



# St Nicholas Diocesan School

A Co-Educational, Independent, Anglican, Day and Boarding School for pupils from Grade RR-12

23 May 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have come to the midpoint in our second term and will be having half term this weekend (no school on Monday). Please remember that mid-year exams are around the corner and this long weekend provides the perfect opportunity for your child to get stuck in to some focused self-directed study. Next week we will be focusing on our anti bullying week. This will include a civvies day on the Friday where learners are asked to wear blue clothing and make a R5 donation to assist children in high risk environments. They will also be asked to sign an anti-bullying pledge in which they will all agree to the following actions:

- Value student differences and treat others with respect.
- Not become involved in bullying or cyber bullying incidents or be a bully or cyberbully.
- Be aware of the school's policies and support system with regard to bullying/cyber bullying.
- Report honestly and immediately all incidents of bullying/cyber bullying to a faculty member.
- Be alert in places around the school where there is less adult supervision such as bathrooms, corridors, and stairwells.
- Support students who have been or are subjected to bullying/cyber bullying.
- Talk to teachers and parents about concerns and issues regarding bullying/cyber bullying.
- Work with other students and faculty, to help the school deal with bullying/cyber bullying effectively.
- Encourage teachers to discuss bullying/cyberbullying issues in the classroom.
- Provide a good role model for younger students and support them if bullying/cyber bullying occurs.
- Participate fully and contribute to assemblies dealing with bullying/cyber bullying.
- I acknowledge that whether I am being a bullying/cyber bullying bully or see someone being bullied/cyber bullied, if I don't report or stop the bullying/cyber bullying, I am just as guilty.

We should also be aware that bullying is not only a child based action. Many adults are still victims of bullying in their homes and places of work. I encourage everyone to stand up against bullying wherever you may find it. Let us as the St Nicholas community focus on our common humanity rather than our differences.

Yours sincerely

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