

Dear Parents/Carers of Students (Years 7-12),

RE: Victoria Police concerns around harm occurring to young people

I am writing to inform you that we have received information from Victoria Police about local 'pop-up' parties and social gatherings being organised via social media which are unsafe for the young people attending.

These parties are being hosted in private homes, abandoned buildings and public halls across south eastern and eastern Melbourne.

Victoria Police acknowledges that many young people are also attending safe parties.

However, Victoria Police has made a number of recommendations to ensure young people can safely attend local gatherings:

- Talk to your children and be mindful of where they are;
- Be vigilant around monitoring all of your child's social media accounts (consider there may be multiple accounts) and look online at any events your child wants to attend;
- Investigate any party your child is attending, and be satisfied of where your child is and who they are with. If a party location is unknown one or two weeks prior to a party date, this may be of concern.
- Underage alcohol drinking and drug use is not recommended.
- Students with any wellbeing concerns or issues they are encouraged to speak to our wellbeing officer.

If you have any information that may assist police, phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you are concerned that your child has been the victim of a sexual assault and may require support, please contact Centre Against Sexual Assault on 1800 806 292.

Kind Regards

Jo Wastle
Acting Principal

Key Dates

Friday 11th November
Year 12 Valedictory

Monday 5th - Friday 16th December
End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9
students

Thursday 15th December
Presentation Evening

2017

Monday 30th January
Staff Return, Office reopens

Tuesday 31st January
First day of Term 1 2017,
students return

NEED A BIT OF HELP COVERING THE COST OF BOOKS, UNIFORMS AND CAMPS?

You may be eligible for The Casey No Interest Loan Scheme which is managed by Casey North Community Information and Support Service located in Narre Warren.

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) is committed to providing a safe, fair and affordable credit option for the purchase of essential household items, education expenses and other essential items where other financial assistance is unavailable or inaccessible.

Eligible education expenses include books, uniforms, school camps and even tablets and laptops. NILS is a good option for families on a low income who might really be struggling to pay for school expenses. The loan is repaid over the whole year thus spreading the financial burden into manageable payments.

To be eligible for this loan all that is required is that you:

- Live on a low income/have a health care card
- Have lived at your current address for at least three months
- Are able to demonstrate an ability to repay the loan

Should you wish to apply for the loan or simply find out more information please feel free to contact Casey North Community Information and Support Service on 9705 6699, or via email: nils@caseynorthciss.com.au.

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