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### **Important Safety Information**

Dear student,

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students remains our top priority. I am writing to you, to seek your cooperation in reviewing the following safety guidelines.

It is crucial to be aware that incidents of theft tend to increase during this time of the year, coinciding with the acquisition of new devices and items as Christmas gifts, coupled with the darker months. The police have provided specific advice in case of an encounter:

- Avoid engaging in conversation if approached. Prioritise safety, even if it means giving up the item.
- Take note of distinct details about the suspect, such as clothing brands, colours, marks, scars, hairstyle, and approximate age.
- Find a safe space and approach a responsible adult immediately, such as a nearby shop, and promptly notify the police. Reports should not be delayed and should be made directly to the police, not waiting until the next day.
- Prevention measures include refraining from displaying expensive items and wearing conspicuous clothing. Whenever possible, travel in groups or arrange for adult pick-ups and drop-offs.
- Be cautious about using items like air-pods or headsets while walking, as they can limit awareness of surroundings and potential threats.

Additional tips for when traveling by bus:

Avoid isolating yourself by sitting upstairs at the back of the bus.

If needed, inform the bus driver of any concerns, who can notify the police.

We strongly encourage students not to travel alone but rather pair up with a fellow student heading in the same direction. Open communication is key, and we urge immediate reporting of any suspicious activities or concerns to the police or the College's Safer Schools Officer on campus.

Please note the importance of vigilance and adherence to these safety measures when traveling to and from college. Together, as a community, we can cultivate a culture of awareness and safety.

Yours faithfully



Principal