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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, 21st June Oran Park High School will be supporting the Year 10 initiative, **The Blue Day Winter Solstice**. This day provides awareness and support of **Blue Wren House** Camden. Blue Wren House is a women's shelter that gives women and children experiencing domestic and family violence a safe, secure and supported place to call home. All of Year 10 have participated in workshops called Walk the Talk which have centred around domestic violence, how to recognise it and where to get support. As a result of this workshop some dedicated Year 10 students have committed to fundraising to support Blue Wren House.

Students who wish to participate are permitted to attend school wearing a blue top, jacket or jumper or blue accessories and provide a gold coin donation which will be donated on behalf of the school to support Blue Wren House. Alternatively, families can assist by donating products from the list attached that are urgently needed by Blue Wren House. Year 10 will be collecting donations all week at the front of the school. If students are not wearing blue they are to wear full school uniform.

The following guidelines apply to **Blue Day Winter Solstice Day** at Oran Park High School:

- Students can wear **Blue top/jumper and/or accessories** (safety exclusions below). Full school uniform must be worn on the bottom.
- **Safety Exclusions:** Overly revealing clothes such as micro minis, midriff/crop tops, offensive slogans, pictures or words, political messages, designs which may cause offence **will not be permitted in the school**.
- Students **must** be prepared for any practical lessons they have on the day including PE uniform and enclosed leather shoes.

If you would like to donate products the following donations are urgently needed by Blue Wren House:

- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes.
- Pillows (new)
- 2 ply toilet paper (3 ply clogs the toilets)
- Phone chargers (women often come into shelter with phones but not the chargers)
- Bath mats (new), face washers (new)
- Cleaning products – Laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, bathroom cleaners.

If you are or anyone you know is experiencing domestic or family violence please call **1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)** for assistance, alternatively our school Wellbeing Team are available to support students and families. We will also be running some education sessions during TRAK about domestic violence and where students can access support.

Yours Sincerely

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