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Dear Parents and Friends of the College

I would like to bring to your attention the results of the recent Education Review Office audit of Macleans College.

The review was extensive and compiled by a team of four senior Ministry of Education officials who spent a week observing our school in operation. It included a review of our statistical results as well as in-depth qualitative interviews with many students and staff.

The findings of this ERO audit have been summarised in a report which is now available to the public on their website.

While the above ERO report is written in a very formal way, the Education Review Office audit team also presented their findings to the BOT in a meeting where they were able to talk more freely and informally to us. It was very pleasing to hear the auditors talk about how well they thought Macleans College was performing in all respects, with comments like: "students are highly motivated and engaged", "strong pastoral systems", "students have extensive opportunities to follow their interests", "a focus on excellence", "high levels of success" and "student achievement continues to exceed targets".

The ERO team seemed genuinely excited about what they had observed at Macleans.

Last week the College also received a letter from the Minister of Education The Honourable Hekia Parata regarding this recent Education Review Office audit of Macleans College.

In her letter, Ms Parata congratulated all involved at the school for their work to ensure the College is providing such a high quality of education. Ms Parata then signed off with a personally handwritten note:

"Truly Outstanding - thank you"

The Board of Trustees wish to congratulate all staff, The Principal, Byron Bentley, The Senior Management team, and all Teachers for their continued dedication and commitment that makes Macleans College the great success it is. I think we are privileged to have our children taught by such a fine group of professionals and I agree with Ms Parata, *Truly Outstanding*. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Tony Gillion
Chair
Board of Trustees
Macleans College