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QUEEN'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Queen's College continues in its commitment to provide top quality education while ensuring that our parents always get the best possible value for their money. Over the past several years, we have continued our attempts to enhance our capacity to provide this top quality education, bringing into harmony the goals of the parents, staff and Administration. It is our intention to remain on the cutting-edge of education in The Bahamas. This has resulted in increased spending, as we have continued to place ongoing emphasis on improvements to the physical plant, the instructional programme and the support services offered to our students. We also note that in competing both locally and abroad for the recruitment of the best teachers, we may fall behind if we are unable to provide competitive rates of remuneration.

We are in the process of purchasing 5.25 acres next to the school that has become available during this past school year. The property will be used for expansion of our playing field and to assist us in locating new school buildings (classrooms) that form a part of our strategic plan for the future.

For the past five years, we have advised that it would be wise for you to plan on a modest increase in the cost of tuition fees of about 5% annually, and if the increase fails to materialize in any given year parents should anticipate the increase to accumulate and take place at a future time. **We still wish to encourage all of our parents to incorporate these anticipated increases into your financial planning for future years so as to avoid any difficulty later.**

This past year, you will recall that our Tuition Fees and Facility Fees remained the same as that of the preceding year; it was felt by the Board of Governors that we should provide some relief to parents due to the economic situation we faced in the country. However, this has placed a strain on our finances for this past year but we were prepared to forego any increase in order to assist our parents in the situation.

You should be aware that Government has advised that they will be reducing the Grant-in-aid in the coming year by 20% to all grant-aided schools and this is severely impacting our ability to meet our financial commitments.

We write to advise that facility fees for the next academic year will remain the same as for this past year, \$245.00 for the Primary School and \$295.00 for the High School; these facility fees include the Technology Fee for Grades 1-12 and the Locker Fee for Grades 7-12, as well as the use of all campus educational facilities. However, tuition fees for the next academic year will increase as follows:

	2010/2011 Increase <u>Per Term</u>	2010/2011 Total Fees <u>Per Term</u>
ELC	\$110.00	\$1,330.00
Primary School	\$115.00	\$1,405.00 (Includes facility fee of \$245.00)
High School	\$130.00	\$1,580.00 (Includes facility fee of \$295.00)

This means an overall increase in fees of approximately 9%.

We wish to assure you that we are firm in our resolve to give the best possible education to our students to enable them to perform in the twenty-first century.

Thank you for your continued understanding, cooperation and support.

Yours truly,

Rev. William R. Higgs
Chairman, Queen's College Board of Governors

Andrea U. Gibson
Principal