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Dear Members of the St Mary MacKillop College Community,

It is my pleasure to inform you that in the Australia Day 2023 Honours List announced today, Mr Michael Lee has been awarded the *Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)*. The Order of Australia recognises the outstanding and meritorious service of our nation's citizens and the citation for Michael's award is: *For service to education*.

This is an outstanding recognition of Michael's career in education extending over four decades. For the past 25 years, Michael has led three Catholic schools in the role of Principal, the last 15 of which have been at St Mary MacKillop College.

Michael has been the longest serving Principal of this school and his leadership has overseen growth and improvement in many areas. His vision and strategic thinking, coupled with the

This distinguished award is a fitting recognition of a career given in service to the development others through education – a career that will hopefully continue for some time yet!

I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Michael Lee (OAOyngyanuye eoyu