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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, State Parliament passed the new Criminal Law Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill, making it illegal to distribute an intimate image of a person without consent.

In the case of someone under 16, the law says they cannot legally consent to an image of themselves being shared. The law aims to strike a balance between protecting young people from this harmful behaviour, and not unduly criminalising them.

The new intimate image laws will come into effect following the commencement of the *Criminal Law Amendment (Intimate Images) Act 2018 (WA)* on 15 April 2019.

As young people under the age of 16 are not exempt from this new offence, it is imperative that information regarding these new laws is shared with our staff, students and their parents.

The key messages for young people are:

- **It is against the law to take, keep, send or ask for an intimate image of a person under the age of 18**
- **It is against the law to share an intimate image of a person of any age without their consent.**

With the increasing use of digital technology and social media it is important that we continue to ensure that our College is a safe place of learning and development for all our students.

Child safety requires a consolidated approach from teachers, parents, friends and the community, so we ask for your support in ensuring your child is fully aware of the new law. We will address the topic within our Pastoral Care program in the coming weeks, but please have these conversations at home.

Yours sincerely

Mr Leo Di Gregorio
Principal