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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beginning in September 2018, we will be launching our Wider Learning initiative for Year 8 and 9. This initiative is designed to further expand the inquisitive nature and love of learning that our students demonstrate by giving them opportunities to independently study topic areas beyond the set curriculum.

Over the course of the year, students will be set a series of tasks designed by their teachers to encourage independent learning, to expand their subject knowledge and to help engender a love of learning. The tasks are set in addition to standard Prep but are not compulsory, though students are encouraged to complete them at the appropriate time in the school year. This will be communicated by the class teacher and will vary on a subject by subject basis. Each subject will set two pieces of additional work per year, the outcomes from which will vary widely.

When students provide evidence to their subject teacher that they have completed a task the teacher will sign the relevant box on the Wider Learning card. If the student completes all the tasks they will receive a gold certificate and be entered into a prize draw. Students who complete one task for each subject and at least one more will be awarded a silver certificate. If they complete one task for each subject they will be awarded a bronze certificate.

We hope that you will support this initiative by encouraging your child to take part and get their cards signed by the relevant teacher. Please do not be overly 'helpful' to them as the idea is to be independent where possible and, equally, please remember that if a student chooses not to take part they will not be penalised as we appreciate that some have heavy work commitments across the school.

Yours faithfully,

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