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Create your future

Dear Parents and Families

Before the Christmas holiday I mentioned in my end of term letter that we would be setting clear expectations for students regarding their engagement in lessons. For students to gain good qualifications they need to be focussed and learning in their lessons. They also need their classmates to behave in a way that allows them to concentrate on their work.

Over the past year the behaviour of students throughout the school has improved significantly. However, there are still regular instances of low level disruption in lessons which can distract teachers from teaching, and other students from their learning.

To address this our teachers have been working together to produce a set of clear 'classroom engagement expectations'. These will reduce the disruption to learning in lessons, allowing all students to focus on their work and all teachers to focus on delivering interesting and challenging lessons. We will be going through these expectations with the students next week in assemblies and during Community Time. The expectations are on the back of this letter.

Students also need to arrive at lessons prepared for learning. To do this they must have the following items with them in a pencil case:

- Pen (black or blue)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Reading book
- Planner

If your son or daughter has misplaced their planner, they should tell their Community Leader so that we can issue a replacement. Ms Thomas, in the Learning Resource Centre, sells stationary at subsidised prices if they need to replace items.

If a student fails to meet the engagement expectations in a lesson, they will be given 2 warnings. If a 3rd infringement occurs, they will be asked to leave the classroom and given work to complete in another room. They will then report to the engagement catch-up session after school that day where they will meet with their class teacher and complete their classwork. The catch up sessions last a maximum of 40 minutes (until 4.20pm). You will be notified by text if your child has to attend an engagement catch-up session.

We would like your support in this and would appreciate it if you could discuss the importance of focus and engagement in lessons with your child.

Yours sincerely



John Taylor
Principal