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Dear Parents and Guardians

Technology is now an essential part of our children's lives and can provide many positive experiences for families. Children are starting to use technology at a younger age. More and more children have 24/7 access to technology. Without parental involvement, children are left to self-regulate in a world that is not moderated.

Given the importance of assisting our children to safely navigate the cyber-world, the Anglican Schools Commission has engaged Brett Lee from Internet Education and Safety Services (INESS) to develop a series of online course for parents. Brett has 22 years of experience as a police officer, including 16 years as a detective and 5 years as an undercover investigator in the online world.

As part of our commitment to promoting the safety of our students and to providing quality information and support for parents, Coomera Anglican College strongly supports this training for staff and parents within our College community.

I strongly encourage all families to take this opportunity and to engage with these user-friendly and practical resources that will equip you with information and skills to assist your children to safely navigate the online world.

Consider doing this training before your children start their school holidays.

COURSE CONTENT

Each course includes topics such as:

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Rules and Boundaries
- ✓ Stay Current
- ✓ Parental Controls
- ✓ Empowered Choice and Action

Each course is about 30 minutes in length, has six sections and has practical tools including: documents, videos and links.

THE COURSES

The courses are aimed at the parents and carers of:

- ✓ Lower Primary students (Ages 4-8)
- ✓ Upper Primary students (Ages 9-11)
- ✓ Lower Secondary students (Ages 12-14)
- ✓ Upper Secondary students (Ages 15-18)

All of the courses can be accessed using the link and password below:

<http://cybersafe.ascqld.org.au/>

Login password: cac

The Anglican Schools Commission has entered into a financial agreement with INESS to provide this training to school parents and employees for a period of five years including annual updates. There is no cost to employees and parents and there is no limit on access to users associated directly with the College. College parents and employees are asked to honour the agreement with INESS to not share the login password with persons not directly associated with Coomera Anglican College.

Over the Christmas break, many of our students may be spending 6 or more hours a day in front of an internet enabled device. I encourage you all to take the time to become even more aware of how to keep your children safe online, and set some parameters to enforce your family technology rules.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Sly', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Dr Mark Sly
PRINCIPAL