



# St Agnes Catholic High School

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Dear parents and carers

Earlier today, we were made aware that one of our students was approached by a man while she was walking along Beaconsfield Road (near Evans Road) on her way to school. The incident took place this morning. While the details of the matter are still being investigated, the actions of the man made the student feel very uncomfortable. The student was able to quickly remove herself from the situation. While understandably shaken, she was not harmed.

The student's parents were immediately contacted as were as the local police. The police have attended the school and are investigating the matter.

Today, teachers spoke with students to reinforce the important 'Safe People, Safe Place' messages. I have included those messages at the bottom of this communication. I ask that you also have a conversation with your child to reinforce those messages. A link to the NSW Police's Safe People, Safe Place website is also attached.

Thank you for your continued support of St Agnes. Be assured that the safety of our students is always our highest priority.

Yours sincerely

Lisa-Maree Browning  
Principal

## **Important 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages for young people**

### **Walking Home**

- ALWAYS identify safe places on the way home from school.
- DO NOT stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- ALWAYS find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- NEVER get into a car with someone you don't know.

### **On Public Transport**

- NEVER travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- ALWAYS try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

### **When in Public Spaces**

- ALWAYS carry a contact number for your parents.
- DO NOT walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- ALWAYS walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- REMEMBER, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

### **NSW Police's Safe People, Safe Place**

[https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety\\_and\\_prevention/safe\\_and\\_secure/resources\\_-\\_fact\\_sheets\\_and\\_videos/safe\\_people\\_safe\\_places](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/resources_-_fact_sheets_and_videos/safe_people_safe_places)