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Dear Families of St Paul's College and Kildare College

### **PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ST PAUL'S COLLEGE AND KILDARE COLLEGE**

We write to inform you that St Paul's College and Kildare College have mutually agreed to formally conclude our current partnership at the end of 2020. That is, there will be no cross-campus classes in Senior Years 11 and 12 beyond the end of this year.

In reaching this decision, we celebrate and respect the fruitful partnership that has enhanced the educational opportunities for students of both Colleges. In recent times, having students move between St Paul's and Kildare for subjects in senior years has generated increasing challenges for school calendars and timetables.

Both Colleges recognise the need for greater flexibility, creativity and delivery within their respective teaching and learning programs. This is best achieved by each College working autonomously to meet the current and emerging educational needs of their respective students.

We are committed to continuing the joint arrangements relating to the operation of the morning/afternoon Bus Service and to cooperating in other mutually beneficial occasions, such as intercollege events.

We hasten to assure you that planning for 2021 and beyond is underway at both Colleges with the development of several exciting projects and initiatives. We will continue to develop and provide opportunities that encompass each College's vision, and that will best meet the needs of our families, many of whom have children at both schools.

We acknowledge and sincerely thank the staff of St Paul's College and Kildare College for their commitment to the partnership over the years.

Should you have any questions relating to this matter, we invite you to speak with your respective Principal. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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