Dear Parents of Year 10 and 11 students,

As the end of the school year for Senior School students approaches, there are a number of important issues which we need to bring to your attention. Please take time to read the following information and if you need any clarification on any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to telephone Rosalie Cowan (Senior School Secretary) on the above telephone number.

Return of Hired MECS-made Booklets

All Year 10 students were issued with MECS Booklets on a ‘Hire’ basis. There are also other subject-specific books for years 11 and 12 which were hired and should be returned before the end of the year. Many of these will need upgrading and this process takes a great deal of time.

Second hand Textbook Sales

The Senior School offers a service to all Senior School students to resell their textbooks to students attending MECS in 2015.

*Students have been asked to return text books at the end of the exam period.*

All effort will be made to complete your order for secondhand textbooks, but this will depend on how many books we receive back from the current Year 10/11/12 students. Please note that the ONLY days VCE textbooks can be picked up and paid for is on Thursday and Friday, 27 and 28 November, 2014. Please keep in mind that students will be starting their VCE classes on the following Monday, 1 December and are required to have their books with them ready to start.

NB: If you have textbooks which are not being used in 2015 and they are not on the Resale list, we are unable to accept them for resale – you may wish to sell them to one of the secondhand book shops in the local area or online.

Calculators

All Mathematics students are required to have a specific calculator for use in Maths subjects. A decision by the Maths department has determined that MECS students are to use only a Casio Classpad Computer Algebra System for consistency and ease of use when commencing Year 11 Maths. These calculators are being purchased by the school, and will be available to HIRE at a cost of $65 per year (with hiring conditions incorporated) for 2015 or purchase at a cost of $200.00.
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All Mathematics students in Year 11/12 require a specific calculator. The CAS Casio Classpad is to be used for all Year 11 and 12 Mathematics classes in 2015.

Year 12 students will continue to use the CAS calculator purchased/hired in Year 11 (our textbooks use the CAS calculator) throughout the Maths classes. If your Year 11/12 student (2015) requires a calculator please indicate this on the Textbook List form. There may be a few secondhand calculators available through the secondhand textbook sale.

If there are no secondhand calculators available. Your cheapest option will probably be to purchase a new one from MECS.

Dates for 2014/15
The Year 10 exams run from Monday to Thursday, 17 – 20 November. The Year 11 exams are from 12 to 20 November. Year 11 and 12 (Units 1 & 2 and 3 & 4, 2015) classes commence on Monday 1 December and finish on Friday 5 December for Units 1 & 2 (Year 11) and Friday 12 December for Units 3 & 4 (Year 12). Those Year 11 students who are doing a Unit 3 & 4 subject will be required to attend classes in the second week.

The Year 12 camp and orientation will be held on 29 and 30 January, 2015. Year 10 and Year 11 students will return for Term 1 on Monday 2 February, 2015 along with all other students in Prep – Year 9.

LOCKERS and Return of RESOURCES
While the ‘old’ resource bond system has been phased out of the Senior School, teachers have continued to loan resources to students and many students have library books on loan.

RESOURCES/LIBRARY BOOKS
To be returned IMMEDIATELY

LOCKERS
Lockers must be cleaned out completely by Wednesday 12 November.

We would like to advise all students that they are required to return ALL items on loan to the teacher concerned or to the library IMMEDIATELY. All library resources should have been returned months ago.

Further to this each student is required to clean out his/her locker completely by Wednesday, 12 November, 2014. Use of lockers by the student is only for the current academic year, and they are not able to ‘leave’ their folders etc. in the lockers to be held over for the following year. If students do not return library books or loaned resources, or do not clean out their locker by this date, an administration fee will be added to the family account to cover costs.

Thank you for your careful attention to the above important issues. If you have any questions regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact Rosalie in the Senior School Office on the above telephone number.

Yours in Christ,
Cliff Blowers
Senior School Coordinator