



St Gregory's Primary School



FAMILIES OF FEMALE STUDENTS OF YEAR 6

Dear Families of Female students of Year 6,

Today I met with the 50 girls of Year 6. The purpose of the meeting was to set guidelines as to how they would be interacting with each other for their final thirty days of primary school.

Some of you would be aware that there have been issues stemming from:

- Inappropriate social media interaction
- Unkind, unnecessary and often untruthful comments being made
- Repeating comments that are heard about a particular student to that student
- Making unkind gestures and giving the impression that a group are speaking of another group
- Telling 'exaggerated' stories about others

I made the following points to our young ladies:

- We have 30 days of school left
- They will be attending 10 different high schools in 2019
- One of our school rules is Respect – we don't have to be friends with everyone but we must show respect
- As a Catholic School we have as our model the 2 laws of Jesus – Love God and Love your neighbour
- We cannot change the behaviour of anyone but we can manage our reactions and responses

I indicated to the students I was not going to be investigating any incidents from the past. That I am expecting that from now on that respect will be shown. I expect that students will be wishing the best for each other.

I explained to the girls that I was feeling frustrated, disappointed and perhaps a little annoyed that the social interactions had led to students not enjoying their last weeks at St Gregory's. I also said that the most overwhelming emotion I was experiencing was sadness. I have no doubt that as parents some of you have experienced the very same emotions.

Marian Wells has committed to spending her break times in monitoring the girls on the playground and I will also be an additional presence as my commitments allow.

Yours sincerely,

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