



St Clare's Catholic High School

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Dear Parent and Carers

We are, as you know, committed to the safety of our students. We will be providing you with an update about the steps we have taken in addressing recent issues, early next week.

In this spirit, **we would like to immediately draw your attention to the presence of our students at the Hassall Grove shopping plaza.** A number of our students go to this area before and after school. Most of the students who congregate here in the afternoon to catch the 754 bus to either Blacktown or Mount Druitt can actually board this bus from directly outside the school, but choose to go the plaza.

I am sure that you can appreciate we cannot be responsible for your child's safety while they are there.

Some of our concerns about student safety are outlined below:

- Students unsafely crossing the road near the traffic lights on Luxford Road in order to board the 754 bus to Mount Druitt. This behaviour puts the safety of the students at serious risk. These students can catch this bus, by crossing the pedestrian crossing directly outside the school and waiting there;
- As you may be aware, there have been altercations at the plaza. Our aim is always to do what we can to keep our students as safe as possible so, we are directing them not to go to the shopping plaza after school until the end of the year. Our concerns were communicated clearly to all the students catching these buses yesterday; despite this, some students still went to the shopping plaza.

If you could SMS or call your child or, speak to them this evening reinforcing this message with them, you would be supporting our work in ensuring your child is as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Jones
Principal