



KINGSGATE SCHOOL

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Year 9 Update

Dear parents and caregivers, this is just a short notice to give some exciting information and to keep you up to date with Year 9 developments.

Year 9 Teacher Appointment: We have appointed our overarching Year 9 teacher! Her name is Mrs van Dam, and she comes to us from the rural campus of Dilworth School. Mrs van Dam is an outstanding Christian educator with a wealth of experience from different educational organisations and institutions. She is a very experienced Year 9 and Year 10 teacher passionate about the New Zealand Curriculum and embraces its philosophy. Mrs van Dam is also experienced in service-learning and has a particular God-given strength in mathematics. She is kind and caring and will be a fantastic pastoral guide for all our Year 9 students. We are exceptionally blessed that Christ has led Mrs van Dam to KingsGate to be part of our team, and I know she is very excited to be able to shape the lives of our inaugural Year 9 students.

Meeting Up: I have no doubt you are all experiencing an end-of-year busier than any of those gone before, and so it is with Mrs van Dam and us. The Year 9 get-together at the end of this year that we would have liked to occur simply won't be able to occur because of other commitments. We must remember that another school still employs Mrs van Dam until the end of the year, and she must finish well with her students there at Dilworth. However, Mrs van Dam can come and spend the day with us here at KingsGate on Monday, the **12th of December**. If you'd like to come and meet her informally just to say hello, then she will be available from **3 pm - 4 pm** this coming Monday. If you cannot come in and see her on Monday, your child will be in for a pleasant encounter with her on their first day of school!

Stationery: A stationery list will come out once Mrs van Dam has finished at her current school, had a break and had time to adjust her focus to KingsGate. You won't need to get too many items, as students will do a significant amount of their work online through Google Classroom and Education Perfect. At the very latest, a stationery list will be available no later than January 15th.

Chromebooks: We encourage you to purchase a personal Chromebook for your child; however, we will ensure that there are Chromebooks onsite so that if a Year 9 student requires one, they will have access to one. No one will be at a disadvantage. As previously stated, if your child has a laptop, they are welcome to bring that. However, as the laptop needs replacing, please do so with a Chromebook, as they are our preference.

Uniform and Uniform Standards: Again, we would like Mrs van Dam to have some input into this, so once we have discussed it, we will provide you with clear instructions. Remember, in Term 1, Year 9's will be wearing mufti, but again, requirements regarding what is acceptable and what is not acceptable will be conveyed to you once Mrs van Dam and I have spoken.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email principal@kingsgate.school.nz or admina@kingsgate.school.nz, and we'll do our best to provide you with an answer.

Kind regards from Jared Stein - KingsGate School Principal.