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Dear Sancta Alumni

This letter provides you with an update about the positive developments for alumni of Sancta Sophia College (the "College") and seeks your valued feedback on the future direction of the Sancta Sophia Ex Students Association (the "Association").

Many of us enjoyed the time we spent at Sancta, creating lifelong friendships. The College is seeking to revitalise the Association and hopes to encourage greater alumni involvement in the College and the wider University community.

In 2008 a small volunteer Committee was formed, and is focused on projects including alumni events, updating the alumni database, and reviewing the constitution of the Association. This work has been aided enormously by staff of the College: Principal, Dr Marie Leech; Marketing and Development Manager, Suzanne Geraghty; and Alumni Database Coordinator, Maria Black.

To simplify and modernise the way in which the Association operates the College and volunteer Committee are sending all member of the Sancta Alumni community:

- notice of the Biennial General Meeting of the Association (to which all Alumni are invited to attend at the college, followed by drinks);
- notice of nominations received for office bearers; and
- proposed amendments to the constitution of the Association.

If the proposed amendments are passed, the Association will remain a volunteer Sancta Alumni Committee, in a simplified form. The focus will be on engaging alumni through events and activities organised in conjunction with the College (on a ticketed basis where appropriate), and there will be no future annual subscriptions.

There are two Association bank accounts, totalling approximately \$24,000 accumulated through past social activities. One account supports the prestigious Nita McCrae academic award, granted annually to a current College student. Under the proposed amendments the future Association committee will suggest an amount be transferred to the Nita McCrae account to create a sustainable corpus and the remainder be directed to a small annual scholarship or bursary at the College.

We want to give all Alumni the opportunity to comment on and contribute to the changes to the Association. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who was a financial member of the Association in the past, and who may have a view about the proposed use of existing funds. All Alumni are welcome to attend the Biennial General Meeting

Finally, we hope that you will be encouraged by Sancta's renewed focus on Alumni and will reconnect with the College and old friends. Alumni are invited to participate in many of the College's wonderful initiatives, including the opportunity to:

- attend Faculty Dinner;
- mentor a current student;
- support a scholarship;
- be an Alumni year representative;
- join the Alumni volunteer committee

The College is happy to assist Alumni wanting assistance in organising a formal or informal reunion.



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Please refer to the Sancta website at <http://www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au/alumni/> for all Alumni news.

All future Alumni correspondence will be via email, except for those Alumni who have previously requested postal contact. Please update your contact details with the college by:
phone (02) 9577 2100;
email marketing@sancta.usyd.edu.au;
or online at <http://www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au/alumni/keep-in-touch/>

Any questions or comments on this letter can be directed to alumnipresident@sancta.usyd.edu.au or to Caroline Stewart on (02) 9324 3141.

We look forward to your support!

Kind regards

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Principal

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On behalf of the Sancta Sophia volunteer Alumni committee