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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I am writing to remind all families of the importance of cybersafety for children and young people. Today our children use social media for communication and they surf the internet regularly. As parents and educators our joint responsibility is to ensure that children and young people are using online technology safely.

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The weblink below provides parents with information about a Cybersafety HELP button that can be downloaded. This button has ideas and tips on how to provide children and young people with a cyber safe environment in the home.

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/default.asp?id=40614&navgrp=3526>

To assist our school to provide a cybersafe environment extensive firewalls and filters are applied to the school's system. Therefore students are unable to access social media sites or inappropriate websites while using school internet ready devices. Unfortunately, students with access to the internet through an external provider via mobile devices such as phones, are able to access social media sites and possibly inappropriate websites. This is why the school policy on such devices requests that they not be used at school.

Furthermore, the school addresses cybersafety as part of the Health program and through pastoral care. Support from families on safe online behaviour when using the internet at home would be beneficial in protecting children and young people from emotional and social harm. I encourage you to spend some time familiarising yourself with the information on cybersafety provided through the Cybersafety HELP button.

If you would like to discuss cybersafety further, please contact Karen Bond or Anita Sharrad at the school on 8837 3025.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Bond
Principal