



Friday December 13th 2024,

Dear parents,

Today is the final day of the first term of the 2024/2025 academic year. Term two will commence on Tuesday January 7th 2025, with students returning at the usual time of 07.45.

Thank you to all parents for your wonderful support over the course of a positive and purposeful first term. We have made clear progress as a school community during this term, much of which has been enabled because of the understanding and cooperation of the families whose young people we have in our daily care.

We have, as communicated previously, been audited twice this term for both safeguarding and health & safety, with the former leading to us being designated as having 'mastery' status in this area. We have updated our communication strategies to include weekly CP letters – like this one! – as well as weekly newsletters for both the primary and secondary phases. In addition, we now publish also half-termly detailed curriculum overview documents so that you can be fully-informed about not only the content of lessons but also assessment arrangements and what excellence looks like in each subject. This links also with the incredible work done by Ms. Annette & Ms. Steph (and their teams!) with regards to literacy: our Reading Buddies, reading lists and the key vocabulary lists which are now in place in all classrooms. Our student leadership initiatives have also been refreshed, with councils in place for primary, secondary and the whole-school. We have even added additional layers of student leadership, most notably perhaps with our Friendly Faces teams whose role is to support student welfare and wellbeing during breaks and lunch times. Student experience is another area we have worked a great deal on, with Subject Star of the Week and Student of the Week awards in place weekly. As well as this, we also acknowledge the amazing external achievements of our students – of which there are so many! – via our impressive social media accounts each week. Of course, teachers also deserve recognition for their fantastic service to our school and for this reason we have introduced our Golden Apples strategy whereby students can write postcards to teachers in order to show their

gratitude for the high-quality education they provide.

We have also made progress with plans relating to parent experience. As well as tightening up our safeguarding processes – and thank you once again to everyone for their support with this important matter – we have very intentionally remodeled our parent café area with the recent launch of our (Parenthesis) Coffee Shop. In Straits International School Rawang, parents are VIPs and you should feel like you are entering somewhere where you are valued and respected whenever you enter our campus.

So, we look forward now to term two, and to even more progress over the remainder of this academic year and beyond. I wish all parents a safe and restful winter break, and I continue to be hugely excited about the incredible school which my colleagues and I are proud to serve.

Yours sincerely,



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