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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FCJ BICENTENARY GIFT

In 2020, the Faithful Companions of Jesus celebrates the Bicentenary of the FCJ Society, founded by Marie Madeleine d'Houët in 1820.

To mark this special occasion, the FCJ Society has made significant donations available for all their schools throughout the world in the form of a Bicentenary gift. Each school community was invited to propose a project or projects for consideration.

The College Council and leadership team were given a list of criteria and encouraged to be creative and dream!

In line with the first criterion – to enable FCJ schools to provide the best education possible – a detailed outline of a project was submitted, along with a business plan and concept design drawings.

At a College Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2019, Sr. Barbara Brown-Graham fcj, Area Leader, announced the approval of our project - a multipurpose hall, to be built on the 52-54 Arundel Street site purchased by the College in 2014.

This generous gift is going to provide a facility that can be used for sporting activities, whole school assemblies, gatherings and presentations. This gift will greatly benefit students at FCJ College and indeed, Benalla Rural City and neighbouring communities, for decades to come.

Work now starts on refining the design with our architect. Our hope is that we will be able to formally open and access this excellent facility in the bicentenary year of 2020.

On behalf of the FCJ College community we have thanked the FCJ Society for what will be a lasting legacy of their commitment to Catholic education in the Benalla region.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

Mr Robert Barber
Chair, FCJ College Council