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Dear parents and carers,

Owing to recent media coverage this is a timely reminder for everyone to please ensure that you are vigilant when your children are using their computer or tablet device at home.

You/your child signed a user agreement through the school about appropriate use of computers and it is important to remind parents/carers about keeping your child/ren safe while they are online, protecting them from unsuitable content and bullying on line behaviour.

Children need to be monitored consistently and positioned in an open area of the home. It is important for their safety that they are not left unattended in their bedrooms, with their doors closed using a device. It is suggested by experts that a child's computer or device is not left in their room overnight, and that it is perfectly reasonable for adults to keep the devices secure until the following morning. While our school uses filter technology to trigger unsavoury language and unsuitable websites, other home devices your child could have access to may not have these safeguards. Devices, however can be configured to restrict access to certain sites and allow parents to set limits on daily use to protect children.

We want to remind parents that children can easily enter sites that are designed for an older audience and be enticed to give away personal information which is potentially harmful, or view material that is unsuitable. It is important to be aware that there are specified ages for different social media websites, usually thirteen years and above. Children under the age of thirteen should not be using the following sites, Facebook, Tik Tok, Instagram,These sites may seem harmless on the surface but police warn that unsuitable videos can have embedded images of animals or other messages to lure in unsuspecting minors exposing them to adult themes or can be used by predators to befriend children on line.

We want to help you keep your children safe and strongly recommend that parents/carers take the time to view the following sites to learn more about protecting your child/ren when on line:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/smsocial.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support,

Nicole Lockwood

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