Textbooks in 2013-14

The College and the P&F are delighted to inform you of an initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade second-hand textbooks online via the Sustainable School Shop: http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

The College is conscious of improving recycling levels and assisting families with book purchases. The Sustainable School Shop is an innovative online service that has especially developed a second-hand textbook trading system to match buyers and sellers of second-hand textbooks.

This service provides some added advantages for parents, including:

• Trading of your textbooks can occur at any stage through the year

• You can still buy/sell textbooks to parents within the College, but you also have the option to deal with parents from other schools across NSW and Australia.

• You can post ads to show which books from the College booklists you would like to buy as well as posting ads for books that you have for sale.

The Sustainable School Shop will assist parents to advertise online all their second-hand textbook requirements to other parents within the school, and to other parents from other nearby schools for those items no longer in use at our school.

To learn more about how this service works go to: http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/learnmore/parents

To access this service, parents need to register online with the Sustainable School Shop. A telephone (1300 683 337) and email help line is also available.

Costs
To place a single advertisement containing one or two books, the usual cost involved is $1.95, or an annual Family Memberships costs $19.95 providing full access to the Second-Hand Textbook Trading System and allowing parents to place an unlimited number of advertisements for a year covering all your children (including if you have children at other schools). The system will list wanted ads for the books you need and for sale ads for the books you wish to sell, then it will automatically match buyers with sellers.

Support
All technical enquiries regarding the website should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop. Their contact number is 1300 683 337 or help is also available through their website by clicking on Contact us on the website.
Important points to note when buying and selling texts

• Ensure you are purchasing the correct edition of the book required for your child (according to Monte’s textbook list). Each book has an ISBN number, and this number is like the book’s ‘fingerprint’. Ensure the ISBN is the correct one.

• It is the buyer’s responsibility to ensure that if a book was originally sold with a CD, that CD is included with the second-hand book being purchased. Replacement CDs are not always available from publishers.

• Parents who purchase books which include access codes to facilitate online access to additional course material should contact each text’s publisher (before you make the purchase) to find out if a cost is involved in reactivating the access code for second or subsequent purchasers. Each publisher deals differently with online access in relation to second hand sales. Some codes are valid for 12 months, some for 24 months; the cost of a new access code may be as little as $10 or as much as 30% of the recommended retail price of the book. We recommend you contact the publisher to confirm if online access codes can be ‘reactivated’, and what the cost of this is, prior to purchasing any materials.

• Monte does not accept any responsibility for purchases made in error.

• While many publishers support the sale of second hand books and their accompanying online content, parents should be aware of their obligation to comply with relevant copyright laws. This includes ensuring that students delete all textbook files from their laptops when they no longer have possession of the print copy of a book. In order to protect publishers’ copyright, Monte’s iAssist department may conduct random audits of students’ computers to ensure that texts no longer relevant to the student are deleted from their laptops.

We welcome any feedback you may have on this service.