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Dear Parents of students in Years 5 and 6 (2011) *

PHILOSOPHICAL ETHICS

I am writing to you to ensure that all parents of children who have opted out of SRE in 2010 are aware of changes resulting from the recent amendment of the Education Act, 1990.

In 2011 a class on philosophical ethics may be offered at our school as an option for students in Years 5 and 6 who do not attend SRE/Scripture.

St James Ethics Centre is the approved provider of classes in philosophical ethics. *Primary Ethics* (www.primaryethics.com.au), a new organisation established for this purpose, is responsible for all aspects of course delivery, including providing trained volunteers and resources. *Primary Ethics* will make philosophical ethics classes available in Years 5-6 in some schools from Term 1, 2011 and will progressively roll out the program across all primary school years thereafter.

The course will be taught and managed by volunteers. See attached information sheet seeking Expressions of Interest.

To assist school planning and to determine the level of interest among parents, please complete a preliminary registration of your child **online** at: www.primaryethics.com.au, **if and only if**:

- Your child will not be attending Special Religious Education and
- You would like your child to attend an ethics class, if available.

Please note that students not attending either Special Religious Education or Philosophical Ethics classes will continue to be provided with supervised activities by a teacher.

Preliminary registrations for 2011 should be completed no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 17th December.

If you would like to know more about the philosophical ethics course, volunteering or other arrangements, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au

* *This letter is being sent only to the parents of children who opted out of SRE in 2010.*