



Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and guardians who attended our Parent Information Evenings held on Monday and Tuesday. Your presence is truly appreciated by the staff, your girls, boys and me, and it was heartening to see such strong engagement in your child's education. This active involvement bodes well for the academic year ahead and reinforces our commitment to the well-being of each child under our care at St. Nicholas Diocesan School.

### **AFTERCARE**

Last week, an electronic copy of the school emblem was sent to all parents and guardians. I want to emphasise the importance of producing this emblem at our Aftercare gate when picking up your children after school. This protocol has been implemented as a safety measure, and it is crucial for the safety and well-being of our girls, boys and staff. We kindly request your support in adhering to this procedure, as the guards and staff have been instructed not to grant access without the electronic version of the school emblem. Ensuring compliance with this rule is essential to maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone at St. Nicholas Diocesan School.

### **SPORT & CO-CURRICULAR**

As we move forward into the academic year, I encourage all parents to actively support our sports and co-curricular programs. Our current offerings include swimming, basketball and chess. Participation in at least one sports activity is highly encouraged for all our girls and boys this term. Not only does sport contribute to the physical well-being of children, but it also fosters teamwork, discipline and a sense of accomplishment. This week, we have a full set of basketball fixtures for our girls against Laddsworth. Please ensure that you sign the consent form that will be sent home by Tuesday to allow your daughter to play in these matches.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

I have noticed an increase in lost property at the school (in less than two weeks), and much of it is due to uniform items not being labelled with your child's name. As the lost and found pile grows, I want to appeal to all parents to take a moment to write their child's name on each piece of their uniform. The cost of these uniform items is considerable, and it is disheartening to see them accumulating in our lost property. By labelling your child's belongings, you not only help us return lost items promptly to your child but also instill a sense of responsibility in your child. As a dad of a school-going boy, I know that these uniforms are expensive and hard to replace if they get lost or forgotten at school.

Your continued cooperation and support are invaluable in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for our girls and boys. Let's work together to make this academic year a successful and fulfilling experience for each child at St. Nicholas Diocesan School.

Thank you for your understanding, commitment and support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kamal Rugbar', with a horizontal line underneath.

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

## **Assembly** – Kamal Rugbar

Last Monday, I spoke to the children about our Christian Values at our Junior School assembly. Our Christian Values are the guiding force in shaping and developing a holistic child. I reminded our girls, boys and staff that our Christian values provide a moral compass that helps us distinguish between right and wrong. It instills a strong sense of ethics, integrity and responsibility in our actions on a daily basis. As we continue to uphold these Christian values, we aim to foster an environment where all children not only excel academically but also grow into compassionate, responsible and resilient individuals. We appreciate the collaboration of parents, guardians and the entire school community in reinforcing these values in the hearts and minds of our girls and boys.

I did promise that I would share this prayer with all parents:

*Dear God,*

*We come before you with humble hearts and open spirits. We recognise your presence in our lives and seek your guidance as we strive to live with the correct values that reflect your divine teachings.*

*Grant us the wisdom to recognise right from wrong and the strength to choose the path of righteousness in all our actions. May the values of compassion, kindness and understanding be instilled deeply within our hearts, fostering a sense of unity and harmony within our school and St. Nicholas family.*

*Bless our teachers, administrators, cleaning staff, office staff and all members of the St. Nicholas community with the patience and dedication to nurture these values in the minds of our girls and boys. May the spirit of love and respect fill every corner of our school, creating an environment where each individual feels valued and accepted.*

*Inspire us to live by the example set by St. Nicholas himself, a beacon of generosity and selflessness. Help us to cultivate a spirit of giving and sharing, fostering a sense of community where each person's gifts and talents contribute to the collective well-being.*

*In moments of challenge and difficulty, grant us the courage to uphold our values and stand firm in our commitment to goodness. May our actions be a testament to the principles that guide us, and may we be a source of inspiration for others to follow.*

*We thank you, Lord, for the blessing of being part of the St. Nicholas school community. May your grace be with us always, guiding us to live with integrity, humility and love.*

*In your holy name, we pray!*

*Amen*

