ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE
OFFICER CAMPUS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. Where is the Officer Campus to be situated?
A. The Campus will be constructed on the 8 hectares (20 acres), immediately north of where Cardinia Road meets Princes Highway in Officer.

Q. When will the new Campus be built?
A. Construction will commence in mid 2011 and we anticipate it will be ready for students in 2012.

Q. In 2012 will you enrol students of Year 7, 8 and 9?
A. In 2012 Year 7 enrolments only. In 2013 Year 7 and 8 students will be enrolled. In 2014 Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be enrolled.

Q. Will the Officer Campus eventually continue to Year 12?
A. For the foreseeable future the Officer Campus will be Year 7, 8 and 9, with students then progressing to the Senior Campus in Beaconsfield.

Q. What will be the student population?
A. We are planning for an enrolment population of 150 boys and girls at each year level.

Q. It is a Junior Campus, based on the model of the Berwick Campus. Do I have the opportunity to choose which Campus my child attends?
A. Children will be zoned to either the Berwick Campus or the Officer Campus for Year 7, 8 and 9, dependent upon residential address.

Q. Will my child have the opportunity to interact with children from the other Junior Campus?
A. Yes, the junior students will attend House Activities together, as well as Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, various extra-curricular pursuits and in some cases, curriculum based activities.

Q. Will there be an experienced St. Francis Xavier College Leadership Team at the Officer Campus?
A. Yes, there will be a number of current and new members of staff, including a Deputy Principal, Head of Campus and regular visits by the College Principal.

Q. Will the House System which is so successful at the Berwick & Beaconsfield Campuses be retained at Officer?
A. Yes, the Officer students will be offered the same House Structure. Crucial to this is the support through the Pastoral Care Program in House Groups.

Q. Will Counselling Services be available?
A. Yes, qualified Student Counsellors will be available.
Q. What transport arrangements are available for my child to get to and from the Officer Campus?
A. Private and Public Bus services will be available within the region. A new Railway Station is being constructed in Officer, less than 800 metres from the Campus. Car parking facilities and drop off/pick-up zones will be a feature of the new Campus. Bike sheds will be provided for those who ride their bikes to school. The new Campus will be surrounded by footpaths on all sides.

Q. Will there be traffic lights at the intersection of Cardinia Road and Princes Highway?
A. Yes, Vic Roads have installed traffic lights at this intersection.

Q. Will the students at the Officer Campus have the same subject selection range as students at the Berwick Campus?
A. Yes.

Q. Will the Officer Campus offer ease of access for students with a physical disability?
A. Yes, the Officer Campus is to be constructed with great sensitivity to meet physical needs of all its students and the wider College community.

Q. Will there be tours of the Campus available for students and parents?
A. Yes, closer to the time of completion, the Campus will be open for tours.

Q. Will the College offer experienced First Aid support for its students?
A. Yes, as with the Berwick & Beaconsfield Campuses, we will have a trained First Aid Officer on site at all times.

Q. Will there be enrolment opportunities for Non-Catholic students?
A. Priority will be given to applicants with a Catholic background. However, we anticipate offering a number of places which may be available to students of other faith backgrounds.

Q. What is the enrolment period for Year 7 at St. Francis Xavier College in 2012?
A. All applications must be submitted by Friday March 30, 2012.

Q. When will I learn whether my application for enrolment for my child has been successful?
A. We are mindful of the need for parents to ensure their child is enrolled for the following year. Interviews are held annually in May and parents are informed of the outcome within two to three weeks.

Q. The Campus will be completed over a 5-year period. Can I be confident my child will be offered every educational advantage as those at the Berwick Campus?
A. We are very confident that we will be able to ensure all students are fully prepared for VCE/VCAL studies by undertaking Junior Campus classes which are well resourced and well managed.

Q. What Library facilities will be available to my child?
A. A Library will be available for the students, housing novels, text books and laptop computers. Arrangements are in place with the two existing Libraries to fully facilitate the Library at Officer to ensure the students will not be disadvantaged.

Q. What are the fee structures for the Officer Campus?
A. All details regarding Tuition Fees are available on the College Website under the Link ‘For Parents – Fees’.
Q. **Is a Primary School to be constructed in the vicinity?**
A. Yes, the Parish of St. Patrick’s Pakenham has purchased the land immediately adjoining our Officer Campus. Construction of the Primary School will commence in the next few years. For further information please call St. Patrick’s Parish on 5941 7315.

Q. **Is After-School Care available?**
A. No, we do not offer After-School Care at any of the three Campuses of St. Francis Xavier College.

Q. **Will Canteen Services be available?**
A. Limited facilities will be available. Students will be able to pre-order lunches which will be delivered from the Senior Campus.

Q. **How can I gain further information regarding Enrolment at the Officer Campus of St. Francis Xavier College?**
A. The College Registrar is Mrs Felicity Woodhouse. She may be contacted on either 9707 3111 or 9709 2114.