

RIP: ISAAC DE ALMEIDA

Dear parents / guardians

I am writing this with great sadness to inform you that one of our students, Isaac de Almeida, our National Committee student from Angola passed away this morning while in Johannesburg. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family and friends.

All of the students were given the news of the death by their phase coordinators this afternoon. I have included below a copy of the announcement that was read to them.

The cause of death has not yet been determined by the authorities. We are aware that there may be speculation that this was a suicide death. Rumours may begin to circulate and we have asked the students not to spread them since they may turn out to be inaccurate and can be deeply hurtful and unfair to Isaac as well as his family and friends. We'll do our best to give you accurate information as it becomes known to us.

Members of our Pastoral Care Team are available to meet with students individually and in groups today as well as over the coming days and weeks. Please contact the school office if you feel your child is in need of additional assistance: we have a list of school and community mental health resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the school counsellors.

Kind regards
Principal

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that one of our students, Isaac de Almeida, our National Committee student from Angola in IB1, has passed away. All of us want you to know that we are here to help you in any way we can.

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Each of us will react to Isaac's death in our own way, and we need to be respectful of each other. Feeling sad is a normal response to any loss. Some of you may not have known Isaac very well and may not be as affected, while others may experience a great deal of sadness. Some of you may find you're having difficulty receiving this news and we have counsellors available to help our school community deal with this sad loss.

If you'd like to talk to a counsellor, just let your teachers or tutors know.

Please remember that we are here for you.

Stephen Lowry
Principal
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