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Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) Faculty Safety Term 1, 2012

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I am happy that your child has selected one, or more, of our Stage 5 or 6 subjects for 2012. We are also happy to provide an exciting program of practical work in Years 7 and 8. We have again been able to offer a good range of courses to fill the needs of our students in all years.

2011 was a great year for the faculty in terms of student achievement, with our Year 12 Industrial Technology, Home Economics and Senior Computing courses achieving excellent HSC results. We have continued to update equipment and facilities in all areas for the students to work with, offering a working environment that will promote high quality in all student endeavours.

To offer high standard courses, with relevant equipment and quality materials, we must charge a fee. These contributions for consumable items are kept to a minimum level in order not to disadvantage any student. In all courses this contribution is supplemented from whole school funds to meet the costs of providing the best opportunity for the student. If there is a problem with payment of elective subject contributions, please contact myself, or the Principal, Mr. Silcock, as soon as possible so that we can investigate possible solutions. A term by term payment scheme makes it easy to deal with all school contributions and we thank you for understanding our position in asking for a contribution in trying to offer your child the best facilities, equipment and materials for learning in our subject area. Without the payment of the fee, your child's practical experiences in the subject could be limited. **EFTPOS is now available through the front office.**

Please find overleaf a full fees schedule for subjects in the Industrial Arts / Home Economics Faculty in 2012. Please feel free to contact the school in regard to any contribution concerns.

All students will receive equipment instruction at the appropriate level and must satisfactorily complete the safety testing for each tool to be able to use the equipment. Also, please be aware that OHS requirements state that students attending lessons that create a significant hazard to their health and welfare need to wear **sturdy, leather, full covered footwear**. Faculty areas such as Technology, Industrial Arts, Science, Visual Arts, Agriculture and Home Economics are certainly areas that could present hazards to students.

Sandals and thongs are obviously not adequate. Dunlop Volley type shoes with full soft fabric tops, mesh top sports shoes and girls wearing the open top style shoes are also deemed inadequate. Teachers are left with no alternative but to remove the students from the practical room for their own safety and issue them with appropriate safety theory work.

We ask parents to try and support the school in maintaining a safe working environment, along with the best equipment and materials available, and speak to the school if you have concerns in this area.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Mr. C.A. Groves,
Head Teacher.