



Dear Parents/Caregivers, Our students have the opportunity to be involved in an exciting program: **'Children's University Australasia' (CUA)**. CUA aims to encourage high quality out of school hours activities for children aged between 5 and 14 years, engaging the wider community as learning partners in this process. The most important principles of CUA are that participation is voluntary and activities must take place outside the normal school day during lunch, after school, weekends and holidays. CUA is not compulsory and the children choose what to do and when, and the learning always has a link to something they could do at a 'grown up' university.

In partnership with The University of Adelaide, we aim to raise aspirations and develop a love of learning by issuing students enrolled in CUA with a *'Passport to Learning'*, which records their individual learning journey. After 30 hours of learning, the children are rewarded for their participation with certificates at a graduation ceremony to be held at the University of Adelaide. Participating students have access to activities at school and also in the wider community (*Learning Destinations*). These activities have been validated by CUA trained staff as good learning experiences. A full list of Learning Destinations can be seen at: www.cuaustralasia.com.

CUA members are also able to earn 10 hours from Regular Restricted Activities. These are external organisations of which students are paying members and attend on a regular basis (e.g. sporting clubs, dance studios, swimming centres etc.). In order to earn hours, students who participate in these activities must obtain an appropriate 'Review' form from their CUA school coordinator. Alternatively students will also be able to submit 'Review' forms via the online portal.

Students are enrolled in Children's University when they receive their Passport to Learning. The annual fee for 2020, is **\$33.00 (inc GST)** with any and all replacement passports incurring a fee of \$5.50 (inc GST).

Log onto the QKR App. to complete enrolment and payment by 26th March 2020. Please contact Carmela Panetta the CU coordinator (cpanetta@sfoa.catholic.edu.au) at St Francis of Assisi P.S. if you have any queries.