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Dear Parents/Guardians

New School Day – Secondary School

From 24 August 2009 Traill International School will have a new Secondary School timetable that will operate with a one week cycle and enable us to incorporate new subjects into the curriculum, provide more effective teaching and learning in the secondary school and ensure we meet requirements of the Thai Ministry of Education with regards to the number of teaching hours per week.

We shall have eight 40 minute periods each day taught mainly in double periods of 80 minutes. School will begin at 7.25 am and end at 2.15 pm. In addition a period 9 will extend our provision for an extra hour on certain days of the week. For instance, Year 7 will have period 9 on Mondays and Tuesdays for PE and Thai respectively finishing their school day at 3.15 pm. On other days, Year 7's school day will end at 2.15 pm. Other year groups will have different period 9 commitments.

A full programme of extra-curricular activities will run throughout the week from 2.15pm – 3.15 pm so parents with more than one child at Traill need not experience the inconvenience of two separate pick-up times. We expect all our students to commit to at least one extra-curricular activity each week.

Additional adjustments to our schedule include a shortened lunch break to 45 minutes and separate morning and lunch breaks for primary and secondary school children.

We hope these changes will provide an increasingly challenging and stimulating school environment and help our students achieve their full potential in all areas of the curriculum.

Yours sincerely

David Cox
Principal