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From: Margaret Hendriks	Date: 23 April, 2008
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Contact: Ian Hunter	Phone: 4637 1409

Dear Principals

Greetings!

Please find following the Information and Registration documentation for the QCEC School Authorities Student Protection Inservice on Wednesday, 21 May at the O'Shea Centre in Brisbane.

Principals in the past have found this a very informative and helpful day in Student Protection Policy and Procedures.

The focus this year is on CYBERSAFETY Risk Management for Students which is a very relevant and important area for schools to be well aware of.

The Registration Form needs to be returned to QCEC by Tuesday, 12 May, 2008.

Regards

Margaret Hendriks
Assistant Director



CYBERSAFETY

Risk Management for Students

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDENT PROTECTION

- ▶ **Religious Institute Schools:
Representatives of the Governing Bodies
Principals and Administrators
Appropriate Staff, including Counsellors**

- ▶ **Diocesan School Authorities
Staff, including Counsellors**

- ▶ **Parents & Friends Association Representatives**

***Wednesday 21 May 2008
O'Shea Centre Wilston
9.30 am – 3.30 pm***

Background to the inservice day

Theme **CYBERSAFETY - Risk Management for Students**

Direction of the Day

- This inservice continues to explore in greater detail the session of the 2007 inservice day which dealt with *Cybersafety*
- Information and communications technologies (ICTs) have the capacity to be the vehicle for harm and abuse of children and young people through:
 - Adult predator behaviour towards students
 - Student to student behaviour
- *Cybersafety* is about managing the risk to students
- Adult predators may gain access to students through avenues such as:
 - Internet chat rooms
 - Web sites which may disclose student contact detail
 - Social networking sites
 - *Slurping* of mobile phone data via *Bluetooth* technology
 - *YouTube*, *MySpace* and *facebook* facilities
 - Other emerging ICTs
- Student to student behaviour may involve:
 - Mobile 'phone bullying via live voice conversations
 - Posting of offensive messages and photographs on websites and sms messages
 - Abusive and offensive messages via social networking sites
 - Other emerging ICTs
- The broad challenge to schools is similar to the challenge to parents summed up by Michael Carr-Gregg in his recent publication "Real Wired Child - What parents need to know about kids online" (Penguin: 2007).

The internet is a public space that's open 24/7 and is as big as the world – in fact, it has no boundaries at all. Parents are dutifully setting up broadband networks in their own homes, oblivious to the fact that they are providing their children with the means to go anywhere. We're standing on the docks waving goodbye as our kids travel to Cyberia, a limitless, mostly lawless land in which we are often clueless foreigners.

- The particular challenge to schools lies in ensuring that their mandated school risk management strategies encompass the relevant aspects of *Cybersafety* including
 - 'Localising' the Risk Management Strategy documentation.
 - Reviewing school curriculum
 - Need for *digital immigrant* adults to bridge the digital generation gap to remain credible with young people who are *digital natives* and see *Cyberia* as both opportunity as well as potential threat.
 - Need to educate students and support parents in the nurturing of self protective behaviours which involve establishing boundaries and setting rules.
 - Need for technological security
 - Need for staff training

SESSIONS ON THE DAY

Keynote Address :

The Profile of Those who pose Risks for Students in a Cyberworld and Some Indicators of a Way Forward for Educators and Parents

Mr Dale Jackson

A CRIMINOLOGIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND Director of Southern Cross Security, an Australian company with a primary mission statement of child protection.

He holds a Masters of Criminology from Bond University.

Dale has conducted extensive research into sexual crimes involving children and is able to accurately describe the profiles of offenders.

Keynote Address

- ***Case histories of incidents of threats to children and young people***
- ***what the law says***
- ***the precautions required for student Cybersafety***

Detective Inspector Jon Rouse

(Qld Police Service – Child Safety Sexual Crime Group)

Keynote Address

- ***harm from external agents / student to student contact through their use of ICTs***
- ***ways that technology can provide some protection***
- ***the limitations of technology to provide a complete safety net - What can parents and educators do to fill the gap?***

Mr Frank Archer

Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane - Manager, Information and communication Technology

Cybersafety Policy and Practice:

A Framework

Mike Wilkinson

Cybersafety Policy and Practice:

What is our current situation in the context of risk management?

Discussion Groups and Sharing

**An opportunity for Catholic school authorities to ensure that their documented Risk Management Strategy is sufficiently localized and is compliant with mandatory legislation and regulation
Staff of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian**

Compliance Matters

2008 Audit of Blue card Compliance and Risk Management Strategy

QCEC Student Protection Working Party

Panel Discussion

Other Current Issues

- ***Student Self Harm***
- ***ICARE Resource***

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITIES
Wednesday 21 May 2008
O'Shea Centre Wilston

~ CYBERSAFETY ~

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name	
Name as you would like it to appear on the name tag	
Name of School / Organisation:	
Locality:	
Position:	
Contact Details:	
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I have the following special dietary requirements for the In-service Day

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By 5.00pm Tuesday 13 May 2008 please