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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our College's leadership team would like to remind and encourage our parent community from K-12 to participate in this year's '**Tell Them From Me**' (TTFM) survey for 2020. This survey of parents, students and staff offers a global picture of the College's culture across a number of valued areas of operation. Our Catholic Schools Broken Bay office team will be examining and responding to the outcomes of this survey with our leadership group.

It is very important to get a good number of MacKillop parents to take part in the survey. It is easy to just let this slip by, or think my views are not that important in the big scheme of things – yes, they are! The College and Diocese would not like to see this opportunity slip by without a good response from parents to reflect upon your experience of the College this year. It has been a very different year and there are many learnings to take forward into 2021.

As part of our focus on school effectiveness, MacKillop Catholic College will be participating in an online survey for students, staff and parents – *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM). The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students, parents and staff think about school life. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve.

For many reasons, the vast majority of parents who are quite satisfied with how their child's school operates tend to be the people who do not participate in surveys. Not expressing a view then gets lost in the results. We know there are many areas that can still be improved, and we are not just looking for positive responses but, also the encouragement to take the next steps in further developing this College. In the end, it is all about offering our students (your children) the best we can do in their education.

The details of how to participate in the survey will be sent to parents on our Compass app before the end of October, and there will be a two-week window open for parents to spend approximately 20 to 30 minutes completing and uploading the survey. The percentage of parents participating in these surveys over the years has been on average about 30%. We would dearly love to see that up around 40 to 50%. If you can assist us with this goal it would be greatly appreciated by the College.

We know this time of year gets very hectic and if you can spare the time to complete the survey you are really helping to shape the future.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



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