



ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to keep you informed of the school's response to a serious incident which has occurred at our school.

In the early hours of this morning the school was extensively damaged as a result of a fire. School Security, Police and the Fire Brigade were quick to respond and do their best to contain the damage, however, in spite of their efforts a significant part of the school has been affected.

Almost all of E Block, which contains the Library, many classrooms and staffrooms, has been destroyed.

At this stage the cause of the fire is unknown. It may be the result of an electrical or gas problem, or possibly deliberately lit, although there is no indication of that at this stage.

Over the next two weeks our staff will be working to ensure we have put in place all of the measures necessary to enable our students' learning to continue without interruption.

We will be working every possible moment to ensure that our students, return to our school, with our staff on our site from the very first day of Term 3.

The Department of Education and Community's senior officers, along with its Asset Management Unit, and our maintenance contractor have immediately begun work to deal with the current situation.

Our staff, students and community has a deep respect for what St Clair High School achieves every day and so beyond the physical damage, events such as this are distressing for everyone.

I will continue to update you via our school website, Facebook and Phone App in the weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully

Chris Presland (Principal)