



24 August 2011

Dear Staff and Parents

Further to my earlier letter to staff and parents regarding the cessation of Joseph Gerassi's employment.

Some parents have contacted me requesting details of the circumstances of Joseph's departure.

I want to let you know that there is no suggestion whatsoever of any impropriety or misconduct on Joseph's part. The reason that Council made the difficult decision to terminate Joseph's employment was because Council lost confidence in his ability to lead the school.

Members of the Council have met with staff today to assure them that the Council remains supportive of the many new programs and initiatives introduced during the three years that Joseph was Principal.

Rest assured Council in reaching this difficult but unanimous decision believe they have acted in the best interests of Bialik College.

Once again, at this time of change, on behalf of your Council, I would ask that the whole Bialik community work together in the interests of the College as we move forward into what we all believe will be a very bright future.

Regards

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Dear Parents,

Some parents have made contact with me and other members of Council seeking information regarding the departure of Joseph Gerassi.

We also know that there is a lot of discussion amongst parents and unfortunately as is inevitable within a school - some rumour and misinformation.

The Council proposes to hold an information night for parents where we can address these issues and to explain why we made the very difficult unanimous decision that we have.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 1 September at 8.00pm in the Victor Smorgon Hall. For those parents attending the Year 6 (2012) Information Night, please note this will now start at 7.00pm sharp.

At the meeting I will address the questions that have been put to me and to other Council members by parents since the announcement. I will also talk about the exciting future the school has.

Unfortunately, there have been some hurtful and unnecessary comments directed at Council members and their families relating to the decision. I reiterate that Council in reaching this difficult but unanimous decision, believe we have acted in the best interests of the future of Bialik College.

I understand there is a lot of emotion within the school community at present however I would hope that all members of the school community act in accordance with our school's values. I am confident that the meeting next week can address these issues in a rational and mature manner.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

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