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Dear Parents and scholars

At the beginning of last year we asked you for your feelings on certain aspects of the Boarding Establishment and Penryn.

Given these findings we have decided on a course of action in the Boarding Establishment that encompasses the following:

- The catering company serving food in the Dining hall is to be replaced and the new incumbent will be given a far shorter contract. Accordingly, it gives me great pleasure to announce that from January the contract has been outsourced to KKS. First indications are that this will be a wonderful change, and we look forward to a far more effective service.
- The state of cleanliness of the hostels is not always of the standard required. Together with the parent's hostel committee, we have looked at ways of improving this and initiatives have already been started. There are many other options too and I know these will make a positive difference in the new year.
- A fence will be put up around the houses to ensure safety for the boarders. This will be started early in the new year.
- A number of alternative income streams to purchase equipment for the houses have been identified. This will ensure that the boarders have a wider array of entertainment options.

We have encountered certain difficulties with the supervision of boarding rules during the course of the year. A number of them are vague and allow for a variety of interpretations on the part of the scholars. Also new this last term were a series of random inspections of the boarding houses during the course of an academic day. What was found was not always satisfactory.

It is the general impression of the College that if the family nature of the houses is to be maintained, we need to be a stricter family for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the following will be in place from the first term of 2010.

Uniform and jewellery. Scholars are expected to conform to the following rules:

- College uniform is to be worn at breakfast and lunch.
- At all other times the boarding uniform is to be worn. This consists of a College T-shirt of any description and either College board shorts, track suit pants or jeans. Footwear is not prescribed. Civilian clothes may be worn to leave the campus only. Scholars are to arrive at school in their College uniform or their boarding uniform. While on campus in afternoons or in the mornings during exams, boarders are to wear the boarding uniform. This may also be worn to evening activities on the campus.
- Jewellery and make up rules are to conform to College rules for both boys and girls.



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Maintenance of cubicles and College expectations of scholars:

- Before leaving for breakfast in the morning scholars are to tidy their cubicles and make their beds. Random inspections will check on this and failure to do so will result in disciplinary consequences.
- Regular inspections of cupboards, bags and trunks will also be undertaken by the boarding parents to ensure that these are clean and tidy and that undesirable items do not go unnoticed.
- General random inspections will also be conducted by management and Council members to ensure that hostel maintenance is up to date and that the product offered in the houses conforms to Penryn standards.

These rules and those that exist already will be revisited with boarders at the start of next year to ensure that they are understood. Clearly these rules have higher expectations of staff members, and these will be discussed with them at the start of next year.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to send these through to me

Sincerely



Greg Theron
Executive Head