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Online Safety

Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of us may know, it can be difficult to keep up to date with all of the latest developments in technology, such as smart phones and the increasing prevalence of the internet in our daily lives. At West Heath School, we constantly review and update our policies, procedures and guidance on information technology, in order to safeguard our community, students and enhance our curriculum.

At school we have robust filtering and monitoring systems, when students are accessing the internet through our school computers/devices, along with staff supervision of course. However, as I am sure you appreciate, students with personal mobile devices cannot be electronically monitored or controlled by the school. For example, any smart phones and tablets that have a data plan or contract with access to 3G, 4G or other forms of internet are not covered by our monitoring and filtering systems. Subsequently we cannot guarantee the online safety of students using such devices.

Residential Houses: The school has a filtered and monitored Wi-Fi system which only residential students can use. The Wi-Fi system is only accessible through terminals within each residential house and the youth club. Students may have access between the hours of 3pm – 10pm.

I would be very grateful if you could be mindful of your children's access to the internet via their own personal devices, as we are unable monitor the content displayed or accessed, given personal devices will bypass the school's monitoring and filtering systems.

If you would like further advice regarding safer internet use please contact Photini Bohacek who chairs our 'online safety group'.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Nunns
Principal

