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Dear Parents, Staff and Children of the Newman Catholic Collegiate

I write to express my deep sorrow at the news that was shared with our country and the world last night.

Our Queen dedicated her life in service of us all. She led by example and demonstrated dignity in all that she did. She was a role model for us all and one in whom we can look up to with respect.

Whilst we will all be sad at the loss of such an inspirational person, we can draw comfort from her own words, "Grief is the price we pay for love." As Catholics we gain strength knowing that that she will rest in peace in arms of our Lord.

I am calling on all across the Collegiate to stay strong during this period of mourning. Rest assured we will do all we can to support our community. The Queen was always proud of children's achievements and I recall her words during the COP26 summit where she stated, "I have drawn great comfort and inspiration from the relentless enthusiasm of people of all ages – especially the young – in calling for everyone to play their part."

We pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.

God Bless

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