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Dear Parents

For a number of months, our Association's Board has been developing a group-wide Strategic Plan to allow our schools to keep abreast of the ever changing educational environment, whilst at the same time maintaining the Christian educational foundations on which our Association was established.

One of the strategic directions the Board have recognised through this process relates to Midland Christian School and Swan Christian College. With both schools being on the same campus, there are many educational and related benefits of the two schools becoming a combined structure. Leading from this, the Board have commissioned a detailed implementation process on the amalgamation of these schools.

Given the scope of this exercise, the process will be an extensive one and will involve many decisions. To help facilitate this journey, some consultation groups will soon be established, to assist us in obtaining the best possible outcomes for the school community as a whole. Dr Liz Patterson, who assisted in the development of the Board's Strategic Plan will facilitate the consultation groups.

To keep your family abreast with the development of this process, our Management team will make every effort to inform you of the key steps as we move forward together. In keeping with this, it is with great pleasure that I can inform you of:

- the extension of Mr Mark Lewis' Principal's role as Principal at Swan Christian College to facilitate the implementation of the merger process of the two schools
- Mrs Gaye Entwistle continuing as Acting Principal of Midland Christian School for 2009
- Mr Jon Lituri continuing as Acting Deputy Principal of Midland Christian School for 2009.

It is anticipated that, beginning in Term 2, school community information meetings will be held for the purpose of sharing indicative timelines, providing future planning updates, and facilitating opportunities for questions and answers.

Thank you for sharing this exciting time with us. We trust that your family will be able to assist us in developing an even stronger community, built on the strong foundations of the past.

Yours sincerely

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**Manager Director**