Information for parents and caregivers about Catholic Scripture provision for 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In accordance with the Education Act 1907 it is a legislative requirement that "In every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion". In terms of this Special Religious Education we currently have provision for Catholic, Islamic and Protestant Christian Scripture at Bass High School.

Catholic Scripture is provided on a fortnightly basis for years 7-10 (single period). The teachers are both accredited volunteers, and employees, of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, an organization which serves to provide Catholic education in public schools. They have completed all Child Protection screenings.

The following is a description of the classes provided for Catholic Scripture:

"The purpose of Catholic Scripture is to foster a love of Christ through the frameworks of the teachings of the Catholic Church and in a manner relevant to the teenager and their modern life. Lessons involve learning from the Bible and the Catechism, activities and discussions about modern issues and the role of prayer in our lives, and question/answer aspects to help address areas most important to the students. Our teachers are young, committed Catholics, and we believe that our classes will both benefit and enrich the lives of those students in attendance."

There is currently no provision for Orthodox Scripture at Bass High School, but students from this background are warmly welcome at Catholic Scripture Classes.

Students who wish to attend these Scripture classes must have their parent's/caregiver's permission and the expectation is that students will make a commitment to attend each fortnight and to catch up on any work missed as a consequence of their attendance at Scripture. For any further information please contact the Special Religious Education Coordinator Alasdair MacDougall (Chaplain) who is at the school Mondays and Fridays, or Principal David Horton.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr David Horton
Principal

Mr Alasdair MacDougall
Chaplain

I give permission for my child......................................................... (please print)

of Year/Class........................................... to attend Catholic Scripture on a fortnightly basis.

I understand that the expectation is that attendance will be on a regular basis and that it is the responsibility of my child to make up any work missed because of attendance at Scripture. I also understand that I may withdraw my permission at any time by contacting the school in writing.

Signature......................................................... Date:............................................
Primary School, 7th Grade, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are writing to inform you that our school will be implementing a new Attendance Program for the upcoming school year. This program is designed to ensure that all students are present and engaged in their learning activities. The new program will be in line with the guidelines set by the Education Department and will focus on improving student attendance.

The key features of the new Attendance Program include:

1. **Classroom Attendance:** Each student's attendance will be recorded and monitored on a daily basis. Regular attendance is crucial for a student's academic progress and development.
2. **Parental Communication:** Parents will receive regular updates on their child's attendance. This will help in identifying any issues early and taking necessary steps to improve attendance.
3. **Intervention Plan:** For students who consistently miss school, an intervention plan will be developed in consultation with the student, parents, and teachers. This plan will focus on addressing the reasons behind the absence and finding solutions to improve attendance.
4. **Progress Reports:** Semi-annual progress reports will be sent to parents, providing a detailed overview of the student's attendance record and academic performance.
5. **School-wide Support:** The school will ensure that all necessary support is provided to students, including counseling and academic support, to help them maintain high attendance rates.

We urge all parents to support their children in attending school regularly. Good attendance not only benefits the student's academic performance but also helps in the development of critical life skills.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Bass High School