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Information for parents regarding Netflix series - 13 Reasons Why

Some of you may be aware of the Netflix series 13 Reasons Why and the criticism surrounding the series.

Since the series was released in March, many organisations and medical professionals have raised concerns over the content as the series does not meet the national media guidelines.

The content is extremely graphic, with disturbing scenes related to sexual assault, bullying, drug use and suicide, which may be difficult for impressionable minds to watch and process in a healthy way.

DECD does not recommend that students watch this series as it conveys unhelpful and dangerous messages, no references are made to seeking help and children and young people may start to identify with the characters.

It is essential as a parent to have open and honest conversations with your child particularly if they express an interest in the series.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren's wellbeing, more information on this topic can be found at

<https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Resource-library/Family-and-friends/Information-for-parents-and-carers-FAF-web.pdf> or you may like to contact a helpline

Kids helpline: 1800 55 1800

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Headspace <https://eheadspace.org.au/>

Chatting with students at school

Sometimes issues occur between students at school that (as a parent) we would prefer to resolve ourselves with the other child. But, DECD expectations are quite clear that parents (or any other adult) cannot speak to students to resolve issues, challenge behaviour, threaten or intimidate a student in the school grounds.

Recently, we have had a couple of situations where a parent has confronted a student in the school grounds. Sometimes these discussions have taken place after a parent has only heard one side of the story or, there's more to the story.

If you have an issue with a student at our school then please either talk to that child's parent or, get in contact with school staff to assist. We will then investigate the concern and deal with the situation as required.