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Dear Parents

The APS Regatta Heads of the River is an important occasion in our schools and will once again be held at Nagambie Lakes.

In the main, the Regatta will be a one-day event on Saturday, 23rd March 2024. The 1st and 2nd Eights Girls and Boys have the option of staying overnight on the Friday; all other crews will travel to Nagambie on Saturday. Racing will commence at 9.00am, with the Senior crews 2000m heats, followed by heats and finals of the Intermediate crews. The finals for Senior crews will then follow, with the Heads of the River being contested between 3.10pm and 3.20pm.

The Heads of the Schools involved want to see that the day is both successful and enjoyable. With this in mind, we seek your active co-operation in ensuring the day is a credit to the Associated Public Schools as a whole.

At Nagambie Lakes, spectators assemble along one bank of a 750m peninsula. Each school has been allocated an area where their parents are to gather. The marquees/canopies, shade covers, banners, etc. are to be erected to the rear of the allocated area, so lines of vision are uninterrupted.

The APS Regatta is an alcohol-free event.

The consumption of alcohol will not be allowed in the tents or along the boulevard. Consumption of alcohol by spectators and or students is prohibited at all times. There will be no alcohol on sale at the Regatta.

<u>Safety</u>: No bicycles are permitted at the venue during the Regatta and no spectators are allowed in the water.

<u>Entry Fee & Car Park</u>: There is an entry fee of \$20.00 per adult, which includes car parking. Children under 12 years are free. Students over 12 years and not in their APS school uniform will be charged the full adult entry fee.

Ticket purchasing options are:

- the main ticket office adjacent to the Loddings Lane car park, with EFTPOS facilities available
- or online at https://events.humanitix.com/aps-head-of-the-river-rowing-regatta-2024 (additional charges apply).

The car park (map attached) is on Vickers Road (on the way to Heathcote), 200m before the entrance to the course. Vehicles displaying a disabled tag may proceed inside the course for easy access.

Programme: Are available at \$5 each.

Dogs are not permitted. Note that fines will be imposed by the Shire. Nagambie Lakes is an environment sensitive area (Nature Reserve).

<u>Catering</u>: Nagambie Lakes is offering a number of catering options at the Regatta.

Yours sincerely

Mr Philip Grutzner Chair APS Heads