

MESSAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Issue 3 Term 1, March 2019

We are soon approaching the end of another busy term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community, leadership, staff, parents and students for their hard work and commitment to St Charbel's College. Our College is blessed to have the mutual commitment of all working together at home and at school to offer and receive quality education and leadership.

We value the partnership that exists between parents/guardians and teachers. This partnership nurtures student wellbeing and promotes a positive College environment. It is therefore in the interests of the whole College community that communication between parents/guardians and teachers are open and respectful.

Parents must ensure that the following requirements are observed:

- It is not acceptable to approach a teacher whilst they are on duty dismissing students at the end of the school day.
 - Parents must not enter the school grounds until they are signed in through the main office area. **The gates are locked at 8:25 am and open again at 3:10pm. Students will need to be in their class line (Primary) or home room (Secondary) at 8:25am so that they can start their lessons promptly.**
 - Parents should not approach any classroom or enter corridors without an invitation from the class teacher.
- All of these guidelines are spoken of in the Parent-Teacher Communication Policy, which can be downloaded from the College website.

We take pride in our College and make the safety and wellbeing of our students a priority. It is for this reason that we ask for your assistance in ensuring student's safety at all times, especially when using Kiss N Go in the mornings and afternoons. There will be **NO** tolerance of any inappropriate language or disrespect to either students, parents and/or staff members. Your understanding, cooperation and support with this is greatly appreciated.

God bless you and your families.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We are now four weeks into the season of Lent. Lent is a time to pause, contemplate and become more self aware. It is in the spirit of our own self, that we can open our hearts to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. In this time of introspect, I urge everyone to take the time to contemplate the following questions.

Reflections for self-awareness:

- When am I at my best?
- What kind of person do I want to be today?
- What situations make me feel terrible, and what do they have in common?
- What activities am I doing when I feel like time flies by?
- What is working well in my life and my work today?
- When negative thoughts arise, how do I deal with them?
- How do I stay grounded when I feel overwhelmed?
- What motivates me to progress?

The goal is not to answer immediately or to formulate the perfect responses. In developing ourselves over time, we can open our hearts and minds to Jesus Christ and grow.



Creative Arts in the Secondary School

Earlier this term, year 12 Industrial Technology students along with their new teacher Miss Martelli visited Anagote, a timber supplier in Marrickville. The purpose of their visit was to research the day to day workings of a business for the Industry Study component of the course. Students were extremely impressed with the information presented and the specialised assistance they received in sourcing suitable timber for their own projects.

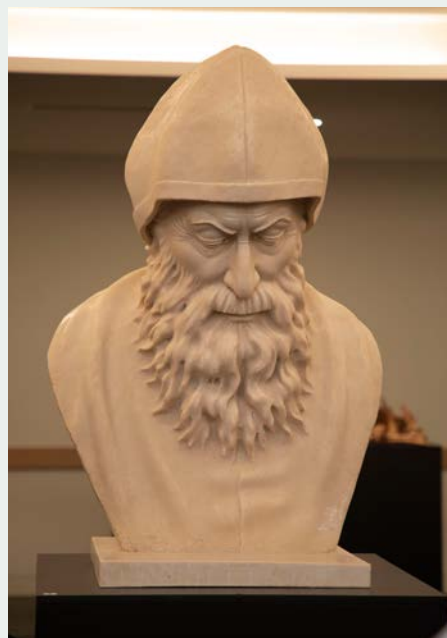
Research and Inspiration are an essential component for every creative project. Students in year 11 and 12 Textiles were treated to some inspiration on Wednesday 13 March in the form of a seminar and exhibition viewings at the Powerhouse and Fashion Design Studio Sydney Tafe. Students viewed the "Texstyle" Exhibition of Textiles and Design Major projects from 2018 HSC. They were also extremely lucky to browse the Akira Isogawa Exhibition. Akira is a graduate of the Fashion Design studio, Sydney TAFE and the contemporary designer students are studying for the HSC course. A busy but satisfying day was had by all. Students went home buzzing with ideas.

March 13 was a busy day for Creative Arts students, year 10 and 11 Visual Art went along to view the Rudy Rahme exhibition at the Bcharee hall and were extremely lucky to have the artist himself speak to them. Rudy Rahme's sculptural work is beautiful, elegant, sleek and detailed, worked in materials such as bronze, marble and mixed media. Our students need to see where their subjects can take them in life and having such a talented and successful international artist from their home country speak to them about his work and his journey, makes learning real.

Each year we enter work by our students into the Clancy prize for Religious Art. This year we have received wonderful news that the work by Michael Yousef from the Visual Art class of 2018, has received an award. This is a magnificent accomplishment again and adds to our list of winners for this prestigious award along with a year 8 collaborate award in 2016, Celine Azzi 2017 and Stephanie Azzi who have Clancy Prize awards.

The Bankstown TAP or Talent Advancement Program is a wonderful initiative of the Canterbury Bankstown Council. This year we have six students chosen to be part of the program. They are Cleah Ayoub, Antonia Chahine Charbel Chahine, Reine Nader, Celine Najem and Tia Najem. The program provides training and wonderful performance opportunities to allow the students to develop their musical talent.

Thank you to my creative team of teachers who continually strive to bring out the personal best in their students and for our school.



Secondary Student Life

The Year 9 students had their Spirituality Day last week, where they worked with St. Vincent De Paul to explore the Christian message of helping and loving others. The students learned how they can help those in most need in our society, and showed this by helping the homeless during this Great Season of Lent.

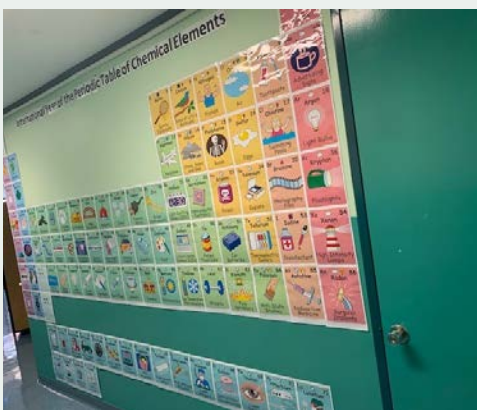


Secondary Science

The year 12 Investigating Science class have been tasked with investigating the product claim of 'flushable wipes'. The students collaborated to design and conduct a valid scientific investigation. The results were so shocking that the class felt that the St Charbel's College community should be notified.

Two products that claimed to be 'flushable' were tested, along with toilet paper, baby wipes and tissue paper. Each product was then exposed to a treatment that was similar to flushing. As seen from the image, toilet paper was the only product that broke down. Both brands that claim to be flushable showed very slight break down at the edges, baby wipes remained completely in tact and surprisingly, so did tissue paper.

This false advertising claim has had devastating effects to household sewage systems and to wastewater treatment systems around Australia. So what's the bottom line? Don't flush anything other than toilet paper down the toilet!



The United Nations has declared that 2019 is the 'International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements'. To celebrate, the Science team constructed a giant periodic table in the Science corridor.

Year 9 PC

Senior Constable Danny McManus, the Bankstown Community Liaison Officer, presented important information about cyber and social media safety to Year 9 in their Pastoral Care session. This is probably the top issue facing young people today, and we greatly valued his time regarding how our students can keep themselves safe online.



CBSA Chess Tournament

On the 7th of March 2019, St Charbel's College held the CBSA chess tournament. It was a time of strategy and patience. We had a jovial time with schools. As well as competing against our friends. The best thing about today was extending our strategical and mental ability for playing chess as well as competing against our friends. Not to mention the new friends we made.

Elize Kairouz

As a new student to Saint Charbel's College I was proud to represent my College for the first time in a chess tournament with other schools. I also enjoyed playing chess and making new friends. The chess tournament was a great experience and I can't wait for next year. I would also like to congratulate the senior girls for making the semifinals.

Khalil Moujalli





NSW Business Chamber Luncheon

A couple weeks ago, four Year 12 Business Studies students were invited to attend a luncheon being hosted by the NSW Business Chamber, where our current Premier the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian, presented various members of the business community. We were one of only 2 schools that were invited to the event. We were also able to meet a parent of the College, Mr Wally Mehanna, who is the CEO of the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce. The students had the following to say about the event and their experience.

"The NSW Business Chamber Event was a valuable and informative experience, providing us with access to, and connectivity with, government representatives, thought leaders and other corporate executives. Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian, provided great insight into the main objectives of the Liberal Party, as well as the background economic and business strategies and processes surrounding the government. Her conversation with us also demonstrated her interest in education, as she emphasised on the importance of working hard towards achieving our best potential. I am very grateful for this experience, particularly since it further deepened my interest in Business and broadened my understanding of the roles of the government in our political landscape."

Jennifer Harb

Attending the luncheon with the Premier of the NSW Business Chamber was an amazing opportunity which allowed us to gain an insight on the potential career options and countless initiatives within the business industry. We were warmly welcomed by Gladys herself, as well as, many other professionals within the business sector. It was certainly a memorable experience which has guided us for future developments and achievements.

Rachelle Dagher

We would like to thanks Mr Damian Kelly for extending the invitation to the College and providing our students with a fantastic opportunity.



Secondary Arabic

أهالينا الكرام وطلابنا الأعزاء

نحن على وشك الإنتهاء من الفصل الدَّرَاسي الأول والذي نأمل أن يكون جميع التلاميذة قد حَقَّقوا فيه أهدافهم العِلْمِيَّة والتَّربويَّة. إِنَّا نُذَكِّرُ بأنَّ جميع طُلَّاب اللغة العربيَّة في صفوف السَّابع والثامن والتَّاسع والعاشر، قد خضعوا لإمتحانٍ في الإستماع وأرسلنا معهم أوراق الإمتحان مُصَحَّحة ، فالرَّجاء الإِطْلَاع عليها وإعادتها مُرفَّقة بتوقيعيكم. أمَّا طُلَّاب الصَّف الحادي والثَّاني عشر فما زالوا يتحضَّرون لإمتحانات نصف السَّنة التي ستجري في الأسبوعين الأخيرين من هذا الفصل. فنطلب من الأهالي الكرام أن يُساعدوا أولادهم بتهيئة مناخ دراسيٍّ سليم لهم كَمَا أَنَّا نُعَلِّمُكم بأنَّ كتاب اللغة العربيَّة في الصَّف السَّابع. سيكون أيضاً للصَّف الثامن في السَّنة القادِمة، لِذَلِكَ على أولادِكم المحافظة عليه بطريقة جيِّدة إذ أَنَّهُ سيكون من الصَّعب الحصول على نسخة بديلة في حال فُقْدَانِه، لِإِنَّ الأعداد محدودة

أساتذة اللغة العربيَّة في الصُّفوف الثانويَّة يتمنُّون لكم فصْحاً مجيداً وعطلة سعيد.



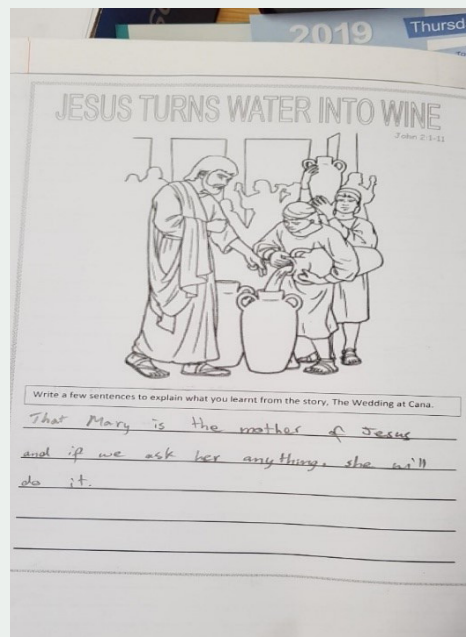
Director of Primary



The Primary students all wore green, brown and red clothing last Tuesday in honour of St Patrick, St Joseph and St Rafqa's Feast days. Religion lessons in the classroom focussed on the life and values of the saints and how they influence us today.

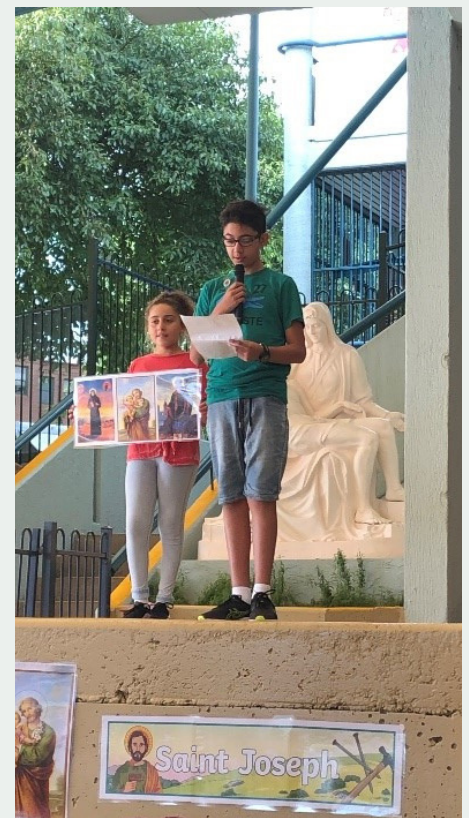
The Poetry Recitation Competition Grand Final was held this week. Congratulations to the grand finalists and the winners of their stage! All students are to be commended for learning a poem to recite from memory. It's important to remind students that not everyone can be a winner and that what is important is whether they achieved a personal goal, e.g. to improve from last year, be able to recite a more difficult poem etc.

The school has recently introduced morning circuit training before school. Various exercises are done at exercise stations around the playground and all students are welcome to join in. Each exercise is overseen by a Yr 6 student who is trained in the exercise. They wear black Ninja Masters vests so they are easily recognisable to the students. The initiative has been a great success with students enjoying the opportunity to get some exercise in the mornings.



The new school vegetable and fruit garden is getting nearer to reality. Bunnings has donated hundreds of dollars' worth of gardening tools and supplies. Mrs Sharyn Casey, who is overseeing the project, is going to organise a parent working bee which will take place after Mass one Sunday in a few weeks. The aim of the working bee is to organise the garden beds and fill them with soil. Any parent who would like to help can contact Mrs Casey via info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au

Interim Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 11 April. A note went home recently outlining how to make a booking. Bookings can be made from Thursday 4 April. Please keep in mind that these are brief interviews – more comprehensive interviews will be held in Term 2 – so if you want to raise serious concerns with your child's teacher then you would be best to make an appointment to meet with them at another time because staff will not be able to accommodate for lengthy discussions on the evening.

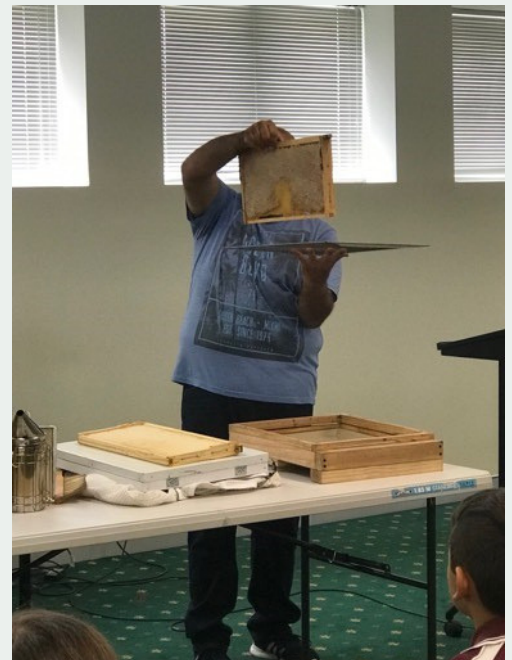


Primary News

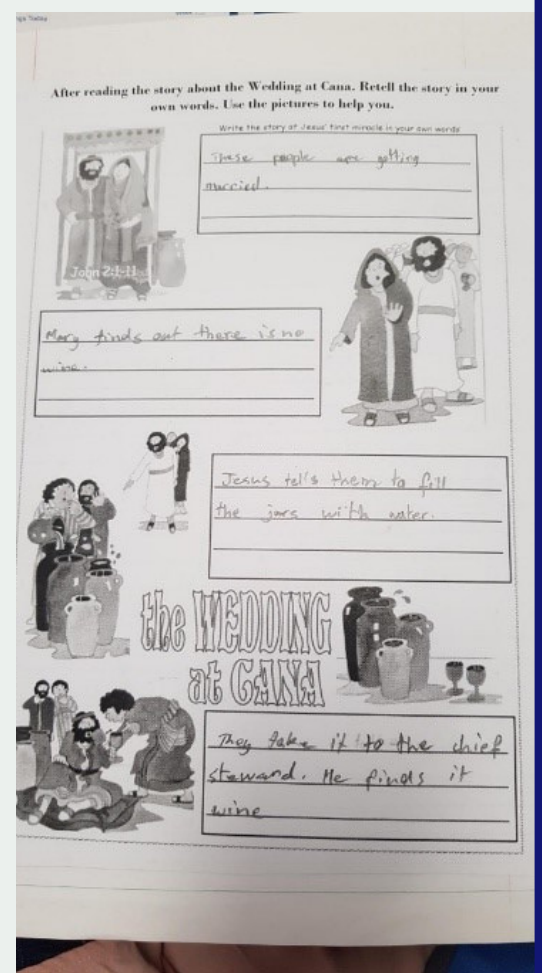
The end of Term 1 is fast approaching and the students in Year 4 have come to the conclusion of a very interesting and exciting unit of Science. Our Bee's Knee's program has provided the students with an opportunity to learn about the important job that bees have in pollinating all of our fresh fruits and vegetables, and of course, the way that bees go about making our delicious honey!

As part of our studies, we were very grateful to receive a visit from Mr. Chayna, a St. Charbel's parent and a local bee keeper. Mr. Chayna explained the process of setting up a bee hive and showed students the tools and equipment that he uses to keep his bees safe and healthy. We were even lucky enough to each receive a little pot of golden honey from Mr. Chayna's very own bees!

At the end of this unit, students were required to create their very own bee hotel – a resting place for bees that will attract them to our own gardens and encourage them to pollinate the flowers we have at home. We learnt that bees are attracted to bright colours and they like small places to crawl into for rest and protection. You will see that this is what the students have used to help create their bee hotels. The students enjoyed the opportunity to be creative in their design and construction of their bee hotels. And it is great to hear that many students are reporting a higher number of bees within their own gardens at home as a result. If you would like to know more about creating your own bee hotel at home, just ask one of our expert Year 4 students!



Religion in the Primary



Religion in the Primary



Year 3 News

This term, Year 3 students were privileged to take a step back in time and see how schools and learning have changed over time. They visited the NSW Schoolhouse Museum of Public Education and had the opportunity to participate in activities that students from as far back as 1880 would have completed. Maypole dancing, wand drills, woodwork, twisted threads and maths lessons were just some of the fantastic activities students had a chance to engage with.



After School Kikoff Program

On Tuesday afternoons, the Primary students have been attending their soccer sessions, run by the coaches from Kikoff. There has been a great turn out and the students are enjoying themselves, whilst learning new skills.

Although the sessions are fully booked, keep an eye out for any registration updates!



Library News

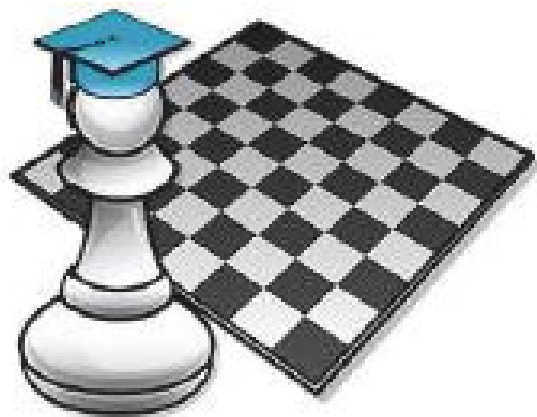
March has been a busy month in the library. We have celebrated the Feast Days of Saint Joseph, Saint Rafqa and Saint Patrick. The children created beautiful pictures of the Saints which have perhaps made their way to your fridge at home.

We also celebrated Harmony Day this month and the message that we all belong together in God's wonderful family.

Mrs Golz has been very creative with the library cabinet displays and this month's theme of dinosaurs is proving very popular. We encourage the students to borrow from both our fiction and non-fiction collections. Many of our primary students have a great interest in learning about the animal world. We always enjoy listening to the fascinating facts they have read in books from our library collection.



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Learn Chess from a professional coach!

- Places still available for our Friday lunch time chess classes here in the school.
- Our classes are a combination of learning new strategies and playing games to practice those strategies. Great for developing concentration, memory and creative thinking while having fun!
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PROTECT US,
MAY THE WORD OF GOD
DIRECT US.

- SAINT PATRICK

Important Announcements

2020 Kindergarten and Year 7 Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 and Year 7 are now open until Friday 5 April 2019.

Please call St Charbel's College for more details.

يعلن معهد مار شربل عن بدء قبول طلبات والصف السابع Kindy التسجيل لصف الحضانة للعام 2020، من الآن وحتى 12 نيسان 2019. للمزيد من المعلومات الرجاء الاتصال بمعهد مار شربل.

REMINDERS

- Students must arrive to school no later than 8:25am
- Students are not to leave school before 3:10pm and early leave must be with permission granted by Year or Stage Coordinators. Exceptional circumstances require a note from parents.
- Ensure correct uniforms are worn
- Boys to have regulation haircuts
- No coloured bands to be worn around necks or on wrists
- Years 3-12 students to have their diaries signed when required
- Parents to make appointments to speak to teachers.
- Playground supervision starts 8am and ends 3:30pm.

Upcoming Events - April

Tue 2 College Open Tour Day (bookings only)

Fri 5 2020 Enrolment Applications Due

Wed 10 Primary Athletics Carnival
Secondary Interim Report Interviews

Thu 11 Primary Interim Report Interview
Last Day of Term 1

15-26 School Holidays

Sun 14 Palm Sunday

Thu 18 Holy Thursday

Fri 19 Good Friday

Sun 21 Easter Sunday

Mon 22 Easter Monday

Thu 25 ANZAC Day

Mon 29 Students Commence Term 2

Counsellor News

40+ questions to ask your kids after school instead of

“How was your day?”

What made you smile today?	Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
Does everyone have a friend at recess?	Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
What was the book about that your teacher read?	Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
What did you do that was creative?	What is the most popular game at recess?
Did you help anyone today?	What was the best thing that happened today?
Did you tell anyone “thank you?”	Who did you sit with at lunch?
What made you laugh?	Did you learn something you didn’t understand?
Who inspired you today?	What was your least favourite part of the day?
Was anyone in your class gone today?	What is something you heard that surprised you?
Who did you play with today?	What is something you saw that made you think?
Tell me something you know today that you didn’t know yesterday.	What is something that challenged you?
Did you like your lunch?	Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
Did anyone get in trouble today?	How were you brave today?
Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).	What questions did you ask at school today?
What are you looking forward to tomorrow?	What are you reading?
What was the hardest rule to follow today?	Teach me something I don’t know.
If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?	What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
(For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?” or, “Is there anything on your mind that you’d like to talk about?” (The key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)	Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
What made you feel happy?	What made you feel proud?
Did you learn any new words today?	What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?	If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

Counsellor News



eSafety Commissioner

FRIDAY 8:24 PM

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**Don't tell
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or dad.**

Talk to your kids before a stranger does.

No matter what their age, if your kids are online, now's the time to talk about online safety.

It can be hard to know how and when to talk to kids about staying safe online. While they might know a lot about technology, they don't always know as much as you do about life.

To better understand the issues and start the conversation, you need the right tools, tips and advice. Through our eSafety website, you can learn how to talk to your kids about cyberbullying, online predators, sexting, and other inappropriate content.

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