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Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to provide you with some information in regard to the hosting of and concern for young people attending parties. In a world of rapid change, and in light of media focus at present, it is important to be aware that recently the legislation in Tasmania in regard to providing alcohol to anyone under the age of 18 changed.

"It is now illegal to supply alcohol to someone under 18 years on private property, without the permission of their parent or guardian."

"This puts the onus back onto the people who are hosting the party and they cannot, without the permission of a parent or guardian, serve a young person alcohol."

Unfortunately, social media also plays a role in all aspects of one's life today and we have become increasingly conscious of the number of young people using this medium to advertise parties, uploading video and photo footage from parties. We must always be conscious that our digital footprint is accessible to anyone who surfs the net but, more importantly, to future employers. Recent figures indicate that in Australia over 55% of all future employers now check the Internet, Twitter and Facebook accounts of prospective employees.

Attached is a document we have traditionally distributed at this time of the year.

Yours sincerely

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