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Year 7 Maths Parent Information Evening

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are writing to let you know about an exciting development in the Mathematics curriculum at Lilydale High School. Traditionally in schools, it has been challenging for one teacher to cater to the learning needs of 25 individual students. Our teaching team is now working very hard to change that through using a new tool called Maths Pathway (www.mathspathway.com).

By using this next-generation online textbook and assessment system, your child's Maths lessons will be tailored to precisely what they are ready to learn. They might be filling in gaps in prior learning, or working on extension activities. Your child will complete work individually in their Maths exercise book, guided by questions and videos from the computer. The teacher will spend less time lecturing to the whole class from the whiteboard, and more time working with small groups and individuals on the work which is pertinent to them.

Having trialled the program last year, we found that students gained the most from the Maths Pathway Program when their parents were aware of how it worked and knew what types of conversations to have with their child at home regarding their Maths work. Therefore, we will be running a **Year 7 Maths Parent Information Evening** on **Monday 1st May** from **6.30 - 7.45 pm** in the **Main Hall**.

The main focus of this information evening will be to:

- Give you an overview of the program and how it works.
- Show you how to access the Maths Pathway parent portal, so that you can know how your child is progressing after each test.
- Give you an overview of what types of discussions to have with your child so that you can best support them from home.
- Give you the opportunity to ask any other questions you may have regarding the Maths Curriculum at Lilydale High School.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Moore
Head of Mathematics