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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: High performance learning at Caroline Chisholm School

I am writing to you on behalf of the teaching and learning team at Caroline Chisholm School to further elaborate on our high-performing learning philosophy, which was introduced during our open evening presentation in September. Since 2021, Caroline Chisholm School has proudly held the title of an HPL World Class School. Our curriculum, pastoral programme, and extra-curricular offerings are all imbued with the principles of High-Performance Learning skills and competencies.

Recent neurological and psychological research has revealed that the potential for high levels of performance is not limited to a select few "gifted and talented" individuals. Rather, the majority of children are capable of reaching such heights given the right support and environment. At Caroline Chisholm School, we are committed to leveraging this research to inform our teaching practices and cultivate high-performance learners among all our students.

Central to our approach is the belief that every child possesses the potential for success. While the journey may vary in duration for each individual, we firmly believe that with the appropriate opportunities, support, motivation, and practice, all our students can achieve their goals. Success, to us, extends beyond academic achievement; it encompasses the ability of each student to thrive socially and academically in the next stage of their lives. By the time our students complete their learning journey at Caroline Chisholm School, they will possess the skills and qualifications necessary to transition to the next phase of their careers and become world-ready global citizens.

As your child embarks on their journey with us in Year 7, they will begin learning the values of empathy and hard work. These values, along with the process of metathinking, will be the focus of our assemblies and form time in Term 1. We encourage you to highlight examples of these values as they are demonstrated by your child over the summer holidays.

In line with our integration of HPL principles into the new cohort of students, we will be appointing Year 7 HPL student ambassadors who will work alongside students from other phases to promote HPL throughout our school community. Additionally, in the upcoming academic year, we will be seeking a greater partnership with parents. More information about this initiative will be provided after the summer holidays. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about HPL, please feel free to explore the following resources:

[Great Minds and How to Grow Them](#) by Wendy Berliner and Deborah Eyre

"This book is a practical guide to grow the minds of children and teenagers so as to guide them to success both at school and in life".

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The School Run interview with Deborah Eyre on ['How to keep your child motivated to learn'](#):
"There are many reasons why children's motivation to learn can drop off as they progress through primary school and beyond. The good news is that there's plenty we can do to encourage our children to stay motivated without having to nag them constantly or micromanage their schoolwork."

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can empower our students to become lifelong learners and leaders in a rapidly evolving world.

Warm regards,

Mrs McTaggart

Assistant Principal