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Dear Parents

8 May 2009

TOUCHLINE SUPPORT IN 2009

As the Schools Rugby season is about to commence, we feel that it is important to remind and urge our parents to support their sons' teams on Saturday mornings. Rugby Saturdays are important to our schools, as they create even more spirit and camaraderie amongst parents and teachers. It is vital that we maintain good inter-personal ties with each other, at the same time preventing unnecessary anti-social behaviour.

As Headmasters, we urge you to keep our touchlines positive, enthusiastic and rational. In the past we have witnessed a few incidents of offensive adult behaviour. Although isolated, they were thoroughly unpleasant and embarrassing. In 2008, however, there seemed to be a big improvement in this area. Player and referee sledging are not acceptable at our schools. A personal verbal attack on a referee is unacceptable. Furthermore, the last thing a coach needs is for this negativity to influence his team's performance and for boys to start blaming the referee for losing matches. If parents have legitimate complaints about incompetent referees, they are welcome to discuss them with their Head of Rugby. These inter-school issues can easily be addressed as long as they are communicated through the correct channels. After all, we are dealing with young boys who are being given a great opportunity to play sport and enjoy themselves.

Schools in and around Cape Town need and depend on one other to interact positively at many levels, Rugby just being one of them. As adults and educators, it is in the interests of our boys that we support this interaction to the best of our ability. While we wish to maintain a healthy spirit of rivalry, our constructive inter-dependence as a region is vital.

May you all have an enjoyable and successful Rugby season. See you on the touchline!



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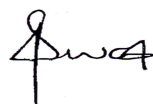
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