Dear Parents

**School Advisory Council**

I am writing to you about setting up a School Advisory Council at [school name].

Our school – like all the Catholic parish and diocesan schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne – is under the guidance of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). Every school has been asked to establish a School Advisory Council as a way of giving parents/guardians/carers a chance to be involved in the school.

It is hoped that this School Advisory Council will advise the principal on important matters, and provide support to the principal and school leadership team in their decision-making process.

In many ways, we have emphasised the importance of parents/guardians/carers being involved in partnering with the school and the way this helps your children in their education.

Very soon I will be asking parents/guardians/carers to show their interest in being part of this School Advisory Council. As principal of the school, I will very much value the support and advice offered by members of the council on such matters as:

* strategic direction of the school
* Religious Education program
* curriculum
* enrolments and enrolment policy
* school resources
* improvements in the school
* Annual Report to the School Community
* family partnerships.

These are just some of the many areas in which a School Advisory Council can give advice to the principal and leaders in the school.

I am excited by the idea of having a School Advisory Council, and hope many of you will also see this as another chance to support your school and your children.

If you would like more information about MACS School Advisory Councils, please refer to <https://www.macs.vic.edu.au/Our-Schools/School-Advisory-Councils.aspx>.

Further information will be provided soon.

[name]

Principal