



November 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to start by extending a warm welcome to the Guilford Young College community to our incoming year 11 students and families, along with our year 12 students joining us for the first time in 2024. 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 wellbeing and belonging. Testament to this is the enrolment growth we are experiencing into 2024, underpinned by an extensive curriculum covering academic and vocational education pathways.

It is wonderful to have so many future students preparing to attend the Head Start transition program in December and we are looking forward to welcoming them to our College. Experiencing a 'taste of Guilford Young College' will enable 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.

Consideration around the future strategic and master plans continue with a view to setting a pathway for further enhancements to College programs and facilities. Just 20 months on from the loss of the Trade Training Centre (March 2022) construction is well underway on a new, bigger and better facility within the Glenorchy campus due for completion in July 2024. That facility allows for spaces for further certificated courses beyond auto, construction, electrotechnology and engineering.

In addition to the current project, we have several recently completed projects of note that have improved the learning environments on both the Glenorchy and Hobart campus'. These 3 projects represent a capital investment of \$17.95M on campus facilities at GYC in the last 3 years.

- Completion of the Arts Precinct project in Glenorchy - Officially opened in August 2023 the refurbishment included new Media and Photography classrooms, VET Hospitality fully working cafe, Acacia Cafe, High Performance Fitness Centre and Music tutorial/ensemble rooms. The surrounding grounds have also been thoughtfully curated into inviting and usable green spaces for students to utilise.
- The Academic Research Centre (ARC) project in Hobart - Partially handed over in October 2023, with full official opening planned for Term 1, 2024. Built within the existing buildings, the ARC is purpose built to be the student hub of that Campus. With easy connection to the cafeteria, adjoining learning spaces and new outdoor forecourt spaces extending to the Patrick street entrance. The ARC houses a dedicated quiet study space, social learning spaces, gallery, breakout study rooms and is home for dedicated careers, IT and student support staff available to assist students with all aspects of College life.

To ensure GYC can meet its operating expenses associated with delivering quality educational outcomes, fees do need to rise. The College Executive have explored cost savings and efficiencies to keep the fee increase to a minimum. I am pleased to advise the increase for 2024 is considered a modest one, at 3.5%. **The annual charge for 2024 is \$6,185. 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 on the Enrolment form. Accounts are billed in advance at the beginning of the year, for the 2024 year and we appreciate your endeavors to begin paying those as early in the year as possible. However, the College also recognises the demands on family budgeting and are happy to agree to monthly or fortnightly payments in equal instalments from February to November each year.

We have a range of supports and rebates (dependent on household incomes) we can offer parents/guardians who experience or envisage difficulties with payment of fees. Parents/guardians who have specific types of concession cards or who have 3 or more students enrolled in Catholic Education may also be eligible for a concessional fee. If any of these situations apply to you, please email fees@gyc.tas.edu.au or contact the Business Office by telephone 6238 4333.

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.

Wishing you and your family every blessing this Christmas.

Yours faithfully,



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Board Chair

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Business Manager