



THE MARIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

19 December 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your amazing support of St Bernard's College through donations to the **MARIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (MCDT)**, particularly in the current challenging times. Both MCDT and the school greatly appreciate that support. The MCDT's charitable objectives are to provide financial support to maintain and develop the College's facilities and educational programmes and facilitate the propagation of the Catholic faith through the operation of the College.

Your donations this year again enabled the Te Kupenga - Catholic Student Leadership programme covering Curriculum Resources for the year. In addition, MCDT contributed funding for Feast Day events throughout the year. MCDT also agreed to contribute \$10,000.00 towards the development of a Whare for the school and although this did not proceed, it will be considered again next year. This year MCDT's contributions paid to the school totalled over \$8,000.00.

The Government does not provide funding for school facilities that are not integrated, which is the case for parts of St Bernard's College. MCDT funding helps the School to meet some of the costs of the non-integrated facilities. MCDT continues to hold funds on deposit for use in meeting upcoming needs although, as a result of declining donations overall, that amount is decreasing.

Accordingly, your continued support is more important than ever. Your donations are important for the school's growth and in support of its special character.

*As the MCDT is a charitable trust, your donation can be claimed as a charitable donation for tax purposes so that one third of your donation will be refunded by the Inland Revenue Department on application. Receipts for donations to the MCDT are issued in April each year.*

The Trustees acknowledge the school community resilience and achievements in such a difficult year and ask for your continued support in 2024. The **annual donation** has been held at **\$150** per student or **\$200** for families with two or more students.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

**Brendan Carr**

Chair

**Marist Community Development Trust**