

BOARD TALK 8 September 2011

Things are moving swiftly on our plans for the move to Barbadoes Street thanks to some good work by senior leadership and the board of trustees special project relocation committee. We have had a positive development in the proposed layout of the campus, which will mean Catholic Cathedral and Marian Colleges will have more discreet areas. We expect to have some state of the art science relocatable laboratories based on a new design for another high school.

We will outline these ideas at a meeting in Chanel Hall for parents/caregivers, staff and students towards the end of this term.

To make the most of the Barbadoes St site may potentially incur some expense for the board, and a fundraising plan is being prepared for that possibility.

The board is employing a project manager to oversee the logistics of the move from two sites to our new home near the city centre. We will receive expert guidance on colour and design.

We continue to support our marvellous staff as they guide our daughters' learning, and also prepare to move to the new location. The teachers are being asked foremost to maintain high quality educational outcomes for our girls. They will be given special days at the end of the year to pack up for the big move away from St Bede's and North Parade.

Our board and senior staff have been working productively with our counterparts at Catholic Cathedral College to establish a sound working relationship as near neighbours.

Look out for another in our series of advertisements in the *Christchurch Mail* on 14 September, keeping wider Christchurch aware of changes. We plan to advise the Marian community through regular updates and welcome your feedback and suggestions, especially during the next few months.

The board is determined to prepare a very desirable learning and teaching environment at the Barbadoes Street site and has also been in discussions with our new neighbour CPIT, which is very positive about working together for mutual benefit.

May your girls continue to strive to achieve their best as the days lighten and the second half of the year is in full swing.

With Mary in faith.

Gerard Duignan
Chairperson
Marian College Board of Trustees