

QUEENSWAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians.

We were saddened to hear early this week of the tragic incident at River Valley High School (RVHS). Our thoughts and prayers are with the students, their parents, teachers and staff of RVHS.

I addressed our students yesterday morning concerning safety at school as well as any concerns or feelings they may have as a result of what happened. I advised them to speak with their parents/guardians or our teachers about it.

To further support students who may wish to speak with counsellors, I have encouraged them to speak to our school counsellors. We will also be providing our students with contact information to various helplines they could reach out to should they want to have an outlet to have someone to speak with.

It can be difficult for us to comprehend tragic incidents and situations, let alone our children. To support you, here are some helpful conversation starters to help you check in with your child/ward and one another.

For parents with teens:

https://www.facebook.com/196155998212/posts/10159163911843213/

- If you have children in primary school, you may wish to refer to: https://www.facebook.com/196155998212/posts/10159163918403213/
- For youths to check-in with their friends/peers: https://www.instagram.com/p/CRltrXbDS41/

☐ On addressing grief, shock and trauma for children of different ages: https://www.family.org.sg/fotfs/blog/parenting/addressing-your-childrens-grief-shock-trauma.aspx

These resources are provided by courtesy of Focus on the Family, Singapore. Feel free to share it with your friends and relatives. I am convinced that when parent and child can have conversations, particularly on difficult topics that affect them, it would build a stronger bond for our children.

Our students, as Queenswayans are important to us. We have, and will continue to make our school a safe and conducive environment for our students to be nurtured in an environment that supports their development, together with the support of parents and alumni.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Tan Chong Tze

Principal