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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past two weeks, we have been dealing with a number of issues between students online. I have spoken with all our Stage 3 students for the second time today about appropriate and safe behaviour on the internet. The types of behaviour that our children have been exhibiting have included swearing, racism, threats and bullying. The consequences of these behaviours have led to classroom, playground and community issues. As a school, I have reminded our students that these behaviours can lead to warnings, in-school consequences, formal cautions and suspension from school.

Our school expectation is that if a student is subject to this form of behaviour that the child, their friends or family members do not respond. Take screenshots and email them to the school account. Report the user to the platform's administrator and block the user. If necessary, delete the app and if needed report the matter to the Police. The school will be hosting the Online Guardians initiative after the holidays to work with our students in regards to safety and responsibility online as well as working with our parents and carers informing you about what our students are engaging with and helping parents and carers to protect and keep their children safe online. Provided here is some further advice around keeping your child safe-

[Kids | eSafety Commissioner](#) has a wide range of advice for [parents and carers](#) covering common online safety issues like managing screen time, cyberbullying, inappropriate content and contact from strangers. Here are some steps to help protect young people.

- 1. Start a conversation with your child**
- 2. Use parental controls and safe search options**
- 3. Check smart toy settings**
- 4. Look out for unwanted contact**
- 5. Know the signs of cyberbullying**

As a school we seek your support to stop any poor behaviour that is currently occurring.

Thanks

Mr Wynn

Have a top day!

Be kind!

Adam Wynn

Principal

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