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Dear Alex Family Members

Details for the Matric Dance on 20 August 2022

The anticipation is building for our annual Matric Dance. This letter provides some details pertaining to the day and is intended to help you plan for your child.

We are due to play a derby against Victoria Park on Saturday 20 August. I have asked the acting principal of VP to schedule the open team hockey, netball and soccer games on Friday 19 August and the first team rugby game at 09H00 on Saturday 20 August to allow the Matrics time to prepare for the dance.

We will open the hall at 15H00 and everyone needs to be inside by 17H00, at which point the doors will close for the evening. We will retain everyone until 22H00 and everyone will need to have left by 23H00.

We understand fully that certain venues will be used for various after parties. I would urge you to make secure transport arrangements for your child to and from these parties. We have had way too many regrettable incidents in our country for us to be blasé about the details. We would like the Matrics to have fun but not at the cost of a serious injury or even a life. Please be the bad guy and face a grumpy child rather than having to deal with potentially tragic circumstances. The use of alcohol in relation to this event is very strictly prohibited. I will have a breathalyser with me and if I deem it necessary, I will administer a test. Anyone who fails to generate a clear result will be excluded from the occasion. If other types of intoxication are detected, a urine test will be administered. Please do not allow your child to challenge me on this issue. I will be quite without mercy or sympathy.

Please, let us work together to make the evening a wonderful and memorable occasion for our children. Let's do all we can to keep them safe.

Yours in education

Matthew Ridgway
Principal