Dear Parents/ Guardians

St John Bosco College, along with all Catholic, Independent and Government schools in Australia, is asking you to provide information on the following:

- the sex of your child;
- the country of birth of your child;
- the indigenous status of your child;
- your occupation and educational qualifications (in very broad terms); and
- the main languages spoken at home by yourself and your child.

St John Bosco College is required to collect this information on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations as part of the National Goals for Schooling in the 21st Century National Assessment Program. The background information collected will be linked with the results of the Literacy and Numeracy Benchmark Testing held in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The results will assist the Australian government develop policies to make available an education system which is fair for all Australian students and also provide targeted funding to those areas most in need.

Parents and guardians will already have provided some of this information when your child enrolled at St John Bosco College. The original information and the extra background details now have to be collected across Australia in a uniform way against nationally consistent definitions.

All results will be reported in terms of the total number of students in various ranges and categories. No personal information will be reported and as a consequence no individual, individual school or system will be identifiable in the analysis.

Parents and guardians can discuss issues relating to the collection of this information with the college. Parents and guardians can access additional information on the National Assessment Program and the National Goals for Schooling in the 21st Century on the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs website: http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/mceecdya

Yours in Christ

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