24 February 2014

James Sheahan Catholic High School
Year 7 2015 Orientation Morning and Information Evening

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child is warmly invited to attend a Year 7 2014 orientation morning at James Sheahan Catholic High School on Monday 17 March or Tuesday 18 March. The purpose of this event is to provide your child with an insight into school life at James Sheahan and to help make their transition into secondary schooling at James Sheahan Catholic High School a smooth and rewarding experience.

As a Catholic School, James Sheahan focuses on the development of Catholic faith and spirituality, built on its de La Salle and Mercy traditions. Students are expected to continue to participate in the faith life of the Church and to undertake Religious Education throughout their secondary schooling.

The school is also proud of its pursuit of academic excellence, as reflected in our excellent Higher School Certificate results and the extensive range of traditional and vocational courses offered through to Year 12. Teachers are involved in an ongoing programme of professional development to encourage the highest standards of teaching and learning. The active involvement of parents in this process is seen as an integral aspect of schooling at James Sheahan.

As mentioned previously, the development of the whole child is at the heart of the James Sheahan experience. As well as faith and academic development, students are actively encouraged to grow physically, socially and culturally. As such, the school provides a comprehensive array of co-curricular activities, including excursions, competitions, sporting, musical and dramatic participation and academic extension opportunities. An active welfare team exists to provide support to students, based on individual needs and circumstances.

Students wishing to participate will need to arrive at the James Sheahan School Office by 9.20am on Monday 17 or Tuesday 18 March. The orientation morning will finish at 1.10pm, at which time the students will need to be collected from the shaded area between the Bus Bay and the School Office. The Year 6 numbers for both mornings are capped and parents may be required to have their child participate on either the 17 or 18 March, as determined by the school. Parents are asked to confirm their child’s attendance by phoning the school office on 6362 1422 by Wednesday 12 March.

The Principal, Executive and Year 7 2015 Year Coordinator, Mrs Lynelle Maguire, look forward to meeting you and addressing any questions you may have regarding Year 7 and school life at James Sheahan Catholic High School at the Information Evening to be held in Mercy Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18 March. The enrolment process will be outlined during the evening and parents will be given a hands-on insight into 21st Century learning through a series of engaging classroom experiences. The evening will conclude at 9.05pm. A representative from the Orange Clothing Company will be present from 6.30pm to help with any uniform enquiries.

It is expected that parents of all prospective Year 7 2015 students will attend the Information Evening to learn of the exciting opportunities and experiences offered by James Sheahan Catholic High School.

Yours sincerely

Peter Meers
Assistant Principal