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# St Dominic's College



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Dear members of the St Dominic's Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to confirm that Savio Education Centre will be closing at the end of the 2018 school year. There is a great deal of sadness and disappointment felt by all of the St Dominic's and Savio community about this decision. Savio has had a significant impact on the lives of so many students over the past ten years and has served a great need in the wider community of Penrith.

Savio Education Centre, the alternative education annexe of St Dominic's College, was officially opened on the 18th August 2008. For the past ten years Savio has provided a holistic education for sixty-one young men who have found mainstream education challenging. Savio Education Centre was an initiative of Br Jeff Regan in his time as St Dominic's College Principal. His vision, along with other Christian Brothers, was to establish a place of education for those students, between the ages of 10 and 14 years of age, who faced difficulties with social skills, behaviour, learning and emotional wellbeing.

Over the years Savio has been supported not only by the College but by numerous contributors. The College wishes to acknowledge Br. Jeff Regan and Miss Monica Day for their contribution to the establishment and growth of Savio. Through their vision, dedication and unwavering commitment to the Centre they were fundamental in providing a liberating education for young men who found themselves on the margins of society.

We must also thank and recognise the tireless efforts of the highly dedicated and passionate staff members who have gone above and beyond to provide the best possible education for those young men who have walked through the Savio doors since 2008. Special acknowledgement must go to Mr. Toni Thompson and Ms. Sally Waddell who have been part of the staff at Savio since its

inception. They have walked the journey together and have constantly been a pillar of strength and guidance for so many boys.

The College would also like to acknowledge Edmund Rice Education Australia, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, Waverly College, St Patrick's College Strathfield, Christian Brothers High School Lewisham and St Pius X Chatswood for their continued support throughout the years. The support from these fellow Edmund Rice schools has allowed the staff of Savio and the community of St Dominic's College to provide a diverse range of educational opportunities, set in an environment that is welcoming, caring, supportive, unique and allows for the growth of each individual.

Our families, staff, students and community members have all helped to create such a wonderful learning environment over the years. Savio will remain in the hearts of many for years to come and we acknowledge Savio's great impact on the lives of so many young people.

May Jesus live in our hearts, forever.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Ronchetti', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Michael Ronchetti

College Principal