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November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

**2018 CLASS PLACEMENT AND ATTENDANCE NUMBERS**

Class organisation for 2018 will commence in week 7. In preparation for this we need your assistance.

The process of organising classes is lengthy and complicated. We strive to balance classes using various criteria to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to maximise their learning. Among these are input from your child’s current teacher and executive staff, student choice and family requests.

Teachers benefit professionally from teaching across all grade levels and the students in turn benefit from their increased capacity to understand where every child is at. Additionally, there will be new staff appointments in 2018 which are still being finalised, and some of our current teachers will be heading off to new appointments. For these reasons the choice of teacher cannot generally be used as a basis for forming classes in 2018.

We recognise the power of relationships in regards to student learning. All of our students are given the opportunity to nominate five peers who they feel they work well with in class time. We will ensure that every student has at least one nominated person in their new class in 2018. Sometimes a best friend is a good person to play with but not necessarily an appropriate classmate. Teachers will have already spoken with the children about this but it is helpful for parents and carers to reinforce the same message.

Students will complete sociograms at school. A sociogram is the selection of five peers your child believes they will work well with in class next year. To give students and parents the opportunity to talk about this at home, students will complete their sociograms in class before bringing them home. Please take the time to discuss their sociogram by talking to them about who they learn best with. Please do not sign off on your child’s sociogram unless you feel comfortable with their choices. These must be returned to school by **3pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** to ensure their choices are considered.

If you have important information you would like considered for 2018 class configuration, please contact Nathan James, Belinda Reitstätter or me to discuss your child’s placement by phoning 6205 7144 or by email to [info@redhillps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@redhillps.act.edu.au) with the subject line *2018 class placement*. It is essential that, once the classes are formed, we do not make further changes as this can upset the balance of student needs.

**Further to this request, we also urgently need to know if your child will be moving schools in 2018.** For example your family may be moving house or going on an overseas posting. If this is the case, please complete the slip below and return it to the school no later than **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

With thanks

**Louise Owens**  
Principal



**2018 ATTENDANCE AND CLASSES**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Will not** be attending Red Hill School in 2018- we will be leaving the school on \_\_\_\_\_  
as our family is going to \_\_\_\_\_.

We are not sure at this stage but will be able to advise you further on or after \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_