvement in both our curricular and co-curricular programs. Whilst retention of great staff and investment in new infrastructure comes at a cost, we are forever mindful of the cost-of-living pressures facing all families. Council has worked hard to maintain the lowest possible increase to our fees, achieving an average 2.58%. This ensures we have the capacity to continue offering you the highest standard of education for your children. Following, is information outlining the College's terms regarding fees, fee collection policies and procedures and details of levies and ancillary charges for 2019. These are also available on the College website at www.stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au.

On behalf of the College Council, I wish to thank our Principal, Suzanne Bain, for 13 years of exemplary service to our College and community, and welcome Mrs Maria McIvor, our new Principal for 2019. We wish you all a safe and Holy Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2019.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Scott', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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