2nd March 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Gallup Student Poll – Australia & New Zealand**

Students in Years 5-12 will have the opportunity to participate in the Gallup Student Poll. The poll is a 20-question online survey that asks students about their levels of hope, engagement and wellbeing with the school.

**HOPE:** The ideas and energy students have for the future. It describes how confident students feel about achieving their goals, dreams and ideal outcomes in life.

**ENGAGEMENT:** Student involvement in and enthusiasm for school. Engaged students arrive at school prepared and eager to learn. They are more likely to promote excitement about learning in those around them.

**WELLBEING:** Describes how students think about and experience their lives. Wellbeing tells schools how their students are managing today and predicts their success in the future.

**Details of the poll are:**
- **Date:** Between Wednesday 11 March and Friday 27 March (different days for different year groups)
- **Time:** During the school day – computer access
- **Results:** Available approximately 4 weeks after the survey close date

When students take the poll we will use one access code for the whole school and results are reported back to us by Year level. This way your child’s individual responses will not be known, as students cannot be identified in any way.

Enhancing the hope, engagement and wellbeing of children is extremely important to us at St Mary’s College and with these results we will be better able to track the success of our programs over time. If you do not want your child to participate please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to your child’s class / homeroom teacher.

For more information on the poll or to see the actual items students will answer, please visit [www.gallupstudentpoll.com.au](http://www.gallupstudentpoll.com.au). If you would like to speak to someone at Gallup, feel free to contact the Gallup Education Practice at any time on: +61 2 9409 9000.

I commend this survey to you and I hope most, if not all parents will allow their daughters to participate.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tom Dorey
Principal

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**Gallup Student Poll – Opt out**

I would rather my child ______________________________ (name) did not participate in the Gallup Student Poll, measuring the hope, engagement and wellbeing of students.

Please ensure my child has an alternate activity in which to participate whilst others are completing the survey. Thank you.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: ...............................................