

Dear Parents/Carers

WA Police Investigation – Online Grooming

You may have seen media coverage over the weekend regarding a Western Australian Police investigation that has uncovered a series of online grooming offences against young people in the wider community.

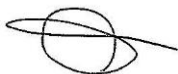
Charges of this nature are unsettling and we want to make sure that all parents/carers remain aware of the importance of cyber safety. I also want to reassure you that there is no indication that any of these grooming offences have taken place at a school.

I know you are best placed to talk to your children about cyber safety and there are many resources to help guide you through this on the [Department of Education website](#). Other online resources are available on the [eSafety Commissioner website](#).

This weekend's story may lead to children being more aware of these types of offences and wanting to disclose information. The Department's parent helpline, 1800 882 345, is available for you to call if you have any questions or concerns, and is staffed by psychologists, child protection officers and principals. The phone line is available from 8.00am to 4.00pm this Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September.

If you have any general concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9581 0900.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Vicki McKeown".

Ms Vicki McKeown
Principal

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