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Parents / Guardians:

Friday 21 June is the day following Mackay Show public holiday. Historically this day sees limited school attendance, with families taking a long weekend opportunity and in some cases going on early holiday. Along with this, the College will have significant numbers of students away on the Melbourne History study tour.

With your cooperation, the College would seek to make best use of this day in reviewing the Semester's work and putting future changes in place. Our responsibility for students would be covered by an altered program that caters for the younger students, but gives staff teams time to meet, review units taught, consider student feedback and take on adjustments for new Senior Curriculum.

Our plan is to have Year 7 & 8 students still come to school as usual, as they are not affected by the school tours to southern venues. Year 9 & 10 students will not attend the College on that day and will have the opportunity to do catch-up study and complete assignments at home. This will enable staff teams to meet. Monday 24 June will be normal school routine.

Like most schools and colleges, we have limited opportunity to allow for collaborative planning and review. This arrangement will ensure proper review processes have occurred and assist real improvements in Teaching & Learning when these units are taught again in Semester 1, 2020.

Regards

Mr Jim Ford  
Principal