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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Guilford Young College continues to provide a high quality senior secondary education experience for our students. Our College community offers a supportive and engaged learning environment which allows each person to feel a sense of well-being and belonging. The College is maintaining good enrolment numbers for 2023, well supported by an extensive curriculum covering academic and vocational education pathways.

It was wonderful to have so many future students attend the Head Start program in December and we are looking forward to welcoming them to our College. Experiencing a 'taste of Guilford Young College' has enabled many students to finalise subject selection, make new friends and gain confidence and insight into what College will mean for them both as an individual, and as part of a vibrant and engaged learning community.

Discussions around the future strategic and master plans continue with a view to setting a pathway for further enhancements to College programs and facilities in future years. The loss of the Trade Training Centre in March created a significant risk for the College. Ever resilient, the VET staff worked hard in establishing facilities on the Glenorchy site and all certificated courses were completed in 2022 and are on ongoing offer for future years. Work is well underway on designing a new, bigger and better facility on a greenfield site within the Glenorchy campus. The current design allows for spaces for further certificated courses beyond auto, construction, electrotechnology and engineering. At this stage it is anticipated that the facility will be available for use at the start of 2024.

Despite trade material shortages and pandemic influences, work has continued on other projects:

- Completion of the Arts Precinct in Glenorchy - scheduled to be completed by January 2023. To date the Media, Photography, VET Hospitality "restaurant", Fitness Gym and Music (instrumental and digital) have been completed. The Art room and open green spaces are well underway as is Houghton House, which will house history rooms (aboriginal and colonial), a B&B training area and office spaces.
- Works commenced in July on a student research centre (hub) in Hobart. This is scheduled for completion in the latter part of 2023.

During 2023 it is currently planned that student parking will be expanded to the old Trade Training Centre site in Glenorchy.

The outdoor sports courts in Glenorchy to match those available in Hobart were completed in 2022. While they were somewhat delayed due to supply and weather issues, they now form an important part of the campus and are used most days by students.

The College is committed to continue to invest in students by providing the appropriate resources. As syllabus and training packages expand, so too does further requirement of specialist teaching, IT and capital resources. The costs associated with this are also continually impacted by cost of living increases. We are also very much aware of the increasing costs of living for our families. Although fees do need to rise to meet operational costs, I am pleased to advise the increase for 2023 is a modest one (3%).

The annual charge for 2023 is \$5,975. There are no other levies or charges for tuition fees.

All accounts are forwarded by electronic means and **directed to the email address provided by you to the College**. If parents/guardians have a separate or particular email address for accounts, please advise the College by emailing fees@gyc.tas.edu.au. Accounts are billed in advance at the beginning of the year, for the entire year and should be paid within a month from issue. However, the College recognises the need for family budgeting and is happy to agree to monthly or fortnightly payments in equal instalments from February to November each year.

Sibling discounts will apply where applicable (if you have three or more children in Catholic Education). Parents/guardians who wish to claim a sibling discount or make an arrangement for equal monthly or fortnightly fee payments should complete one of the forms found on the college website [Parents - Guilford Young College \(gyc.tas.edu.au\)](http://Parents - Guilford Young College (gyc.tas.edu.au)) (copies attached) and forward it to the Business Office either in hard copy or email by 30 January 2023 to fees@gyc.tas.edu.au. For those parents/guardians who wish to make payments through Centrepay, this may be arranged through the Business Office.

Parents/guardians who envisage difficulties with payment of fees are encouraged to communicate with the Business Office before the commencement of Term 1 next year. Parents/guardians who have specific types of concession cards may be eligible for a concessional fee. If either case applies to you, please email to fees@gyc.tas.edu.au or contact the Business Office by telephone 6238 4358.

If you already have an arrangement confirmed for 2023, that will be in place from the beginning of the year.

For families where a direct debit is in place already for a student transitioning to Year 12, unless agreed otherwise, this will be amended pro-rata so that the fees are collected within that arrangement. A new credit card authority is required for 2023 if paying by credit card deductions.

Wishing you and your family every blessing this Christmas,

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Sandra Brady
Board Chair