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Dear Parents/Guardians of Years 10 students

HELPING YOUR SON NAVIGATE COURSE OPTIONS FOR YEAR 11 Tuesday, 18 June in Lecture Theatre

Do you want to assist your son with program selections in Year 11 but not sure how, what the terms all mean or where to look for assistance? Then, I invite you to attend an information evening on Tuesday, 18 June to hear detailed and clear information from the Careers, VCAL and VET Coordinators about the following:

- What is VCE and how can I help my son choose the right subjects?
- What is VCAL and what do you study in VCAL?
- What are the main differences between the two programs?
- What is VET and the pros and cons of studying VET as part of the VCE or VCAL?
- How to access information about prerequisites, courses, the ATAR at university and TAFE.
- Where to find careers resources for parents and students.

The information presented will assist parents with up-to-date information about educational pathways enabling you to support your sons effectively when they're making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond. You will receive up-to-date information about the educational landscape which is now different to what you experienced.

At the end of the presentations there will be time available for your questions. The night will be run in an informal way allowing you to ask questions during the presentations. An invitation is also extended to your son if you feel he would benefit from attending with you. There is no limit to the amount of people who can attend.

The information session will be held in the Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 18 June commencing sharply at 7:00pm. Finish time will be approximately 8:00 pm and I am happy to chat to parents afterwards. You will find a map on the following page showing the location of the Lecture Theatre.

Please note that there will be a formal compulsory event on Wednesday, 17 July for both students and parents titled, "Senior Pathways Evening". More information about this will follow in another communication.

This event, "Helping your son navigate course options for Year 11" is a chance for you to have information <u>clarified</u> prior to the compulsory night in July, and have time to discuss the information with your son over the holiday break. If your son is the first in your family to go through VCE or VCAL, our information session will (hopefully) give you the confidence and knowledge to guide him. It is quite different to what will be presented at the Senior Pathways Evening.

As there will be some printed information to give out could you please complete this <u>Google Form</u> so that I have an idea of numbers. If you have any queries about the evening please email ag@stbedes.catholic.edu.au or ring 9582 5733.

Kind regards

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