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Dear Parents

Governing Body Announcement of School Fees – 2009

The Governing Body presented the proposed budget for the 2009 academic year to the Parents at a general meeting held at the school on Tuesday 28th October 2008.

The meeting commenced with a presentation by the School Administrator, Mr Brian Dill, of the latest interactive white-board technology planned for 2009. A summary of the school's many academic, cultural & sporting highlights of the year was presented by the Principal, Mr. R Dingley.

The budget presentation indicated that the school operating budget had increased from R12, 4m in 2008 to an expected R14, 1m in 2009.

As prescribed, notice of the general budget meeting was issued to Parents 30 days prior to the meeting and the detailed school budget was made available for review for the prescribed 14 days prior to the meeting for Parents to review.

We thank the Parents who subsequently raised specific questions which were addressed by the SGB.

2009's budget proposal was set against a backdrop of significant price increases experienced during the 2008 financial year. The economic outlook for 2009 is also subject to significant uncertainty.

Specific resolutions passed at the meeting:

In accordance with the prescribed requirements of the SA Schools Act, the meeting confirmed that Fairmont High School would be a fee paying school for the 2009 year and that the school would provide financial assistance to qualifying Learners in accordance with the specific provisions of the SA Schools Act.

Specific 2009 Budget review:

The Governing Body set out the components of the budget and provided specific details of expected income and expenses. The meeting discussed the funding position relating to the capital development activities commenced during the year with feedback and discussion of specific risks and issues relating to the projects.

Discounts on prepayment of annual school fees:

Discounts for the up-front payment of 2009 school fees would be granted on the basis of a 10% discount on annual fees paid on or before 15th December 2008. A 5% discount on the prepayment of 2009 fees on or before 31 January 2009 would also be awarded.

Should any Parent wish to avail themselves of this facility, they should contact the school Bursar to make arrangements. (Telephone, Mrs Wait 021-976 1147).

Financial Assistance:

Parents requiring financial assistance should approach the Bursar for the prescribed application and means test forms. In the event of non payment of compulsory school fees, the school reserves the right to recover outstanding fees.

After the discussion of the budget proposal details, the meeting unanimously approved the budget as presented.

Final approved school fees for 2009:	
Monthly School Fees for ten months	R1,245.00 per month
TOTAL Annual School Fees	R12,450.00
TOTAL Annual School Fees (10% discount - payable by 15 December 2008)	R11, 205.00
TOTAL Annual School Fees (5% discount - payable by 31 January 2009)	R11,827.50

We look forward to meeting the challenges of 2009 and to the achievement of the goals set for the continued enhancement of our children's education at Fairmont High School.

The School Governing Body would also like to take this opportunity of welcoming all the new Parents and Learners to the school in 2009, especially those starting their High School careers. We are sure you will enjoy the school and all the facilities it has to offer.

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