



# HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 11, 1995

We write to you as an explanation and response to the situation which occurred yesterday, almost at the beginning of our excursion.

We would like to make you aware of our reasons for continuing the excursion, rather than abandoning it and returning to the College.

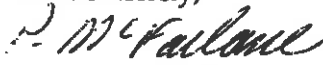
1. We felt that if we returned to school, the students would be exposed to the curiosity of the rest of the College and the subsequent inquiries which at that time they may not have been able to handle.
2. While we were together as first hand witnesses, we were able to support each other, those who were upset were supported by the teachers who were with them and by their peers. They were able to share their fears, their concerns, their anxieties, their questions without restraint if they wanted. We allowed conversations to flow, some needed to share their conversations with us, others were content to talk to friends, others were under watchful eyes and were just quiet.
3. The "busyness" of the day, distracted them and their participation at all places was excellent. As we approached our home destination, conversation did return to the morning's episode, which was natural as they knew they would be breaking away from the group to go home and some were concerned about your reaction to their story.


We would like to congratulate the students on their maturity, their responsibility, their swift reaction to our directions and for their empathy with each other in a situation which was so totally unforeseen.

We would like to assure you of the support of the College for your daughter / son. If you feel he / she is exhibiting behaviour which indicates he / she would benefit from talking to a teacher, counsellor, or other trained personnel, do not hesitate to contact the College, or instruct your daughter / son to speak to either Mrs. McFarlane or Ms. Ganassin or any other teacher to whom he / she would be comfortable speaking to, as soon as possible.

Please be confident of our continued support, and be assured that we will do our best to work through this episode for everyone's benefit.

Yours sincerely,

  
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