Dear Parents

To welcome and facilitate the integration of the new Year One parents into our big ACS (Independent) family, the Parent Support Group has jointly organised two key events with the School Family Education Unit in the first term.

1. **Orientation Talk - “What to Expect in Year 1”**. Find out what an ACS (Indep) parent has to say on environmental, physical, social, emotional and mental changes our teenage sons will be experiencing, what teenagers really want from us and how to set effective boundaries and discipline. You are encouraged to register early online at [https://sites.google.com/site/acsindependentpsg/](https://sites.google.com/site/acsindependentpsg/)

   **Date**: Friday, 7 Jan 2011  
   **Time**: 2-4 pm  
   **Venue**: Auditorium One

2. **PSG Welcome Nite**

   All new parents are invited to a welcome tea reception. This is also an event where parents will have the opportunity to meet and engage our Principal, school senior admin staff, and veteran PSG members in an informal and relaxed setting. Please email [https://sites.google.com/site/acsindependentpsg/home](https://sites.google.com/site/acsindependentpsg/home) to confirm attendance.

   **Date**: Wednesday, 26 Jan 2011  
   **Time**: 6 – 8 pm  
   **Venue**: Staff Lounge, ACS (Indep) Boarding House

Other upcoming interesting SFE activities lined up for Term 1 in Year 2011 are:

3. **P.T.A. – Parenting Teens @ ACS(Indep)**

   **Synopsis**: *This 3-module workshop aims to establish a happy and sane family life for both teens and their parents during the adolescent years, and addresses issues of communication and setting healthy boundaries.*

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**Venue**: Circular Room
2. Solo Parenting

Synopsis: This workshop is for a main parent serving a dual-parent role in the home. A trained Family Life Educator and single parent will discuss the challenges and joys of raising teens to become happy and confident individuals in a solo parent environment whilst addressing some of the tough issues faced.

Date/Time: Saturday, 12 Mar 2011, 930-1130am

Venue: Circular Room

Full details and online registration for all SFE events are available at: https://sites.google.com/site/acsindependentpsg/