



Wednesday 12 February 2020

Dry-Cleaning Factory Fire

There has been a fire overnight at a North Geelong dry-cleaning factory which has impacted upon laundry provided from five boarding houses; Barrabool, Barwon, Conneware, Clyde and Cuthbertson. Fortunately, no one was injured in the fire and Police have commenced investigations as to the cause of the fire.

We confirm that all **academic uniform** items are unaffected by the fire. This includes all School dresses, shirts, shorts, trousers, blazers and jumpers.

However, sports uniform items and personal clothing have been irreparably damaged.

The Heads of House and House Assistants will be meeting with students from these Houses this afternoon in order to commence the preparation of inventories of clothing which had been sent for laundering.

Replacement uniform items will be managed through the Uniform Shop. We request that parents and guardians not contact the Uniform Shop but instead, allow the Uniform Shop to make these arrangements directly with your child's House. For the replacement of personal items, we ask that parents and guardians please await receipt of their child's completed inventory, which we anticipate will be completed early tomorrow, so as to then determine the items which require replacement. Please note that the School is also assessing any immediate clothing needs which your child may have and these will be addressed by Heads of House who shall arrange for the purchase of emergency items as may be required.

We have provided a series of FAQs below for guidance.

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DRY-CLEANING FACTORY FIRE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What has occurred?

A fire occurred in the early hours of Wednesday 12 February 2020 at Edols Place, North Geelong. School and personal laundry items are amongst items damaged as a result of the fire. Fortunately, no one has been injured as a result of the fire and the School is in regular and direct communication with the business owner. The School has a strong relationship with the business owner and acknowledges its assistance following this difficult and unexpected occurrence.

What Boarding Houses are impacted?

The five boarding houses impacted are Barrabool, Barwon, Conneware, Clyde and Cuthbertson. There may be an impact ongoing, which the School will seek to minimize, for the continued laundering of items for the Boarding Houses.

What items of laundry have not been impacted?

No academic uniform has been impacted by the fire. All School dresses, shirts, trousers, jumpers, blazers, shorts that were sent to the laundry are unaffected and have been returned to the students.

What items of laundry have been impacted?

The items lost to fire damage include sport uniforms and personal clothing which was placed for laundering.

What are the next steps?

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You may wish to take advantage of your visit on Family Day to bring some replacement items with you. Otherwise, these may be sent to your child. Please keep receipts of any items which you or your child purchase as replacement items. The details of a web based form for the submission of receipts for replacement items will be provided to parents in due course. We will liaise with insurers for the business owner with regard to the reimbursement of such payments and seek your patience in this regard.

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