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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our association with PRIME Mathematics is nearing its "use by date" for Western Australian Schools. While the Book itself will still be available as PRIME WA, its strategy is to mainstream the content and that does not suit Caladenia as we are a high achieving school in Mathematics and English.

As a result, our teaching staff, with the Mathematics Team, has been working on a Caladenia Mathematics Teaching Strategy. Teachers are looking at quality teaching of Mathematics through carefully designed and appropriate curriculum teaching strategies to achieve the highest possible standards in Mathematics.

Like the rest of what we do at Caladenia, the approach follows our teaching philosophy

- **Common Understandings** about teaching and curriculum across the whole school
- **Common language** used across the whole school
- **Common teaching strategies** across the whole school

This enables Caladenia to measure "oranges with oranges" in every year level across the school thus enabling analytical understanding of why and where we have deviated from our Standards.

The School Board has been kept abreast of this development and the whole staff have been trialing the new methodology across the school.

In these trial rotations, certain classes trial the new approach for a period of time without the PRIME book, using our own resources and excellence in teaching strategies. Therefore, there are going to be parts of the PRIME book that will not be completed as that is being taught and learned by other means. However, the Reviews in the PRIME will all be done as they are used to measure where we are at in the year's assessment analysis. Additionally, we will maintain our use of manipulatives for students in Mathematics across the school – these are a real support in enabling student understanding of Mathematics concepts.

Thank you and keep the faith as we carefully and expertly weave our way through the best practices in Mathematics teaching and learning to commence full school **Excellence in Mathematics Teaching** at Caladenia.

Kindest regards,

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