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NSW Coptic Schools Board Update- St Mary & St Mina College

Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to update you on the progress made in the last few months at St Mary & St Mina's and St Mark's Colleges. Overall progress includes:

- Both Colleges have implemented a new student and admin management systems (Sentral and SEQTA) to increase the effectiveness and the efficiency of teachers. These systems allow teachers to plan curriculum, collaborate and prepare online lessons and delivery, as well as evaluate students and provide paperless reports.
- Mr. Ehab Bastawrous has accepted the position of Financial Manager at St Mary and St Mina's College in addition to his Financial Manager role at St Mark's College. This is a great addition and will allow the best systems and processes to be across the 2 Colleges.
- Two new members have joined the Board, Ms Amany Bastawrous & Ms Shiry Iskander at the end of March 2018 and we farewelled Sam Sirry and Michael Gindy after serving for 2 years. Both Amany and Shiry come with a wealth of experience and are passionate about Coptic Education and have already made a significant impact.
- The Board has finalised the Constitution and structure which has been approved by HG Bishop Daniel.

Specific updates for St Mary and St Mina's College are as follows:

- We continue to progress with higher number of students vs. year ago reaching 263 students, this is despite losing a few students this year.
- We conducted significant renovations at the secondary campus with a new Science Lab and students' bathrooms.
- Further expansion of STEM, Robotics in primary and secondary. This includes training of 3 secondary staff for a STEM day at the end of semester 2 in Year 7.

- New Home Readers for all primary years which will help students with their literacy outcomes.
- Concluded the analysis of the school community survey - including students, staff and parents which has been used to shape future direction and fix current issues.
- Launched a new website which you can access at www.stmary.nsw.edu.au

Together with the His Grace Bishop Daniel and the Diocese servants and consultants, we are continuing to evaluate longer term options for St Mary's expansion and facilities plan including Rockdale Campus. We ask for your prayers and support always.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Boctor', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

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