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8<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

Dear Parents,

Your child will be participating in our second Year 12 Reflection Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. Throughout this day, the students will be given the opportunity to reflect on their life story: their involvement with peers and family, their experience of faith and of God in their lives. There will also be time for quiet reflection, prayer and sharing.

A very powerful and quite emotional element of this Reflection Day is the receiving of a letter by each student, which has been written to them by a parent or guardian. **In preparation for this activity, you were invited earlier at the commencement of the year to write a letter to your child and pass it onto their Homeroom teacher. If you have not done so already, I am now writing to remind you to please write this letter as soon as possible and pass it on to their Homeroom teacher (no later than Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021). Alternatively, you can email the letter directly to my Assistant, Melissa Fry [mfry@penola.vic.edu.au](mailto:mfry@penola.vic.edu.au) who will then pass it onto the Homeroom teacher.** The letters will be given to your child to read during one of the activities on Reflection Day. At all times, the letter will remain confidential and a private conversation between you and your child.

The letter could be a wonderful opportunity for you to tell your child about your affection, care and interest in them; of your encouragement and support of them through this important year. A chance to affirm and perhaps share some moments you hold as fond memories of your child growing up with you.

I would not think it an appropriate time to speak of disappointments, failures or of issues about which there is disagreement in your family. But it might be a springboard to a conversation about that which may occur at a later date, following your child's return.

Please give this letter important consideration. Experience confirms that the letter from the parents or families is one of the most significant experiences of the child's whole year. I sincerely thank you for taking time out to do this as I also recognise that it takes time, courage and considerable effort to write.

Thank you in anticipation of supporting your child and the Reflection Day program in this way.

Yours sincerely,

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