MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE

**MARK PREST AWARD**

To commemorate our much loved and admired Deputy Principal, who commenced at the College in 1996 and became Deputy Principal in 1997, the College Executive has named an annual award for an ‘educationalist’ in his honour. Mark had a deep love for his God and was passionate educator who had a deep sense of the school community. He listened, accepted and embraced all the people he found in his life. Mark demonstrated strength during his own battle with illness and throughout his life he was willing to be a ‘shelter in a storm’ for others. He was a deep thinker and came to believe strongly in the stewardship model of leadership.

The award will be presented annually to a member of staff who most exemplifies Mark’s educational philosophy and witness as judged by the following criteria which embody the spirit of Mark as an educator. It is expected that the recipient of this award will reflect many of these characteristics.

Mark:

* had a passionate respect for the dignity of each person
* set a public example of integrity, love, commitment and awareness each day
* showed empathy and concern for the welfare of others
* fostered genuine, honest, authentic, compassionate and just relationships
* had a healthy sense of tolerance, acceptance and openness
* was filled with the excitement of teaching
* was a courageous and committed learner
* aspired to and encouraged excellence
* exhibited a quality of teaching which opened up learning to others
* encouraged a love of learning in others
* was willing to take risks and learn from experience
* believed that teaching mattered
* fostered a strong climate of community involving students, teachers and parents
* had a sense of civic responsibility and pride
* contributed to the social and spiritual environment of the school

The selection of the winner will be made by a special panel. The Members of the Selection Panel will be the Principal, an Advisory Council Member, two Staff Members and one Student (a Student Leader).

# I wish to nominate …………………………………………………………………………….. for the Mark Prest Award

**Signature of Nominator: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**Please attach a Statement addressing the above criteria and forward to the Principal by 13 November 2017**