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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Cadets,

Re: Changes to Chevalier College Cadet Unit

You may have heard that discussions have been taking place over a few years regarding the sustainability of the Chevalier College Cadet Unit.

In its early years, when the College was a boy's boarding school and membership of Cadets was essentially compulsory, the unit numbers were approximately 300 and incorporated a well-regarded Cadet Band.

As the years have progressed, the unit has remained very active but numbers have fallen significantly. This is quite likely due to the very large and varied number of alternative activities young people and their families can be engaged in after school and on weekends.

The Australian Army Cadet Brigade has been reviewing the size of many units under its umbrella and approached the College seeking consideration of the unit being made a community unit; that is, allowing people from outside Chevalier College to join.

This request has been considered by the College and the College Board, and agreed to from the commencement of 2017.

The name of the unit will change to 227 ACU. The new unit will continue to operate from Chevalier College but will no longer be under the control or jurisdiction of the College.

The new unit will retain a certain iconic connection to us, namely, the unit in operational name will be 227 ACU (Chevalier) and the Chevalier Knight will likely be retained as the unit's insignia.

Students who wish to remain in this unit or join the unit from Chevalier College will still be able to wear their Cadet uniform on parade days.

Probably the most significant issue for parents/caregivers is realising that, as of 2017, the Cadet Unit is a community unit that will lease space from the College for their operation. This also means that parents and caregivers will work with and deal directly with the Cadet Unit's Commanding Officer. All insurances, regulation codes of conduct and operational matters will come under the jurisdiction of the Australian Army Cadet Brigade.



The College is confident that the change will strengthen the Cadet Unit through an increase in the number of people joining the unit and their enhanced experience.

Whilst there are a few administrative matters still to be finalised, this will be completed by the end of 2016 so that 2017 can commence as a community Cadet Unit.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you require further information regarding this change.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris McDermott'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Chris McDermott
PRINCIPAL