

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing under the most tragic of circumstances to let you know that our beautiful Year 1 student Kiara Gambhir died in a car accident in Ballarat early on Saturday evening. Kiara was a member of Gab's learning community. For those that knew Kiara, she was the brightest and happiest child and she brought an immense amount of joy to our community.

Kiara's brother Ujjwal and mother Sumira were also in the vehicle and remain in hospital. Kiara's father Sandeep is supporting them. As a school community we will continue to offer whatever support is possible to the family.

I have spent time individually this morning with each learning community, particularly with our 1/2 community. They were inquisitive, compassionate and beautiful in the way they responded to this news. We have encouraged our students to speak to us if they need to today and all classrooms are working in responsive ways to allow our students to process this information (talking, art, prayer). We will be sure to be in touch with you if we feel any students need further support from you before the end of the day.

All classroom teachers were briefed this morning and immediate support is available to both our staff and student community. Some resources are also attached to assist you with speaking to your children this evening.

Parents are warmly invited to come together over a cup of tea this afternoon in the McInerney from 2:30pm. We will light a candle and be together during this challenging time as a school community.

Kiara was the most kind, caring and bubbly member of our school community and will be so very deeply missed.

I will keep in touch as further relevant information and arrangements become available.

With love,
Emily

God of all grace and comfort,
we thank you for Kiara and for the place she held in all our hearts.
We thank you for the love
and for the care with which she was surrounded.
As we remember times of joy and laughter,
we thank you for the love we shared because of her,
reflecting that love which you poured upon us
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.