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Dear Parents

Re: School Funding

The school recently received a memorandum from the Department of Education and Communities which explains why we must have accurate information on parent’s level of completed education and occupation. Our level of funding from the Government is directly related to what information is presented to us on the enrolment forms.

Memorandum

The low socio-economic background loading for Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is based on a combination of student and school needs using the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). The FOEI measure was developed following research undertaken by the Department that identified parental education attainment as a strong predictor of student and school performance. 2015 represents the third year that schools will receive a FOEI score. Each year there has been a significant improvement in the way schools work with their parent community to ensure that this data is updated annually. It is critical for determining the level of funding schools will receive for the 2016 RAM equity loading for socio-economic background.

FOEI 2015 will be based on students’ parental education and occupation information which will be extracted from ERN at the start of Term 2 (planned extract date: 26 April 2015). To ensure that your school’s FOEI accurately reflects the profile of your school community, a high level of completeness and accuracy of parental background information is needed.

Jenny Donovan – General Manager, Strategic Information and Reporting
Dail McGilchrist – Executive Director, Learning, High Performance and Accountability.

Please find attached your child’s parent/carer details. Could you please correct and/or complete all information and return to the school asap. If all information is already complete and correct please sign the bottom of page 1 and return to the school. The information you provide is confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than statistically for future funding for your child’s education.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries.

Yours Sincerely

Cameron Osborne
Principal