

# HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE



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## DIARY

### 5 August

Grade 9 Subject Choice meeting

### 9 August

Women's Day (*Public holiday*)

### 10 August

Grade 12 Life Sciences outing

### 10 - 11 August

Grade 11 Leadership Camp

### 25 August

Matric prelims begin

“Spread love  
wherever you go.  
Let no one ever  
come to you without  
leaving happier.”

*Mother Teresa*

*(St Teresa of Kolkata)*

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Wamkelwe Ncube (Grade 9) and his family on the death of his father on Wednesday morning. May he rest in peace.



### Grade 9 Subject Choice meeting

Reminder: All Grade 9 pupils and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend the Subject Choice meeting tomorrow, Saturday 5 August 2017, from 08:30 to 10:30, in the Sisonke Centre. Ms Zodwa Ndebele from Wits University will address pupils and parents/guardians on issues related to subject choice for Grade 10, and university entrance requirements.

### Re-registration forms

The re-registration forms were handed out before the end of last term. If you have not returned your child's form please do so immediately. If the form has been lost, your child must ask for a replacement from the print room.



## Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place using electronic technology. Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites.

Examples of cyberbullying include mean text messages or emails, rumours sent by email or posted on social networking sites, and embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles.

Our code of conduct says:

“Any pupil who possesses or brings onto campus any material (including electronic) of a sexually immoral nature will be suspended pending investigation of the circumstances. Forwarding, sending, using, sharing, viewing or possessing a sexually explicit image via text message, email, social networking websites and/or other electronic means using school property (computers, devices, networks, or servers) on school grounds or at school sponsored activities/events is an offence. Acts off school grounds, outside of school-sponsored activities or on pupil owned devices that result in disruption to the orderly operation of school environment are also punishable.”

Statistics (from the United States)

- Depending on the age group, up to 43% of students have been bullied while online. 1 in 4 have had it happen more than once.
- 35% of kids have been threatened online. Nearly 1 in 5 have had it happen more than once.
- 21% of kids have received mean or threatening e-mail or other messages. 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online. More than 4 out of 10 say it has happened more than once.
- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful to another person online. More than 1 in 3 have done it more than once.
- 58% have not told their parents or an adult about something mean or hurtful that happened to them online.

Conclusion

Some feel that bullying is a normal part of growing up. It isn't. There will always be conflicts between kids, but bullying is intentional cruelty, harassment, and emotional, physical and sometimes sexual abuse. This behaviour can set the tone for a lifetime of intentional cruelty or worse. And the consequences to the victim can seriously affect them for the rest of their lives.