



RHENISH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Matric Parents

40 Days

In response to concerns about the Matric 40 Days and the many queries regarding it, I have decided to communicate the school's position on this.

While 40 Days is one of the traditional events on the calendar of the Grade 12s, it is not in any way organised or sanctioned by Rhenish Girls' High (hereafter referred to as 'the school').

The school acknowledges the day through the Alphabet Day where the matric girls come to school dressed according to a letter of the alphabet. In 2016, this is the letter "H", and this will occur on Thursday 4 August. It is a NORMAL school day.

Other 40 Days celebrations that have been arranged have been organised by the Matric Committee. They have made arrangements in conjunction with the Matric Committees of Bloemhof Meisieskool and Paul Roos Gymnasium. As one can imagine, this is no easy task as they are young, inexperienced in these matters and cannot possibly hope to please everyone, even while they try to take into consideration the desires of the matric group as a whole.

Your daughter's safety is our first priority and, while the school accepts responsibility for this during the school day, we cannot and will not take responsibility for her safety after school if she attends an event that is not an official school event and is not organised or sanctioned by us.

The Matric Committee has undoubtedly done its best to make arrangements that meet the needs of most of the group and that are safe. However, if you CHOOSE to allow your daughter to attend any 40 Days celebrations that may have been arranged, it must be with a clear understanding that it is not an official school event and it is not sanctioned by us.

While we acknowledge that this is something the matrics arrange, we have no knowledge of the actual details thereof and we are therefore not in a position to answer any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely

Ms Helmiën Slabber
Principal