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Dear Staff and Parents,

We are writing to inform you of the decision of the Sisters of Saint Joseph to transfer governance of Mount St. Joseph Girls' College to the Archdiocese of Melbourne at the beginning of 2020. This change will not impact on the day to day operations of the College.

In the early 1960's there was an acute need for Secondary education in the western suburbs of Melbourne. In the tradition of Mary MacKillop, the Sisters of St Joseph saw a need in the west and did something about it and established Mount St. Joseph Girls' College in 1964.

A group of enthusiastic and committed Sisters, led by Sr Mary John Forster, commenced what has become a vibrant faith filled learning community. There is no doubt the early years were tough but also very rewarding for all members of the community. Over the last fifty-four years of education, Mount St. Joseph Girls' College and the Sisters have responded to the many changing times and needs, from the introduction of lay principals, to a centralised funding model and the introduction of numerous educational initiatives.

These vibrant and energetic young Sisters, who are not so young anymore, wish to ensure that while the College is in such a great position, the new governance arrangements enable the College to continue to thrive into the future. We can assure you that the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Josephite charism will remain an integral and important part of College life.

If you have further questions in regard to this change of governance please feel free to contact Kate Dishon at the College.

With gratitude and blessing,

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Sr Kerrie Cusack rsj Regional Leader Sisters of Saint Joseph

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