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Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of Term 3 approaches, we can look forward to a break and a well-deserved rest.

Students, staff and families should all take a moment to reflect on excellent work completed and the high levels of engagement and progress - well done all!

Please note that **Monday 22 February is a Staff Development Day**, when the school will be closed to all students. There will be no live lessons, key worker or vulnerable student provision on that day. Instead, students should use their time to organise their Google classrooms, catch up on any overdue work and submit missed assignments. Students in Year 11 should be preparing for their controlled assessments in history, geography, French or computer science.

Given that remote teaching and learning will continue into Term 4, it is important that we continue to support our students and families with safe use of the internet. We recommend that parents, carers and students use the resources available on the [Safer Internet](#) site to ensure that your networks and devices are safeguarded against unsuitable content. Please ensure that you have set up parental controls and always report any concerns.

From Term 4, we will be allowing students to access YouTube videos in school. This has become necessary so that students in school can watch their pre-recorded lessons, or engage with other learning materials recommended by teachers. In line with our **Responsible Network and Internet Use policy**, we expect students to use the internet safely, and will closely monitor student behaviour online. Students are reminded that they should also use the internet appropriately with their personal devices whilst in school.

Yours faithfully

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