



18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Community,

Yesterday afternoon we were given the very sad news of a tragic incident in our community involving police. You may have already heard something about this. We are all thinking of family and friends of those directly impacted and are saddened by this event and extend our sincere condolences at this time.

Today and over the coming weeks, you may be concerned about the reactions of your child/ren to this news. Many students will wish to talk with their parents and caregivers, so I also encourage you to let your child know that you are aware of this matter and that you will listen to their concerns at any time they wish to share them.

Staying connected and engaged with your child is one of the best ways to support them. It is important to try to include discussions about positive ways of managing this sad situation.

We should all seek help from others when we feel down or vulnerable and young people should tell an adult if they are worried about a friend or themselves.

Our school will be concentrating on supporting our students and staff over the next period of time.

School counsellor resources have been immediately mobilised through the Department of Education to support our students and staff today and will continue to be available into the future. School counselling is available to all students who may require it, through parents contacting the school.

Some children may prefer to talk to someone they don't know about how they are feeling. Potential free, anonymous and confidential sources of support for you and your children include:
Kids Helpline (1800 551800 or www.kidshelp.com.au)
Headspace (1800 650 890 or www.headspace.org.au)
Lifeline (131114 or www.lifeline.org.au)

The staff and I appreciate the support of our parents and our broader school community at this challenging time.

Our heartfelt thoughts are with our students, their families and friends in this time of need.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Miladinovic
Principal