

24 June 2019

Dear parents and caregivers,

It is with a heavy heart, that I am writing to you with some very sad news about two members of our school community.

One of our year 10 students, Sophia Naismith, died in a tragic car accident over the weekend and another student, Jordyn Callea was seriously injured and remains in hospital. Our thoughts are with the both students' family and friends.

Today and over the coming weeks, you may have concerns with your son's/daughter's reaction or feelings about this news. These reactions and feelings are to be expected and are a normal part of the grieving process. Any family tragedies may also cause emotions and feelings to resurface at this time.

Many students will wish to talk with their family. I also encourage you to let your son/daughter know that you are aware of this incident and that you will listen to their concerns at any time should they wish to share them.

At the moment our focus is on wrapping our arms around our community. We have arranged for counsellors to support our students and teachers in the coming days and at the appropriate time we will reach out to Sophia's family to discuss how we can best celebrate her life.

Two important messages to promote are that all of us should seek help from others when we feel down or vulnerable and that young people should tell an adult if they are worried about a friend.

Our school will be concentrating on supporting our students and staff over the next few weeks and months. This means, among other things, returning the school to normal routines as soon as possible, while recognising that students can be affected by this event for some time.

This is one of our saddest days as a school community and it will take us a long time to come to terms with what has happened.

Please feel free to contact the following staff for information about the school's support plan or if you have any concerns about your son/daughter.

Our Wellbeing Leaders are: Jill Brindley, Tony Mahar, Jan Sutherland, Cali Galouzis and Nima Valamanesh.

Yours sincerely



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Principal



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