27th April 2015

Dear Mums (or Mentors) of our Year 8 girls,

The annual St Mary's College ‘Mother and Daughter’ night will be held on Thursday 21 May, in the Mary Morgan Wing.

We would love you and your daughter to take part in what promises to be a special evening. Please come. This is a program that celebrates transition in your daughter’s life. The purpose of the night is to stop and acknowledge the journey both you and your daughter have taken for the transition she has made to arrive at this moment in her life. With the assistance of the St Mary's College community, you will be led through an engaging evening which involves both discussion groups and a significant ‘one-on-one’ time with your daughter is set aside.

We ask you to bring a treasured item or symbol that represents something about your relationship with your child. A guide sheet is overleaf. Please keep this item a secret from your daughter until the special time occurs on the evening. Your daughter will be asked to bring something of significance to share as well (this will be discussed in class). It is important that you both have something to share.

If a girl's mother is not able to attend a grandmother, aunt or other female mentor is welcome. Feel free to contact me and we can discuss inviting a woman from your family/network who can be the ‘mentor’ for your daughter on the night.

When: 6.45pm for 7.00pm Start. Thursday 21 May 2015.

Where: Mary Morgan Wing

What to Bring: Treasured Item (see guide overleaf).

Dress: Neat Casual.

RSVP instructions are below. Please ensure that you reply as we can then allocate a group and name tag for you.

With all good wishes,

Matthew Williams
Head of Faith and Mission

St Mary’s College Mother and Daughter Night Registration Procedure

Email smc.mums@time-space.com.au and you will be automatically sent a web link that takes step by step through the very simple registration process,

Or, you can directly visit the link by typing http://bit.ly/SMC-2015 into your web browser.

Registration helps with our activity planning for the session.
If you have any other enquiries, please call reception on (03) 6108 2560.

A Treasured Item – Mothers and Mentors

A central feature of our Mother and Daughter night is a chance for you to bring along an item you treasure that tells a story about something you value from your life with your daughter.

The item that you choose could be one of the following…

- A first outfit, a photo, a hospital bracelet.

- When your daughter was born, you may have received a gift or card from someone special that you have kept.

- An old report where a teacher made a comment about your daughter that made you proud.

- A piece of work that you have kept… an essay, a poem, an artwork that your daughter did etc.

- A photo of your daughter with a special person to you… maybe of someone who isn’t around anymore.

- In the ensuing days, you may like to create a memento by bringing a collection of memories that you want to share with your daughter.

- Perhaps you might want to write her a letter that shares your positive reflections on how you have seen her grow up.

To add a bit of mystique to the night… bring the item wrapped up and don’t unpack it until you get to the dedicated time with your daughter.

To help you prepare for the night these are the types of questions that will be asked during the activities…

What are your recollections of the brilliant and tough moments you have shared with your daughter?

What’s the best thing about her growing up to secondary school age?  What are the hardest things in relation to this?

Who are the special people in your life – does your daughter know this?  What are the important things that have happened to you in your life?  What events have shaped and formed you?

What are your special interests – is your daughter aware of these?

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