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Dear Parent/Carer

BRENT SANDERS SEMINAR

All Year 10 students have been offered the opportunity to attend a seminar during Week 9 on Thursday 14 September and Friday 15 September 2017 here at James Sheahan.

The seminars are delivered by Mr Brent Sanders who visits Orange annually to speak to high school students. Mr Sanders will present separate seminars for males and females.

- The girls' seminar called "Back Off!" is concerned with self protection and addresses the issues of sexual harassment and assault, and how to identify potentially risky social situations.
- The boys' seminar called "Secret Bloke's Business", addresses risk-taking issues for male adolescents examining critical issues such as peer pressure, decision making and motivation. He also includes important information on sex related crimes.

In today's world our young people are faced with many outside influences which impact on their behaviour. Increasingly young people put themselves at risk in their social activities. Mr Sanders offers a chance for students to be better informed on matters of sexual assault.

Whilst each group is at the seminar, the other students will have a combination of normal classes and a Welfare Program (allowing for reflection and discussion on Mr Sanders' seminar and on current adolescent issues). This part of the program will focus on the influence of media and the internet on how we perceive ourselves and each other and how our culture has become a more sexualized one.

We have also invited our local Police Liaison Officer to speak to our students on Domestic Violence and Respectful relationships which will be in sync with Mr Sanders' presentation.

- The girl's will have a full day presentation on Thursday, whilst the boy's will have a half day with Mr Sanders on the Friday.
- Kinross Wolaroi students will be at the Brent Sanders seminars.
- Students must wear School uniform.

We hope your child will be able to attend this extremely thought provoking and beneficial seminar delivered by a very engaging presenter. If there are any queries regarding the content of the presentation, please contact Ms Bongini.

Yours sincerely

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(Year 10 Coordinator)

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(School Counsellor)