King George School

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Important Information for Parents/Guardians of King George School

We are experiencing a worrying increase in negative and hurtful language from our students. Some of this language is in the form of name calling or mean jokes and some of it contains racial, homophobic or other judgmental and discriminatory language. I am inviting all families to talk about how important kindness is. Kind words never get us into trouble. Name calling never helps a situation. Telling 'jokes' that might include inappropriate language or terms are never funny. Importantly, using a discriminatory word or name does not have to be directed at a person in order for it to be considered damaging.

At King George, we strive to create a safe environment for learning and working. This means we also work to redirect language and educate students about what is acceptable and not acceptable language to use. If we struggle to have a positive result by redirecting a student, we will move into a progressive discipline process. Any language that is seen as harmful or is considered as discriminatory against a person's race, skin colour, ethnicity, economic status, ability, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or any other prohibited grounds will be taken seriously.

I encourage you to refer to the Grand Erie District School Board's Safe and Inclusive Schools policies, and visit the Ministry of Education's website at http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/climate.html.

Sincerely,

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