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Weeroona College Bendigo Vision Statement
Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalized according to their needs and interests. Our students are independent; know what they need to learn and our teachers challenge and support them to achieve personal excellence.

SCHOOL TIMES
Start 9.00am
Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm
Recess 1.45pm - 2.05pm
Finish 3.15pm

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
8.15am – 4.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm
*EFTPOS facilities now available *

WCB CONTACTS

WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
5th Trivia Night- 6:30pm
9th Combined Schools Art Show Official Opening- 6pm at BRIT.
12th Debutante Ball – Group 1
13th Debutante Ball – Group 2
15th Fretworks Music Camp
19th Last Day Term 3 – 2:30pm dismissal

OCTOBER
6th First Day of Term 4
9th Parent Teacher Conferences- pm
10th Parent Teacher Conferences- am
29th Bendigo Cup Holiday
FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Combined Schools Professional Learning Day
Teachers from Weeroona College Bendigo, Crusoe College and Eaglehawk Secondary College attended a full day program centred around writing instruction on Friday 15 August.
The day consisted of two guest speakers and some practical workshops all with a focus on how to support students to improve their writing capacity. One of the guest speakers, John Kilner was particularly inspiring in his keynote address recounting his personal journey from childhood to becoming a professional writer for The Age newspaper.

His message: You need to write in all aspects of life—and you need to write clearly and concisely.

Our Message: We want to focus on writing across all areas of our curriculum so that our students are confident writers who enjoy doing so.

Preparing today’s students for tomorrow
Today we are teaching differently to the way you were taught in order to prepare students for tomorrow’s world. Education needs to be different and dynamic to meet the new and exciting challenges of a fast-changing world. Many of the jobs our children will be doing in the future haven’t even been invented yet.

As parents, I suspect you are interested in knowing even more about how we are preparing children for tomorrow. That is why I would like to draw your attention to a new campaign – ‘Preparing today’s students for tomorrow’. The campaign features advertising and includes a link to updated content on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s website.

While jobs featured in the campaign, such as underwater infrastructure planner, hover train designer and bio dome gardener may sound futuristic, there is a serious message behind them. Jobs are changing and many of our young people will work in professions that don’t exist today.

Our school is doing a lot of work to help prepare our students for this future through our curriculum and broader school programs. I encourage you to take a look at the new information designed with parents and students in mind.


Future jobs in Victoria: Facts and Figures
Over the next five years, Victoria will need about 70,000 employees in construction, 108,000 in healthcare and social services, 72,500 in education and training and 64,000 employees in accommodation and food services. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created a range of industry snapshots designed to help students and their families find out more about career prospects in a range of fields.

There are 19 new career trends fact sheets that will give you an idea of future employment opportunities in Victoria.

You can find the fact sheets at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/courses/Pages/trends.aspx

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences
Interim reports are currently being written by teachers to provide feedback regarding student progress for this, the second semester. Reports will be mailed home late in the last week of this term.

Weeroona College Bendigo parents will again be provided the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their child’s educational performance and pathway opportunities. These face to face conferences will take place on the evening of Thursday 9th October and the morning of Friday 10th October. Further details together with PTO log on information will be mailed out in the coming weeks.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

SCIENCE WEEK

As part of celebrating Science Week, three intrepid students, Dom L, Brayden S and Sam W presented an exciting Science Show for other students. Two highlights were the making of elephant toothpaste that nearly reached the ceiling and showing how to make lava lamps out of household materials. There was also an opportunity for all of the audience to
get involved in skewering balloons. Overall it was an excellent lunch time performance. Well done!

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

The week August 25th – 29th was National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Weeroona College Bendigo students were provided with the opportunity to celebrate by undertaking a range of activities in both Literacy and Numeracy. This took place in a competition format where they could showcase their skills in both English and Maths. Winners were:

Year 7 & 8 – Hayden D, Darcy G
Year 9 & 10 – Mikaela T, Cait G, Catelyn S and Georgia C.

We thank all students for their involvement in a fun activity that highlights the importance of Literacy and Numeracy in everyday activities.

Year 9 & 10 Sandhurst Division Basketball

On Thursday 21st August the Year 9 & 10 Sandhurst Division Basketball Competition staged at the Bendigo Stadium. Both the boys and girls team were involved in many games throughout the course of the day. Both teams worked in a cohesive manner finishing with 2 wins and 2 defeats each. All students conducted themselves in a fine manner throughout the course of the day.

Sandhurst Division Table Tennis

The WCB boys competed in the Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis competition staged at the Eaglehawk Table Tennis Complex. Teams that competed had an enjoyable day and thanks to Mr O’Shea for working with the team.

Upcoming Sport Events

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AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

On Thursday 7th August students from around Australia were invited to be part of the Australian Maths Competition. This competition gave students the opportunity to put their mathematical talents to the test against other students across the nation. Congratulations to all 66 students from Weeroona College Bendigo who competed in this year’s Australian Maths Competition. This year’s top performers for each year level are:
Grade 5 – Alyssa S
Grade 6 – David S
Year 7 – Amber S
Year 8 – Flynn L
Year 9 – Tom M
Year 10 – Shaun G

FROM THE STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM

WCB Trivia Night
It’s always encouraging to see what our students can achieve when we are willing to give them true responsibility and ownership. Recently some of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend a conference in Melbourne where they learnt about hunger and malnutrition in Rwanda. They came back wanting to raise money for the 40 hour famine and had the idea of organising a trivia night at the school. Before too long a core group had been assembled, meetings were made with our principal and school council to give the go ahead, local businesses were approached to donate prizes and staff were enlisted to fulfil roles on the night. The best thing we could do as adults was to get out of the way and hand over the reins to this dynamic group of students!

The trivia night is on tonight and you check out the WCB 40 hour famine fundraising page here: https://40hf2014.everydayhero.com/au/weeroona
Congratulations to all students in the organising committee for doing a brilliant job getting the trivia night up and running and doing your bit in supporting a cause you are passionate about!

POSTER COMPETITION

Design a Poster/Logo/Web page, Bin sticker, Powtoon or Animation that can help raise awareness of the issue of litter in our school and the impact that it is having on our local environment including the Bendigo Creek and its catchment area.

Send your entry to Mr Lawrance, Merin Community, or Mr O’Shea, Kappen Community. Generous Cash prizes and Gift vouchers for the best ideas! Entries close Friday 18th October.

WHITE HILLS CRICKET CLUB

White Hills Cricket Club are looking for more boys and girls to fill positions in the U10, U12, U14, and U16 teams. Please call Tim Knapman (0409 073 798) or Rob Lowes (0439 063 348) for more information.
CITY OF GREATER THAN BENDIGO MEETING

City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Councillors Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams invite residents to attend a Whipstick Ward meeting on Monday September 8 at the Samuel Gadd Centre, Napoleon Street, White Hills (entry via the Hamelin Street Gate).

The meeting will commence at 7pm and will be an opportunity for residents to discuss a range of issues.

HUNTLY NORTH EPSOM CRICKET CLUB

Junior Registration Morning
Sunday 7th September at the Strauch Reserve Huntly - 10.00am to 12.00noon for Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 year old age groups.

We would like to welcome all new and currently players, boys and girls to join our club for the 2014/2015 cricket season. Our Milo In2 Cricket Program will also run again this year!!!

For further information please contact Dallas on 0400 957 525.

PHOTOS FROM A RECENT YEAR 9 ART EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE...
A DAY OF WEAVING
Weaving taught by a group of local Aboriginal women.

Karrang Kunga Centre
(Language Centre BSSC)

Presents

Saturday 6th September
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Come and join us at the Karrang Kunga Centre at Bendigo Senior Secondary College for an amazing day of learning to Weave by local women. Lunch is provided (soup, bread, cakes and slices & tea and coffee, door prize, raffle, great conversations.)

Tickets are $20 or $10 with Concession
Please contact for catering purposes by Wednesday 3rd September: Steph Armstrong 0487468438 or email Armstrong.Steph@BSSC.EDU.AU
Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is now an integral part of the everyday life of our college just as it is in society. At Weeroona College Bendigo we aim to offer all of our students the opportunity to learn in a variety of ways and to access the information and tools required for successful learning easily and in a timely fashion.

2015 will be an exciting year as we fully implement our new Weeroona Learning Support Dashboard (WLSD). This will enable regular, up to date communication between teachers, students and parents regarding learning, attendance and conduct. This exciting new initiative will provide up to date information regarding your child’s education throughout the course of the year. The WLSD integrates with Google Drive to allow the online setting and submission of work. For further information regarding the WLSD visit our college website.

2015 also marks the full implementation of our Bring a Specified Device (BSD) program. ICT has been an integral tool for delivering, facilitating and assessing student learning at the college for several years. All students at Weeroona College Bendigo have had access to Netbooks to support their learning while at the college, providing access to accurate, relevant information, communication and learning opportunities. As always, technology is changing. Major manufacturers are now moving away from netbooks and towards tablets and other touch devices, in addition, there have been recent changes to the funding of technology initiatives in schools. As a result, we have recognised the need to alter the ICT devices which our students use to facilitate the best possible learning opportunities and outcomes.

After much research and consultation we began the BSD program with our Year 7 students in 2014. This program is to be extended to all students for 2015 and requires students to bring a device which meets our minimum device requirements. In addition, we are changing from the current lease model to a parent purchase model. This is the BSD program.

Leanne Preece
Principal

Tim McInnes
eLearning Leader
General Specifications

Requirements and Advice When Selecting a Device
As a college we have investigated the best way to allow families to purchase a device. We have come to the decision that the most practical and cost effective way is to allow families to choose where they purchase their device and which device, from our specified categories, will best suit their child. Below is a list of specifications, recommended devices and required additions. We recommend that you use this list as a check list when purchasing your child’s device.

Specifications

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<td>Memory</td>
<td>16GB minimum</td>
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<td>Battery Life</td>
<td>8 hours minimum</td>
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<td>Camera</td>
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<td>Touch</td>
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<td>Wifi</td>
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<td>Headphone Jack</td>
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^ ^ For students who own a Windows 7 or 8 device we are able to install a copy of Microsoft Office 2013. This license allows students free use of these programs while a student at WCB.

Required Additions
Your device must have the following items:

- Keyboard – this enables quick, efficient input of information when using the device.
- Protective Case – devices will inevitably be dropped and bumped during travel and class. A strong protective case will greatly reduce the chance of damage.
Optional Additions to Consider
These additions may reduce the chance of damage or provide cheaper way to repair devices if they are damaged. They usually have a cost associated so be sure to ask before purchasing.

- Extended Warranty
- Insurance
- Screen protectors – reduce finger prints, scratches and glare. Usually inexpensive.
Devices

We accept a wide range of devices at Weeroona College Bendigo. We have organised our range of devices into two categories: Preferred Devices and Other Accepted Devices.

- **Preferred Devices** provide the best opportunity for student development by integrating flawlessly with our eLearning content and network infrastructure. These devices allow our technical team to best provide assistance with accessing our school network and supporting important learning software.

- **Other Accepted Devices** will also offer the best opportunity for student development but may require additional processes to access our eLearning content and network infrastructure. Our technical team will be able to provide assistance with these devices. Some of these devices can be a cheaper, but still acceptable, alternative.

### Preferred Devices

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<th>Challenges</th>
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| Windows 8 Tablet | - Can install Windows apps and traditional PC programs installed.  
                   - Only requires a Microsoft email for the initial set up.  
                   - Easy to use as a traditional PC/laptop or Tablet with the addition of a keyboard.  
                   - Will work with flash based animation.  
                   - Easy integration with WLSD and google apps used at the college.  
|              |            | - Can be an expensive option depending on the brand.  
                   - Does not come with Microsoft Office. (However our College Microsoft Licence allows us to install this on student devices free of charge for the duration of their enrolment, this will be facilitated at the beginning of the 2015 School Year.) |
| iPad         | - Well known, reputable brand.  
                   - Thousands of apps available.  
                   - Easy to use.  
                   - With the addition of a keyboard can be used for a greater range of activities.  
                   - Easy integration with WLSD and google apps used at the college.  
                   - Now comes with Pages, Keynote and Numbers free (these are the equivalent of Word, Powerpoint and Excel) | - Does not work with flash based animation. |
# Other Accepted Devices

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| iPad Mini                          | • Well known, reputable brand.  
• Thousands of apps available.  
• Easy to use.  
• With the addition of a keyboard can be used for a greater range of activities.  
• Easy integration with WLSD and google apps used at the college.  
• Now comes with Pages, Keynote and Numbers free (these are the equivalent of Word, Powerpoint and Excel)  
• Cheaper option than iPad. | • Screen size and keyboard size can be a hindrance for some activities.  
• Does not work with flash based animation. |
| Microsoft Surface RT (or Surface 2 RT) | • Comes with Microsoft Office Student (worth over $100).  
• Only requires a Microsoft email for the initial set up.  
• Can be a cheaper option.  
• Easy to use as a Tablet or traditional PC/laptop with the addition of a keyboard.  
• Will work with flash based animation. | • Can only install apps from the windows app store.  
• More steps involved in using Google Drive and WLSD |
| Netbook                            | • May be a low cost option.  
• Can install Windows apps and traditional PC programs installed.  
• Will work with flash based animation.  
• Easy integration with WLSD and google apps used at the college. | • Often contain slow processors  
• No touch screen.  
• No rear facing camera. |
| Ultrabook                          | • Can install Windows apps and traditional PC programs installed.  
• Often contain a fast processor.  
• Will work with flash based animation.  
• Easy integration with WLSD and google apps used at the college. | • Can be expensive.  
• Battery life may last for 8 hours.  
• May not have a touch screen.  
• No rear facing camera. |
| Macbook                            | • Well known, reputable brand.  | • Can be expensive. |
Additional Information for Students in Year 9 and 10 in 2015
Families of students in Year 9 and 10 should be aware that Bendigo Senior Secondary College will be implementing a similar program. We have ensured that all devices recommended at Weeroona College Bendigo comply with Bendigo Senior Secondary College’s requirements. For more detailed information regarding their program visit their website at www.bssc.edu.au. Families may wish to consider the needs of their child for Year 11 and 12 when purchasing a device for students going into Years 9 and 10.

Additional Options for Year 9 and 10 Students
In 2015 Year 9 and 10 Students will have the option of continuing in the current Netbook Lease or participating in the BSD program. Below is a list of the advantages and possible challenges of each.

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<td>• Access to all the options provided by the latest tablet technology.</td>
<td>• Maintenance and warranty is the full responsibility of the family.</td>
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<td>• Family owns the device.</td>
<td>• May be a more expensive option in the short term if a new device needs to be purchased.</td>
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<td>• May bring a device which the student already has.</td>
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<td>Leasing Netbook</td>
<td>• Access to the majority of apps and programs which tablet technology provides.</td>
<td>• No touch option.</td>
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<td>• Still covered by college warranty and insurance.</td>
<td>• 2-3 year old devices.</td>
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<td>• Possibly cheaper in the short term.</td>
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Purchasing Options
Under the BSD program the purchase of devices is the responsibility of the family. However, for families who may need help in locating and purchasing devices we have been advised of some Interest Free plans that both Learning With Technology (LWT) and Apple provide.

The web address to access the Apple Interest Free plans is: http://store.apple.com/au-hed/browse/campaigns/financing.

The web address to access the LWT school portal (only lists devices as per required specifications for our school) is: http://lwt.com.au/orders/weeroonacollegebendigo.

These portals can also be accessed from the college website. Please note that these companies only provide a selection of devices from those available on the market. We do understand that it is an expensive time of year and trust that this further information is helpful.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why these devices?
   When selecting devices we have taken a number of factors into consideration:
   - Teaching and learning needs
   - Quality of devices
   - Familiarity to students and teachers
   - Cost — we have tried to choose devices which will cost similar or less over three years when compared to our current netbook program.
   - Integration into our college infrastructure
   - Continuity from our feeder primary schools

   These devices have been identified as best meeting each of these factors.

2. Do I have to bring a brand new device or can I bring one I already have?
   We recognise that many families and possibly students will already have devices which meet our minimum specifications. Your device does not need to be brand new, for example previous iPads such as the iPad 2 are acceptable.
   The iPad 1 is not acceptable as it will not support the latest versions of apple iOS software. All devices, regardless of age or model, must have a keyboard and protective case.

3. What technical support will be provided by the college?
   College technicians will offer support for all students to connect to our network and in accessing any learning activities or programs provided by the college.
   No technical support will be provided for hardware malfunction or damage.

4. Will there be any other eLearning costs for 2015?
   There will be a $50 eLearning levy for limited tech support and printing.
5. **Who owns the device?**
   Under the BSD program families are purchasing the device, therefore families own the device. Students and parents will be required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement which will set out the college expectations before students are provided access to the college network.

6. **Who is responsible for repairs if a device is damaged?**
   Unfortunately, damage to some devices will occur in the process of use at either school or home. As each family owns their device they are also responsible for any repairs which need to be made. We strongly recommend that each family considers extended warranty and/or insurance when purchasing your child’s device.
   Should your child’s device be damaged by another student or in extenuating circumstances the college will investigate offer support as appropriate. This will be outlined in our eLearning Policy.

7. **Who is responsible if my child’s device is stolen?**
   Should your child’s device be stolen at school the college will investigate offer support as appropriate. This will be outlined in our eLearning Policy.

8. **Can I bring a device which uses the android operating system? (e.g. Samsung Galaxy)**
   No. Android devices are not supported on our system.

9. **Will the college provide apps, programs and updates?**
   As each device is owned by individual families it is their responsibility to purchase and install apps and update apps and other software.
   There are a number of free apps available which will often be appropriate for learning activities. Support and instruction will be offered for the installation and use of applications and software where appropriate to meet learning needs of students.
   For students who own a Windows device we are able to install a copy of Microsoft Office 2013. This license allows students free use of these programs while a student at WCB. Installing this will be managed at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

10. **What if a family cannot afford it before the beginning of the 2015 school year?**
    In the case that a family cannot afford a device before the beginning of the 2015 school year, temporary arrangements can be made for a cost. If you would like to discuss these options please contact our Business Manager, Sonya Fergus.
WCB BSD Apps

This document contains a list of the apps which must be installed on a student’s device. These apps will enable students to perform all required learning tasks as a student at WCB. We expect that all apps will be installed prior to the commencement of school for 2015.

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Please note that the nature of apps means and technological developments means that we will discover new apps throughout the your child’s time at our college. We will endeavour to utilise free apps wherever possible and are developing a policy around any paid apps which we may require in the future.
Discover the World on a WEP Student Exchange Program!
Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? **Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon!** Don’t miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

Sarah in Belgium: “I really loved the orientation in Brussels, I had such a fun time. My host family were really welcoming of me and have kept me distracted for the first few weeks, which has helped a lot. In fact, I’ve barely felt homesick compared to what I was preparing myself for! The students were all very excited to have an Australian around that they could speak English with! During classes I mostly do French worksheets that they have given to me, or try to translate the worksheet that the rest of the class is focusing on.”

**Early Bird Special!**
WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 (excluding year 12 in VIC) a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online **before 28 Nov ’14.**

**Find Out More!**
- Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.
- If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au).

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD.
As the Student Art Show Coordinator I extend an invitation to the official opening of the Combined Student Art Show.

Bendigo and District State Secondary Colleges’
Combined Student Art Show

OFFICIAL OPENING
TUESDAY, 9TH September 2014

BY Neil Fettling
Director of La Trobe University
6.00 PM

MAC GILLIVRAY HALL
BRIT - McCrae Street Entrance

Tuesday, 9th September to Thursday, 11th September 2014

Public Viewing: 10:00 am to 4:00pm daily

poljak.sheryl.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Further information: Phone 54477722

This is the thirteenth year that the Bendigo State Secondary Colleges have combined to showcase student artwork from Year 7 to 12.

As always an exciting use of media and talent will be on display including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, multi-media, art fashion and sculpture.

The colleges involved are Bendigo Senior Secondary College, East Loddon P-12 College, Eaglehawk Secondary College, Bendigo South East Secondary College, Weeroona College and Crusoe College

On behalf of the schools represented thank you to the Principals Collegiate for seeing the value in this event as an authentic learning experience for students. This exhibition provides an opportunity for parents and the wider community to be involved with The Bendigo Education Plan Community

Yours Sincerely,
Lydia Poljak
Co-ordinator
Trivia Night!

Games  Auctions  Prizes

All money raised goes towards World Vision’s ‘40 Hour Famine’

$5.00 Entry

6:30-9:00PM
September 5th
Weeroona College Bendigo

All ages are welcome so bring your whole family!

Loads of prizes up for grabs including a signed Hawthorn footy jumper!
We are eSmart

Our school is proud to announce we are now officially an eSmart school.

Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying.

We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact the Principal or our eSmart coordinator.