COLLEGE INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Dear Parents,

As you would be aware, the College’s Inter-House Athletics carnival will be held on Thursday, 7 March, at the Doncaster Athletics track, George St, Doncaster, commencing at 8.45am and concluding at 3.10pm.

I am writing to ask for your support in ensuring that your son is present on the day. The carnival is an important part of the total curriculum of the College and as such is compulsory for all students. Even if students are unable to participate in events they can assist staff with administrative tasks and, of course, their support for their fellow House students is always much appreciated.

Any student not in attendance on the day will be asked to provide a letter signed by a parent explaining his absence and we also require that you call the College Reception before 9.30am to advise us of his absence on the day. Please be aware that he will be required to present the note to his Head of House no later than Tuesday, 12 March. Students who do not follow this procedure or who cannot satisfactorily explain their absence on the day will be required to attend the College on Saturday, 16 March, between 9.00am and 12 noon. I would ask you, of course, to resist any inappropriate attempt by your son to enlist your support to avoid attendance at the carnival.

Further details regarding College expectations of students and details regarding transport arrangements for the day have already been given to students.

Transport details can be found on the College intranet at: http://intranet.whitefriars.vic.edu.au/transport/SitePages/Athletics20Carnival.aspx

In 2009 for the first time in our experience we encountered such wet weather that we had to cancel the Athletics Day about two hours after starting. The process that year was to contact parents and to either get permission to dismiss their son from the venue or alternatively we transported students back to the College for the remainder of the day. Normal bus services operated in the afternoon. However, in 2010, 2011, and again last year we received written advice from parents in advance as to whether they give permission to dismiss from the venue or would prefer that their son returns to the College. Once at the College, parents have the option of either picking up their son during the day or we will dismiss him at 3.13pm. Fortunately, we have not needed to activate this contingency plan, but given the unpredictable nature of the weather we will employ the same strategy this year. Once again buses will run as normal if we do return to school. Accordingly, we request that the form attached is completed and returned by your son to his Pastoral Care Teacher by Monday, 4 March 2013. Any student who does not return the form by the date will be taken back to school and dismissed at normal dismissal time. Furthermore, I should add that if we make the decision to abandon the carnival due to wet weather we will advise you at the time via a SMS Text Message to your mobile phone number we have recorded in our files.
Finally, may I extend to you a warm invitation to attend the Inter-House Athletics carnival. It is always a happy, spirited, noisy and colourful occasion, much enjoyed by all who attend, and we would love to see you there.

Neal Crossan  
Deputy Principal (Students)  
21 February 2013

ARRANGEMENTS IN CASE OF WET WEATHER ON ATHLETICS DAY, Thursday, 7 March, 2013

I, _________________________________ , give permission for my son,

___________________________________, in Pastoral Care Class, _________ to either:

___________________________________

(Full Name)  
(Full Name)  
(e.g. Avila 1)

Circle preferred option

• be dismissed from the venue in case of rain forcing cancellation during the Athletics day

or

• be transported back to Whitefriars College and be dismissed at the end of the school day, 3.13pm.

(Should you wish to collect your son during the day, you can do so by going to Student Reception and signing him out)

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(Parent’s Signature)