December 2013

Dear Parents and Friends of The King’s School,

As 2013 draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support of the School. The King’s School is very much a community, occasioned by its residential nature, range of student activities and depth of parent, friend and old boy involvement. There is a clear Christian focus evident in the Mission and Values statements and in the various ministries taking place within the School.

I want to particularly thank all who have contributed to making 2013 a success, in particular the staff of the School led by the Headmaster Dr Hawkes.

The School finished the year on a high note with both Senior and Prep School Speech Days celebrating achievements, both collectively and individually. There have been many highlights in 2013.

Academically, the School continues to pursue excellence, made possible by the dedication of the academic staff and a desire by the boys to enjoy and succeed at learning. HSC and NAPLAN performances continue to reflect the commitment of the School to outstanding results.

There has been much to celebrate in the cultural areas of music, drama, debating, mock trial and chess. In sport the boys have been given the opportunity to participate, enjoy, enhance skills and celebrate success, with many highlights both for our senior teams and throughout the School. The Cadet Corps, Duke of Edinburgh and community outreach programs continue to challenge and extend the boys.

Ongoing investment in the School is particularly seen in the building program, which has been extensive and has enhanced many areas of School life. We look forward to the opening of the new Science Centre in 2014 and a continuation of the boarding and day facility upgrades.

The School Council and School Executive have been developing the next strategic plan which will shortly be released. There is a continuing commitment to boys education, student leadership and residential education. The new plan will have a focus on science education, with a particular emphasis on scientific research. Central to a King’s education will be an enduring emphasis on the academic, co-curricular and Christian life of the School supported by quality staff, good commercial management and the building program.

The School is very conscious that a King’s education should remain of a high standard, add value and be in partnership with parents to prepare the boys for life in the broadest sense. There continues to be a level of economic uncertainty and we very much understand the significant sacrifices many parents make in sending their sons to King’s. With this in mind, the fee increase for 2014 has been limited to 4.8% for tuition and 4% for boarding.

In closing, may I wish you a happy and holy Christmas, a refreshing and safe holiday period.

Robert Mackay
Chairman