25th October 2016

Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers

Re: PAT-R (Comprehension) and PAT-M (Maths) tests

Students in Year 7 will complete two Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Comprehension and Mathematics on Thursday 10th November in Periods 1 and 2. Results from these norm-referenced tests will help teachers identify students’ current strengths and weaknesses and inform learning and teaching at the college. Students will also complete similar tests at this time each year when they are in Years 8, 9 and 10 so that teachers can monitor the progress of students over time and evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching programs.

Students will be provided with login details and are to use their laptop to complete the two online PAT-R (Comprehension) and PAT-M 4th Edition (Maths) tests. Therefore, we ask that all students arrive to school on Thursday morning with their laptop fully charged. Please note that students are permitted to use a calculator to complete the PAT-M test. Classroom teachers supervise students to complete the tests and Learning Support Assistants will also be available. PAT tests are similar to NAPLAN tests in that students are not expected to study or revise before completing the tests. Students have 40 minutes to complete each test.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about these Progressive Achievement Tests so please contact me at the college on 4324 4022.

Yours faithfully

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