Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you with some important information about school attendance and school uniform.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is important to remember that every school day begins promptly at 9.00am sharp* with timetabled lessons for all students. Students who are late to school are missing out on important learning opportunities. Research tells us that young people learn best in the morning so an on time arrival and good start to the school day is even more important. If your child is unavoidably late to school I ask that you provide a note, either on the day or the next school day, explaining the lateness. This note should be signed by a parent or carer and dated. Similarly, any absence from school should be explained with a note from a parent or carer. You can also phone school on 9726 3644 or email school (bass-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with a message about a student absence or late arrival/early leave.

We will continue our SMS messaging service to parents alerting you if your child is late to school or has an early leave. For this reason it is very important that parent/carer contact details and emergency contact details are accurate and up-to-date. These contact numbers are also important if the school needs to contact you, for example, in an emergency or if your child is injured.

Significant numbers of late arrivals or whole day absences have an impact on student learning and attendance records. Good attendance builds essential habits for the world of work or further study.

* Year 11 and 12 students may also have some lessons commencing at 8am.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Bass High School is a school where the community supports and encourages the wearing of full school uniform every day. Students who wear our uniform every day show pride in their school and a commitment to being a safe, respectful learner. As teachers, we also need to be able to quickly identify people who should not be on school premises – this is much easier to do if all students are in uniform.

Students should wear full school uniform every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Sport uniform should be worn on Tuesdays. Students must change into and out of their sport uniform for sport or PE lessons on days other than Tuesday.

With the colder weather it is sometimes tempting to wear non-uniform items such as hoodies, beanies or track pants. These items are not part of our uniform and should not be worn to school. Non-uniform items, such as beanies or hoodies, will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. The school has a good supply of uniform items which can be swapped to ensure students are in full uniform. We are also happy to assist any parent or carer who requires financial assistance with school uniform items.

Please contact us at school on 9726 3644 if you require assistance. You can also contact our Community Engagement Officer, Mrs Winter, on phone: 9726 3644. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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