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## **Principal's Bulletin: Week 7, Term 3**

### **Concerns Regarding E-cigarettes (Vaping) Among Young People and Safety Concerns**

Dear Parents and Care-givers,

As we continue to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our students, I wish to address a growing concern within our community: the rise of vaping among young people.

#### **Health Risks and Legal Considerations**

Vaping, often perceived as a safer alternative to smoking, poses significant health risks. The Department for Education recognises that both active and passive exposure to e-cigarette vapour can be harmful. This includes potential respiratory issues and the unknown long-term effects of inhaling various chemicals present in e-cigarettes.

The use of e-cigarettes is prohibited on school grounds and within 10 metres of school boundaries, as outlined in the department's Smoke-Free Policy. This ban extends to all school-related activities, including camps and excursions.

#### **Impact on Young People**

The appeal of vaping among young people is concerning. It is crucial to understand that vaping can lead to nicotine addiction, which may affect brain development in adolescents. Additionally, the use of e-cigarettes can serve as a gateway to traditional tobacco products.

#### **Our Commitment**

Our school is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all students. We are actively working to educate our students about the risks associated with vaping and we are implementing strategies to prevent its use on school premises. This includes clear communication of our Smoke-Free Policy and the consequences of policy breaches.

#### **How You Can Help**

We encourage parents and care-givers to engage in open discussions with their children about the dangers of vaping. Being informed and vigilant can significantly reduce the likelihood of young people experimenting with e-cigarettes.



## Misuse of equipment and safety concerns at the Torrens Rd Campus

I am also writing to inform you of some important temporary changes at Bowden Brompton Community School, Torrens Rd Campus, that will affect our students' activities for the remainder of this week.

Due to recent incidents involving inappropriate use of school equipment and damage to property, we have made the difficult decisions to prohibit the use of school vehicles for excursions and access to our egg chairs in our Interception space. These measures are necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of both our students and staff.

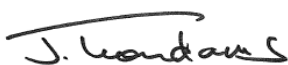
The misuse of equipment has resulted in safety risks that we must address promptly. We are committed to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all members of our school community, and these temporary restrictions are part of our efforts to uphold this commitment.

We understand that these changes may cause inconvenience, and we appreciate your understanding and support as we work to resolve these issues. Our team is actively investigating the incidents and implementing strategies to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter. We value your partnership and cooperation in ensuring a safe and positive learning environment for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,



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