



1 December 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I trust you are enjoying these last few hectic days of the school year, whilst keeping dry and safe. Generally, I am pleased with how our students are seeing through their commitments until the very end of the academic year. I thank you for your support as we have navigated together some uncertainties that 2021 has presented.

If nothing else, COVID has taught us to be flexible in the school situation, and we are transferring this skill of flexibility and adaptability into other challenges that we experience as a College and in our daily lives. The latest one being the cancellation of our planned activities for Friday 3 December due to the bottom oval being very wet. Mr Ryan Soars, Director of Sport, and our maintenance team have been carefully monitoring the situation of our ovals and have deemed them unsafe to use for the entirety of this week.

Unfortunately, this means that the Colour Frenzy will be postponed until next year, at a date to be confirmed. I am sure our students are disappointed in this situation, I am too, as the Senior Leadership Team, including myself, have already have purchased our running outfits! With the Colour Frenzy cancelled we are left with a huge gap during the last day of school. Understanding the frustration felt by students and parents when they feel that they are not doing anything of a productive nature at school, the Senior Leadership Team has made the decision to finish the school year one day early for students. This will provide our families the opportunity to start your holidays, be those at home or away, earlier in the day.

We understand that this may not work for a number of families, and we will provide supervision and housekeeping for any students in attendance on Friday. Our teachers will still be at school on Friday and some of next week. If your child will be at school on Friday, please let us know by completing the [Parent Survey - Supervision](#) by 1pm on Thursday 2 December. **Please only complete the survey if your child will be in attendance.** Students should bring along books and quiet games to enjoy on the day, as well as morning tea and lunch as the canteen will not be open.

We will hold all of our year-end celebrations and activities tomorrow, Thursday 2 December. These include: final lessons, assemblies, tutor group meetings, locker clean out, classroom tidy up, a lunchtime concert and, of course, the announcement of the winner of the House Crystal. Please be aware that tomorrow is a compulsory day for all students.

I am sure this day early start to the holidays will be welcomed by our students, especially after a number of late nights recently celebrating our end of year. I thank you for your cooperation with this change and I wish you a safe and relaxing festive season. Those who are reuniting with family and friends when borders open, enjoy and cherish every special minute together.

Yours sincerely

Ms Kim Cohen
Principal



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