28th March 2013

Dear Parents and members of the Christian Brothers College Community,

I have recently become aware, through neighbours and via the media that approval from the Adelaide City Council has been given to open a Chemist adjacent to the CBC Senior Campus at 192-198 Wakefield Street Adelaide. It may be that the Chemist will also act as a base for the SA Opioid Substitution Treatment Program’ from its Wakefield Street entrance. It is my understanding that the Chemist will be open from 8am till 10pm most days. As a courtesy, I wanted to make sure that you are aware of this information and how it is that we are being proactive in our consideration of any effects that this development may have on our community.

To date, CBC has not been consulted about this matter and we felt it would be prudent to investigate any possible associated risks related to a treatment program of this nature in such close proximity to our students. I have therefore contacted the Adelaide City Council. They have advised me that there was no requirement under the Development Act to consult CBC in this matter. However, they are sympathetic to my concerns and have agreed to an immediate meeting which takes place today to further discuss this matter.

I will continue to hold meetings with relevant authorities to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community members in relation to this proposal and will keep you informed accordingly. These authorities include: CBC Board, Adelaide City Council, Ms Rachel Sanderson MP Member for Adelaide, Catholic Education SA and EREA. Ongoing meetings are currently being organised with the Adelaide City Council.

In the interim please be assured that Christian Brothers College:

- Continues to value as a high priority the safety and wellbeing of our College community and especially its students;
- Respects your rights as parents and community members to be kept fully informed in a timely manner about important issues related to the College;
- Respects the rights and dignity of people undergoing Opioid Substitution Treatment; and
- Is mindful of the strict protocols and safety regulations with which the ‘SA Opioid Substitution Treatment Program’ operates.

I will correspond again via the College newsletter (available on www.cbc.sa.edu.au) in relation to this matter as soon as new developments come to light. If you have any particular concerns or information to offer, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Noel Mifsud
Principal