



Dear Parents/Carers

### **Parent/Carer attendance SMS system goes live Monday 30 August**

In the parent update on Friday, August 13 the launching of the new SMS attendance system was announced. It was stated that an SMS will be sent to your registered mobile phone number. Where multiple mobile phone numbers are registered with College, an SMS will be sent to each number. If you wish to remove any from receiving SMS notification please notify the College.

As I mentioned previously, this is an important step for the College community to ensure that parents/carers are aware of their child's whereabouts and that we can accurately keep a record of your child's attendance. We know that with any automated system, that there may be teething issues, so we hope that you will assist us in rectifying these if and when they occur.

### **College Athletics Carnival**

On Friday, September 3 we will be running our Year 7 – 12 College Athletics Carnival. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all students to participate and/or cheer on their fellow students. Parents/carers are welcome to attend in a designated area for spectators. A SafeWA COVID-19 QR code will be available for scanning on the entry gates. We are looking forward to this exciting event.

### **College Website Calendar**

The calendar function on the BCC website has been updated to reflect all incursions, excursions and community activities. Parents/carers/students are encouraged to view and/or subscribe to add the calendar to personal Google, Outlook, Apple or other calendars.

### **Rotary Fair**

The Rotary Fair on Sunday was a great success for the community and for the College. We were pleased to present a range of student works and displays from across the College. I thank the staff, students and community members who attended the event to support our local Rotary and Lions clubs, with whom we maintain a fantastic working relationship.

### **Sexting**

On Thursday, August 26 we had Senior Constable Steve Baylis attend the College and speak to our Year 10s about sexting. His presentation outlined the serious nature and legalities of the topic along with an opportunity of a Q&A to clarify any concerns. A parent information flyer is attached for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

Bruno Pileggi, Principal (Term 3, 2021)

Friday 27 August 2021



## SEXTING SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



The practice of 'sexting' among young children, involves the sending of nude and sexually explicit images via mobile telephone, which is increasingly coming to the attention of police. The sexting of images of a child under the age of 16 years involves offences such as the production, distribution, and possession of child exploitation material.

While the prevalence amongst children is not known, anecdotal evidence of cases does raise cause for concerns. Engaging in this activity can result in serious sexual offences being committed by all parties. The result may be a criminal conviction or being registered as a serious sexual offender. This can have impact on future employment, travel and relationships. A simple act can result in a lifetime of shame.

- **Warn your child** about the consequences of sexting, both socially and legally.
- **Remind them to think before they act** – taking or sending sexual images, even of themselves, has ramifications may be illegal.
- **Remind your child to delete** any sexual content they receive from others and to avoid forwarding this type of content.
- **Remind your child to consider** the feelings of others when distributing any content by mobile phone or online.
- **Learn how to use your child's mobile phone** and talk with them about what they can and can't do with it.
- **Do not engage online with random people you do not know and have never met** because you may be talked into sexting before you know it.

It is vitally important that young people understand that once they have sent sexually explicit images of themselves to another person, whether via mobile phone or the internet, they lose control of the images forever.

Further safety tips can be found on the WA Police website at [www.police.wa.gov.au](http://www.police.wa.gov.au) and the Australian Communication, Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE), Carlyryan Foundation on how to report direct to all social media applications <https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources/fact-sheets> on Facebook <https://accce.gov.au/report>, and Media Authority (ACMA) website at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au> or the ThinkUKnow website produced by the Australian Federal Police in conjunction with Microsoft at <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au>