Dear Students and Parents/ Carers,

Rainbows is a peer support and leadership program for students who have suffered a significant loss in their life. When a change takes place in a family, whether it is death, divorce or separation, or any other significant loss e.g. parents working away (FIFO), physical/ mental health issues, it has a profound effect on the whole family. Young people, as well as adults, grieve over significant life changes as well as the loss of loved ones who were once part of their everyday lives.

Rainbows is not a counselling service. It is small group work, and this year will consist of 5 students and one adult facilitator per group. The program runs during school time for 1 period/ week for 12 weeks, plus a Celebrate Me Day.

**Expressions of interest to register for new groups commencing in Term 2, 2016 are now open. Please note closing date for registration is Thursday 24 March 2016.** This is to allow for initial assessments to be conducted in time for the anticipated commencement for the beginning of Term 2. The group will run over two terms. Past students who have participated in Rainbows are required to re-submit an expression of interest, and will be based on re-assessment. The program is open to all students of the College and new students/ parents are encouraged/ welcome to express interest.

If you are interested please return the reply slip below to Mrs Hicks directly/ via Paschal Centre reception, or to the confidential post box located at the front of the PC. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Hicks via 9920 0526 or email hicks.taryn@ncc.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Taryn Hicks
College Counsellor
Rainbows Coordinating and Facilitator

**Parent Expression of Interest**

I, _______________________________ (Parent/ Carer name) am interested in my son/ daughter _______________________________ (Student Name) being part of the Rainbows program commencing in Term 2, 2016.

I have discussed this with my son/ daughter (please circle): Yes / No

Parent Signed: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

**Student Expression of Interest**

I, _______________________________ (student name), Year _____, am interested in being part of the Rainbows Program commencing in Term 2, 2016.

I have discussed this with my parent/s / carers (please circle): Yes / No / Will Do

Request for parents/ carers to be contacted by Mrs Hicks (please circle): Yes/ No & Mum/ Dad/ Both/ Other

Student Signed: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________