

August 9, 2023

Dear Families,

Students at Penola Catholic College regularly participate in Pastoral programs as part of our commitment to wellbeing and developing a whole person. In 2023, year 9's pastoral program has included session base around the Resilience Project, Careers advice and guest speakers on important topics that are relevant to this age group. Coming up in our program on Friday August 18, 2023 we will host a guest speaker from the Pat Cronin Foundation.

The Pat Cronin Foundation has been set up to educate and encourage young people to make wise decisions when out with friends in social settings. The Be Wise presentation asks young people to consider risk, choices and consequences, promoting young people to take positive steps to enjoy their social events. We believe the students have found the presentation useful in the past and benefited their social and emotional development.

Please note that the presentation will include a focus on the importance of stopping violence in society and ending the coward punch. Support can be offered by the College by our counselling team for students who may need debriefing or follow up support.

If you have any questions about the presentation, please contact Mrs Jones or Mr Bell-Warren.

You can also find out more information about the Pat Cronin Foundation from their website https://patcroninfoundation.org.au/ to gain further understanding of the presentation.

Your sincerely,

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