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CHILD PROTECTION

Dear Parents/Carers

At the commencement of Term 4, we will again be conducting our Child Protection Program. These lessons have been specifically designed by the Department of Education and Training to develop skills, which will assist students to protect themselves from possible sexual assault, whilst developing positive relationships and enhancing self-esteem.

Australian Research has shown that 3 in 10 girls and 1 in 10 boys may be sexually assaulted by the age of 18. This research also shows that the offender is often known to and trusted by the child.

Lesson activities and discussions are aimed at a level appropriate to your child's maturity and will be taught in a caring and non-threatening manner. Correct anatomical terms will be used.

The program is of a "spiral nature", building on and reinforcing concepts covered in previous years, Child Protection is a mandatory part of the PE/PD/Health Curriculum.

The Department of Education and Training has directed that parental permission for students to participate in Child Protection lessons is no longer required.

This was stated in Memorandum DN/04/00187:

"Child protection education is more effective if parents support their children's learning. Students will benefit from their parents receiving timely information about child protection education. As there is increasing consensus in the community about the importance of this education for students, annual permission for primary students to participate in child protection education is no longer necessary."

Family input is valued in a program such as this, and to this end a weekly note outlining the content of materials covered during that week's lesson is given to each child participating over the ten week period.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

Mrs Mills
Student Welfare