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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about the Keeping Safe:Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) that your child/children will be learning throughout the year. The teachers delivering the program have received explicit training in the use of the Curriculum. The KS:CPC is a Catholic Education Western Australia, Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) responsibility under the *Children's Protection Act 1993* and the DECD *Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services Policy* to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented and that all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum.

Although parent permission is not required under the *Education Act 1972*, we encourage parents/carers to seek further clarification if required and to provide the teacher with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

The KS:CPC is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection experts, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. The KS:CPC is divided into 5 documents specific to the age and year level of the student. There are an additional three documents for educators working with students:

- from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds
- from cultural or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- with disability and additional needs.

The KS:CPC is predicated on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities of increasing complexity. The two KS:CPC Themes are:

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

The two KS:CPC Themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the students. The four KS:CPC Focus Areas are:

- Focus Area 1: The right to be safe
- Focus Area 2: Relationships
- Focus Area 3: Recognising and reporting abuse
- Focus Area 4: Protective strategies.
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More information can be found on the DECD Keeping Safe:Child Protection Curriculum site: <http://tiny.cc/DECD-KSCPC>. Please contact Mrs Caroline Parnham (Head of Secondary) or Mrs Rebecca Clarke (Head of Primary) if you have any questions about the curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Woodgate
Principal

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