

Communication to the Senior School Parents by Letter from Council

1. We have been quiet up to date and for good reason. We have been preparing ourselves to take action which will ensure these events are not repeated.
2. We deplore what happened.
3. We were not, as a Council, aware of any culture of bullying in the Boarding House, and indeed had every reason to believe it was a happy and settled community.
4. Our subsequent discussions with staff have confirmed us in that opinion. No one so far has given us any specific information to suggest there is an underlying culture of bullying.
5. We are conscious of the fact that what is considered bullying or any other form of anti-social behaviour changes over time with general standards in the community.
6. We will be reviewing the implementation of our policies relating to bullying in the whole School. We are seeking the assistance of independent reviewers in this regard.
7. We want to reassure parents that we are more alert than ever to detecting any culture of bullying or any other anti-social behaviour in the School.
8. Some parents have already availed themselves of the opportunity to communicate with the School about this issue. Anyone who wishes to should write to the Secretary of Council. *(Should we have a separate P.O.Box for this ???)*

Communication With Middle School and Prep. Parents by Letter from Council

As for Senior School Parents **AND**

- We want to re-assure parents that we are concerned to ensure that boys coming into Year 7 are not overwhelmed by the presence of senior boys. We will be re-enforcing all the policies of our Middle School which are designed to care for and nurture the boys in our charge.

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