



## Coonabarabran High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to seek your support in relation to the following matters:

### ANTI- SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In recent weeks we have seen a significant increase in anti-social behaviour in our toilet areas. Despite increased staff presence during breaks and several meetings with students to address these issues, regrettably, they continue to occur. The vandalism has resulted in a few of the toilets in both Boys and Girls areas being unusable.

I am certain that there would be students who are both aware of the damage and able to identify those responsible. I am offering students the opportunity to support us in identifying those responsible by sending myself or our Deputy Principal, Ms Batha, an email, which will remain anonymous. Our email addresses are: [Duncan.M.Graham@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Duncan.M.Graham@det.nsw.edu.au) and/or [Raity.Batha@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Raity.Batha@det.nsw.edu.au). Alternatively, students may wish to give an anonymous note to the office. Could you please discuss this issue with your child and encourage them to help us to maintain our school facilities. Your support in stressing to your child the importance of ~~conducting themselves in a positive and considerate manner in our school community is also~~ appreciated. **Please be advised that if this behaviour continues the school will be left with no option but to lock the toilets during class time.** This would require students to obtain a key from the office should they need to use the toilet during those times when classes are running. This is in no way an ideal situation but a response to our responsibility to keep important facilities in a hygienic and safe state.

### ATTENDANCE

The low attendance of a number of our students is a significant impediment to their education both in terms of academic growth and building a positive connection with the school and their peers. Research clearly links the importance of consistent attendance with achievement. Specifically, it shows that when attendance falls below 95%, outcomes begin to fall. Regular attendance is critical to build consistency and reinforce skills that are practised daily in class. This year many students have attendance rates well below the Department of Education's target of 90% (which equates to missing one day per fortnight). Even at this attendance rate, a student will miss the equivalent of 4 weeks school in a year. **Put simply, the best support that you can give to your child's education is to ensure that unless they are unwell, they attend school, all day, every day, during term.** Please contact the school if we can support you in raising your child's attendance.

### SOCIAL

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of September, the school will be holding a farewell to Year 12 social. This will also be a reward for students who have maintained strong attendance. Students whose attendance is deemed to be unsatisfactory will not be able to attend this function. If you are unsure of your child's attendance rate, please contact the school to discuss. **Your child's Year Advisor would be your best point of initial contact regarding attendance.**

Thank you for your consideration and support in relation to the above issues. Should you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school.

Yours faithfully

MR D GRAHAM  
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL