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Dear Parents / Caregivers

With Hope in our Hearts Brigidine College has had a wonderful start to 2024.



The College has welcomed many new staff and students to our community and it has been 'life giving' as the energy and positive framework inspires us all.

As Hope touches something deep within us, to 'bring a sense of purpose' as we continue to walk with all our community and support and a future focused optimism for 2024.

As the College began the school year a refreshed understanding of the 'Brigidine Way – Ways of Learning, Ways of Teaching and Ways of Being.'

I congratulate our new Year 5, 6 and Year 7 students and other new students who have settled well into the community. As we begin our Easter holidays, I am reminded that with the beginning of Holy Week sees the final preparations for Easter Sunday. I thank the many students, staff and families who with compassion they continue to look out to the needs of other through Project Compassion and working for Justice through Caritas Australia.

***"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it."* Pope Francis, Laudato Si**

In many ways, the blessings experience by all at the college is expressed through the many activities and events. This term has witnessed an extensive array of opportunities to experience 'The Brigidine Way' through the Arts, Retreats, Formal, Sports and Mission activities. I enjoy very much the many ways students, staff and families come together to display college spirit.

Student Leaders demonstrate the value and importance of representing the College. Whether it be through interviews, Visitation Tours, excursions, sporting teams or cultural activities, the opportunity to represent the College at any time, is one that many students are excited about and thoroughly enjoy the recognition and sense of achievement. Our community welcome all girls to represent the College with care and pride, so that the benefits for our community touch all of us. Let's continue to share this pride with grace and responsibility.

I also thank the Parent and Friends Association for their ongoing care and support to the college through capital funds for college projects, social events such as International Women's Day and Parent Welcome Evening in February. These continue in term 2, with the Mother Daughter High Tea in May. We welcome the new P&F Executive and I look forward to working with them during the year. Thank you to the many volunteers who assist the college with events and or specific activities. It is wonderful to see how parents can engage and share time with us.

I would also like to acknowledge the flexible ways each family supported the college during the final week. The opportunity for all staff to engage with the Kildare Ministries Conference was a unique and life giving chance for teachers and school officers. Following the conference, the college will be sharing in a range of possibilities with the other nine Kildare Ministries schools and three Community Works.

As we return on the 15 April, there are again many opportunities to share what the college offers to students and families. Please note that the College Twilight Afternoon/Evening will occur early next term and I look forward meeting more families as we share the Brigidine Way.

Kind regards and blessings to all,

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Principal