Dear Parents of Santa Sabina College

Almost 150 years ago the first Dominican Sisters travelled to Australia from Ireland and England to begin their apostolate of education among the youth of this country at a time when Catholic schools were being established in cities and towns across the different states. Much has happened in the intervening years. The schools have grown and flourished while the Sisters have continued to respond with initiative and dedication to build on the early foundations. We have been supported by colleagues who have joined us in fostering our Dominican vision and goals.

Now a new era has arrived. Three Congregations, the Dominican Sisters of Holy Cross Congregation (Adelaide), the Dominican Sisters of North Adelaide and the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia have collaborated to petition the Holy See in Rome to establish a new entity, Dominican Education Australia. DEA will take leadership of the governance of the educational ministries currently the responsibility of the Trustees of the Dominican Sisters. Our Sisters recognise the importance of this new beginning and are confident that the values and ethos of our Dominican schools will continue to be fostered and enhanced through the new Trustees, our School Boards and dedicated staff.

The brochure accompanying this letter provides some information about Dominican Education Australia and the seven schools/centre which are included. Following an extensive period of discernment and preparation Dominican Education Australia will be launched in August 2016, a significant year for Dominicans world-wide as we celebrate 800 years of heritage left to us by our Founder, St Dominic.

Yours sincerely

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