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Name of School : YAUMATI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

學校名稱 : 油蔴地天主教小學

Name of Play 劇名 : After School

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Synopsis 故事大綱 :

Years ago, when the final school bell rang, students would celebrate. 'After School' meant a chance to play. But too often today, 'After School' means the busy day is about to get busier.

'After School' means going to compulsory ECAs, either to learn a passion or to secure a competitive spot for secondary school admission. Alternatively, 'After School' means attending classes in tutorial centres, where students spend extended hours past dinner time to complete tasks assigned by the centres, not including the assignments from school. For those who could go straight home 'After School', they might return to an empty flat, without any parents or guardians present until the late hours of the evening.

The students in this play have to face their greatest struggle yet: being sent to detention. They fear not the consequence of a detention on their records, but missing out on their commitments 'After School'. Without a chance to leave campus, the students have to deal with their pains and their fears head-on.

Come and discover how our students can overcome the pressures of life 'After School'.



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SCENE 1: THE CLASSROOMS

Three separate classes are having the end of their lessons. The teacher in each class keeps teaching but doesn't notice that the students are not paying attention. In each classroom, the students are falling asleep or are too tired or are too worried about something else

Teacher 1 (Andrew) 27 plus 36! You add the last numbers. 7 plus 5 is 12, so you carry the 1, and what do you get...?

Teacher 2 (Matthew Au) The present perfect tense is made of the ver 'be' and the pp, or past participle. So, what is the present perfect for 'we go'...?

Teacher 3 (Ryan) Plants take in carbon dioxide and they give out oxygen. We learnt this before. What is this called..?

Suddenly, the teachers see the students are not paying attention.

Teacher 1, 2, 3 Students!

All students suddenly wake up and pretend to be paying attention and answering the teacher's question.

Teacher Andrew You are unbelievable!

Teacher Matthew Why are you always tired?

Teacher Ryan Always distracted?

Teacher Andrew It isn't just today!

Teacher Matthew It's every day!

Teacher Ryan All right, we have no choice!

Teachers 1, 2, 3 Detention after school!

All students **(very afraid)** What? Oh no!

Teachers 1, 2, 3 Today!

All students What? Oh no!

(Then, they all shout their own excuses why they cannot go to detention today)



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Sound Effect: School Bell Rings

Teachers 1, 2, 3 Detention! now!

All students **(very, very, sad)** What? Oh no...

Students from all classes slowly walk to their detention.

Music: Walk of Fear

END OF SCENE 1.



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SCENE 2: THE WALK TO DETENTION

As the groups of students walk to their detention, we see them walking in fear as they imagine the characters of their own scenarios whom they are worried about. These characters appear 'offstage'. As the characters speak, the students grow more and more worried.

Scenario 1

Parent Kyle	Don't forget your ECA after school!
Parent Holly	Did you pack your things?
Parent Kyle	I know your bag is heavy.
Parent Holly	Check again! Did you pack your things?
ECA Instructor Kelly	Welcome to your ECA!
Parents and ECA Instructor	Did you pack your things?
Student ABCDE	Oh no!

Scenario 2

Tutor Sumiko	Don't worry, we have more English homework. Don't worry, we have more Math homework!
Parent Ashley	Don't worry, they have tests next week.
Parent Alby	Don't worry, they have exams next month!
Tutor and parents	Don't worry!
Students GHIJ	Oh no!

Scenario 3

Parent Caden	Be good at home alone. I will be back late tonight.
Parent Jocelyn	Be good at home alone. I will come back to Hong Kong after my trip.