

6 March 2023

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

RE: Greek National Day Parade – Sunday March 19

The School's Founders Day Service and Greek Independence Day Parade is one of the most significant days in the history of Greece's independence. Each year our School participates in the Greek Independence Day Parade along with other schools and community groups. It is a day to pay our respect to our founding forefathers.

Traditionally the Parade has been held at the Shrine of Remembrance where all year levels were expected to participate. This year the Parade will be moving to the Lakeside Stadium at South Melbourne Football Club due to a government directive limiting the use of the Shrine. As such, the format of the parade is considerably different.

To represent our School we will be sending a delegation of our Leaders from both Primary and Secondary School. These students and a selection of staff will be taken to the venue by bus due to traffic restrictions caused by the Grand Prix around the venue. The buses will transport the representatives to and from School. Further details will be provided to the students in the delegation in the coming week.

Aside from this delegation, who will be supervised by staff, if any other parent would like their child to participate in the parade they must:

- Make their own way to the venue and secure parking.
- Walk alongside their child and remain with them for the duration of the parade.

If you intend to participate in the march you must remain until the end, which is estimated to be 2:30pm. All families are welcome to watch the parade from the stands; however, if you are going to march in the parade with your child, please follow the link below and fill in the required details. No unaccompanied students will be permitted to march.

<https://forms.gle/VKPXVKxBYcB27m227>

Dress code:

Students walking in the parade must wear full summer School Uniform with blazers or alternatively, can wear their National Costume if they have one.

Location:

Lakeside Stadium - South Melbourne Football Club
31 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park
12:00pm: Parade participants gather
12:00pm: General public entry permitted
1:00pm: Parade begins
2:30pm: Parade concludes

We look forward to celebrating this special event.

Yours Sincerely



Dr Vivianne Nikou
PRINCIPAL