



From the Desk of Mr Andre Casson

HEADMASTER

4 February 2022

Dear BBC Old Collegians,

I write to you today with the sad news that our colleague and friend, Chicri Maksoud, passed away yesterday evening after a long battle with illness.

The College has been in touch with Chicri's family to offer our support and love at this tragic time. Stephen Ward and our former Chaplain, Graham Cole, are engaging the family to likewise offer their care and to determine the most appropriate way for our community to celebrate the life of this remarkable man.

Chicri has been part of the BBC family since 1984. For 38 years he has touched the lives of many in our community and was an honorary Old Collegian. Chicri was a gifted educator whose love of Mathematics was only surpassed by the love of the charges in his care. Under his leadership the Mathematics Department moved forward to support the learning of all BBC boys which was highlighted with the recent exemplary Maths results from the 2021 Year 12 students.

Outside the classroom Chicri's great passion was family, the Church (especially through ISCF and the 40-hour famine) and sports (rugby, cricket, athletics and cross-country). Colleagues, parents, Old Collegians and most significantly our students have had their lives enhanced by having Chicri as part of their journey.

While this is an immensely sad time for all in our community it is also an opportunity to celebrate the life of a wonderful man. We will continue to offer support to his family, Marie, Rose, Sam, Rebekah, Joseph and Jessica during this period of grief.

I would similarly ask that you look out for each other – something that I know beats at the heart of what we are as a school. If it is of assistance, please reach out to the College to connect.

At an appropriate time, in consultation with his family, the College will determine a fitting way to celebrate the legacy of this exceptional family man, human being and educator. This will be shared with all in our community as these plans solidify.

I pray the Lord will bless us all during this difficult time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Casson".

Andre Casson
Headmaster