



November 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Transition to combined classes in 2017

As stated in the last newsletter, the G.I.S. Board of Trustees has approved a recommendation to adopt a combined class model for the school starting in 2017. One of the key drivers for this decision is that the school roll is increasing and a move to combined classes will mean that we can manage class sizes equitably. The staff are confident that a move to combined classes will not impact the current programme in any significant way and in fact it will further enhance the G.I.S teaching and learning programme.

While it may seem that the change to combined classes is significant, the staff are well prepared for this, and the Board is committed to ensuring that the children who come to G.I.S. continue to thrive.

As 2017 is the first year for combined classes, there needs to be careful reallocation of our current Year 7 students into nine classes. As we did when the children transitioned from primary school, we will use a variety of information to ensure this is done with the best interest of each student in mind. We would like parental input so would appreciate if you can please fill in the slip below and return to school. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate your preference, this may not be possible with 130 requests.

If you have any questions, please email me at mwhitford@glenfieldint.school.nz

Kind regards

Mark Whitford
Principal

Please return this slip to the school office by Friday 11th November 2016

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Child's Name: _____

Room: _____

Tick one	Options
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would prefer my child to stay with their current Year 7 teacher if possible
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would prefer my child change to a different teacher in 2017 if possible
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not have a preference and am ready

Signed: _____

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