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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Re: Internet Access by Students

Recently, during the course of their learning some students **accidentally** accessed images which were inappropriate. As Principal, I fully support parent concerns over this happening. As a parent I would assume that my children were safe using technology in course of their learning.

Part of the school's responsibility is to teach our students how to be safe when accessing the internet and what to do if inadvertently, appropriate content is displayed. This is the world in which our children live and the world that they are growing up to become responsible citizens in.

However, at Our Lady of Mercy we take our duty of care very seriously. Even though we have the highest level of search security available, we are investigating if there is something that can be done to protect our children even more so.

This will take some time as we want to be thorough and we are seeking advice from our ICT people in Hobart. So in the interim, we are going to continue using the internet. I am completely confident that our teachers are conscious of keeping your children safe and that's not going to change.

During this time of investigation, if you do not want your child to access the internet could you please complete the form below and return to the school. A phone call in this instance will not suffice. Positive home / school partnerships are highly valued in our school and as such we know that will continue.

This form will also be able to be accessed on the school website. Not returning this form will indicate to the school that internet use by your child/ren will continue under the usual teacher supervision.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Josephine Craddock
Principal

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During this period of investigation of safe search engines and practices I do not want my child /dren
..... accessing the internet.

Name:

Signature: