## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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We endeavour to keep any variations to the Calendar to a minimum.

Please review the Calendar each Newsletter to stay abreast of any possible variations.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

This term we are focusing on the 3A’s at Moranbah State High School - Appearance, Attitude and Attendance. The concept of attitude has brought about a review of the current mobile phone policy as a result of continued reflection about its success to date.

Parents will have received information regarding the review of the policy when they received their child’s Term 1 Interim report. We also advertised information about the survey being used to provide feedback via the Week 2 newsletter and our school Facebook page. Students were notified of the policy through student notices, with the link also being provided in the letter with report cards.

The survey data from staff, students and parents shows some very common threads regarding a reflection on the success of the policy and support for a review of the policy for Semester 2. A summary of the data is provided below. Some key points to note:
• 82% of students who responded have access to a mobile phone while at school, but only 38% of students felt it important that they have access to it during school hours - 47% felt it important before school and 68% after school hours. There was a similar outcome from the parent survey, with the majority of parents feeling that it was more important for their child to have access to their phone before and after school.
• 88% of students have never felt subjected to bullying as a result of messages, calls or images sent or shared through a mobile device, nor did they feel pressured by their peers to bring a mobile phone to school. We feel that this is very positive feedback from students but know that this is a significant concern for parents, with 67% of parents who responded indicating that they are concerned about bullying via mobile devices.
• Over half of the students who responded felt that students use their mobile devices for activities that go against our current policy, such as accessing social media and using their device during class time without teacher permission.

Support for a review of the policy was evident in the staff and parent survey responses, with 63% of parents and 60% of staff showing support for a policy that restricts access to before and after school. As a school, we will be reviewing the feedback closely and working with the staff, P&C and Student Council to investigate alternate policy options. Any changes to the policy will commence in Semester 2, with notice provided to parents and students by the end of the term.

We would like to thank the students, parents and staff who took the time to respond to the survey and encourage parents who are interested in having greater input to attend our P&C Meeting being held on 16 June.

Miss Radford, Junior Secondary Deputy

TERM 2 ASSESSMENT CALENDARS

The Term 2 Assessment Calendars show when assessment items are due for submission and allow you to keep track of deadlines with your child. If you would like any further information on your child’s assessment schedule please contact the school office.

CLICK HERE for Yr 8 Assessment Calendar

CLICK HERE for Yr 9 Assessment Calendar

CLICK HERE for Yr 10 Assessment Calendar
CLICK HERE for Yr 11 Assessment Calendar

CLICK HERE for Yr 12 Assessment Calendar

NEWS AND EVENTS

MAKE EVERYDAY COUNT IN 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

SCHOOL BASED VACANCIES

AVAILABLE NOW !!!

CERTIFICATE III HOSPITALITY
(Commercial Cookery)

Please see Mrs Mawson to apply.

TUTOR NEEDED – JUNIOR MATHEMATICS

We have a family seeking a Mathematics Tutor for their Year 9 children. If you are interested in the position, please contact Miss Radford via the school on 4949 2111.

We often have families enquire about tutoring within the town. If you are available for tutoring, please contact the school. We are happy to refer families to you based on the subjects you are able to tutor, or advertise your vacancies via our newsletter.

HOMEWORK CLUB

MONDAY Afternoons - 3-4pm
Homework Club is an initiative put in place for students who may need a quiet space outside of school hours to complete homework or consult with a teacher regarding assessment.

Homework Club suits a range of students, including those who come from busy homes; students who may need additional help regarding homework completion; those without adequate technology to complete work; and even those students who just enjoy working in a quiet, supportive space.

Homework Club occurs **MONDAY** afternoons from 3-4pm in K16 & K18 and is monitored by a teacher who is there to ensure your child has access to facilities and advice in order to complete their homework or assessment. For more information, email Mr Jamon Bull at [jbull125@eq.edu.au](mailto:jbull125@eq.edu.au) or call the school on 4949 2111.

Mr Jamon Bull
Classroom Teacher (History/FPS)
Homework Club Coordinator
Year Level Coordinator (Year 10)

**ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH**

The RVOY speaking competition, which has been conducted by Australian Rostrum since 1975, is aimed at developing the communication skills of the youth of Australia. It provides the opportunity for our future leaders to practise their public speaking skills and for the community to recognise those with outstanding ability. It was Moranbah State High School’s pleasure to mentor and accompany three shining stars in our midst, to compete in our Central Highland competition.

Maddison Batchelor, Emily Mawson and Makala Barwick represented MSHS on the 1st of May. Our students had to choose from a series of topics and deliver a persuasive speech to three adjudicators. The competition was very stiff but Moranbah State High School reigned supreme with our own Emily Mawson winning our district final. Emily now goes on to compete in Rockhampton in the regional finals. We would like to congratulate Emily on her fantastic achievement.

I would like to congratulate all three girls for their efforts and acknowledge their amazing effort. Well done!
DO YOU MAKE THESE 5 MISTAKES PRAISING CHILDREN?

For most modern parents, praise is an important component in the toolkit for raising confident, successful kids.

But are you using it well? Are you using praise as effectively as possible?

Here are a few common ‘praise mistakes’ made by adults in their dealings with children, along with some alternative approaches:

Praise Mistake #1: Praising Ability rather than Effort

The research is very consistent on this: praising effort, not natural ability, is far more effective for building confidence and persistence.

In other words, praise the things that kids can control - not the things they have no control over.

This teaches them to persist and that improvement is possible when they make the effort. You want your child to learn that intelligence and ability are malleable rather than fixed. Then they will be motivated to keep pursuing real, lasting improvement over time.

Praise Mistake #2: Praising Results over Improvement

The evidence is also clear that parents who over-emphasise achievement are more likely to have kids with high levels of depression, anxiety and substance abuse.
Your focus should be on recognising improvement and your child's efforts to do their best. This will teach them that improvement is possible if they persist; it will encourage them to compete against themselves rather than others.

**Praise Mistake #3: Over-Praising - Leading to lack of Impact**

Common sense suggests that the more you praise the same thing over and over, the less impact that praise will have over time.

My suggestion is that you praise as a poker machine provides winnings. i.e. *intermittently*. In this way your praise will have the maximum effect.

**Praise Mistake #4: Praising what Kids Automatically Do Already**

Sometimes, we praise kids for activities that they are doing automatically, without conscious thought. For some kids, this might be keeping their room clean. For others, it might be helping with the washing up. It's fine to praise these things once in a while, but don't make doing so a habit. All you will achieve is to make this unconscious behaviour conscious, and after a while the praise will be expected.

It is better to show gratitude for tidiness or other automatic behaviours only ever so often. Instead, focus your praise on those behaviours that are less automatic, but that you would like to become habitual.

**Praise Mistake #5: Making Praise a very Public Thing**

There's nothing wrong with praising a child in front of their grandparents or other adults every now and then. It's great to see a kid puff their chest with pride!

However, constantly praising a child in public can have some interesting side effects including building greater dependency on the opinions of others, avoiding the taking of learning risks and a heightening of sibling competition.

I suggest that you make praise, encouragement and positive reinforcement a private matter between you and a child - at least most of the time. This will make these things more meaningful. Leave public praise to others - such as those grandparents.

**The Last Word**

I'll leave you with a final thought about praising correctly from Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman, authors of *NurtureShock: New Thinking about Raising Children*.

"The key is intermittent reinforcement. The brain has to learn that frustrating spells can be worked through. A person who grows up getting too frequent rewards will not have persistence, because they'll quit when the rewards disappear."

by Michael Grose, No 1 ParentingIdeas.
CAUTION! WORK IN PROGRESS

The adolescent brain operates in a construction zone subject to the odd industrial accident, says the author of a new book that helps parents deal with the fallout. Professor Dan Siegel explains all to Rachel Carlyle.

There are so many myths about adolescence, it’s little wonder parents dread the teenage years. Our culture sets it up as a war between the generations that both sides simply need to endure before some semblance of normality is restored around the age of 20. One of the most powerful myths is that it’s raging hormones that cause teenagers to be so maddening, but science has proved this to be false. Hormones do increase during adolescence but what teenagers experience is the result of profound changes in their brains.

From the ages of 12 to 24, the brain undergoes a complete remodelling: the way we think, remember, reason, focus attention, make decisions and relate to others all change in a burst of growth and maturation unmatched at any other time of life.

This development doesn’t end the moment teenagers celebrate their 20th birthday, as if something magical has happened, but continues into the mid-twenties. Adolescence lasts longer now than ever before: 100 years ago it began at 15 or 16 for girls (slightly later for boys), and within a few years they were taking on adult responsibilities, starting jobs and families. Now puberty comes earlier – for girls often before the teenage years – and adult responsibilities much later. There is a 10 or 12 year gap between childhood and adulthood, which is a long time to be on a war footing. The key is for parent and teenager to understand the brain changes and learn to navigate these years constructively.

CLICK HERE to read more...

JUNIOR SOCIAL

In Week 8 last term, we held our first Junior Social for the year. Our theme was ‘Cowboys and Indians’ as we endeavoured to raise money for the Buy a Bale Foundation, a charity dedicated to helping out our poor farmers during these hard times.

Mr Scotney took the theme to a new level, going all out with his cowboy costume on the night. The evening started with some lame jokes from our seniors, but soon
enough everyone was up and dancing to the “sick beats” being laid down by our own Mr Bull. As the night progressed, we moved into the most popular game of the night. The aim of the game was to shoot down three sets of cups with a nerf bullet. However, as the game progressed it turned into more of a competition as to who could hit the seniors.

At the end of the night everyone was sad to leave after having had such a good time.

Thanks to the Moranbah Workers Club for hosting us as well as providing the amazing catering.

We look forward to more junior socials like this in the future.

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**CHESS CLUB**

Chess Club is run by Mr Van Hees and Mr Brace, meets on **Wednesdays** at lunchtime.

We have 18 registered players and are attending a tournament in Emerald, on **30 May**

Recent Matches:

- Mr Prendergast 0 Vs Mr Van Hees 3
- Mr Prendergast 1 Vs Mr Brace 1
- Mr Brace 0 Vs Mr Van Hess 2

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**QUEENSLAND YOUTH STRATEGY**

**AMBASSADORS SOUGHT**

Six outstanding young people are sought to champion the Queensland Youth Strategy and help connect government and young people to share their views and ideas. The selected ambassadors will each receive a $1000 bursary for personal or professional development. Young people can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else before Monday, 02 June.

For further information or to nominate, visit the [Queensland Youth Strategy Ambassadors website](#).
CHAPPY'S NEWSLETTER

CLICK HERE to read

MRAEL eNEWSLETTER

MRAEL produce a quarterly eNewsletter to provide students, parents and teachers with information regard traineeships and apprenticeships. The link to the eNewsletter is listed below:


Phone: 1300 4 MRAEL (1300 467 235)
Website: www.mrael.com.au

MSHS is NOW on FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook at Moranbah State High School.
The official page features the school logo.

To protect the safety and integrity of the site, all posts are subject to approval.

If you have any questions please contact me at jbrow302@eq.edu.au

ATTENTION PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

If you have recently changed your contact details -

i.e. your home address, home phone number, mobile phone number, place of employment, work phone number, etc,
Please contact our office - 4949 2111 - as soon as possible, so that we can ensure our records are up-to-date.

COALFIELDS TRAINING EXCELLENCE CENTRE

Coalfields Training Excellence Centre offers high quality training facilities right here in the heart of the Coalfields.

~ Training rooms ~ Boardroom
~ Computer lab ~ Workshop
~ Full catering available

Please contact the Centre for more information.

175 Mills Avenue Moranbah
Ph: 07 4949 2151
Fax: 07 4949 2154
ctec@moranbahshs.eq.edu.au

MSHS P&C ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014 - 4:30PM

MSHS LIBRARY

- President - Lee Booth
- Vice President - Craig Miels
- Secretary - Jodie Cliffe
- Treasurer - Terri Barwick

EVERYBODY WELCOME !!!
MSHS PARENTS & CITIZENS Assoc

“Research shows that children perform better at school when their parents are involved in their education.”

Why join the P&C?
A lot can and has been achieved through the P&C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P&Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

What does a P&C do?
The P&C is about people – just like you – parents, care givers and community minded people who want to help their school. You work very closely with your school, building a stronger school community, where all children benefit.

How YOU can help! There are a number of ways to be involved:
+ Just by joining your P&C you add your voice to what's happening in the school;
+ Attend P&C meetings;
+ Tuckshop volunteer;
+ Committee member.

REMEMBER: The things YOU do make a Real difference!
- Join Your P&C -

ATTENTION!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

MSHS Tuckshop is a major fundraising initiative run by the P&C Assoc which provides an invaluable service to the students and staff of MSHS.

The Tuckshop relies heavily on volunteer support to maintain this service, and as you can see on the following Tuckshop Roster, WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Your assistance would be greatly appreciated - even if you can only help out a couple of hours a day, a week, a fortnight or a month.

Experience is not required!

You can even assist from home by writing on food bags and containers, tearing alfoil, etc.

If you are interested in lending a hand, or would like further information, please contact our Tuckshop Convenor, Sharon Dempster on 4949 2139.

Every little bit helps!

THE COMMUNITY

WANT HARRISON CRAIG TO VISIT YOUR SCHOOL?

KIDS’ WB IS GIVING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A VISIT FROM HARRISON CRAIG, THANKS TO HIS NEW ALBUM ‘LOVE’. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS CREATE A VIDEO OF UP TO 2 MINUTES TELLING US WHY HE SHOULD VISIT YOUR SCHOOL.

TUNE INTO KIDS’ WB FOR MORE DETAILS AND WEEKLY PRIZES

MON - FRI 4-5pm
SATURDAYS 7-11am
SUNDAYS 7-11am

WWW.KIDSWB.COM.AU

OUT NOW!
WELCOME TO MORANBAH

Welcome to Moranbah
New Residents Morning Tea

Moranbah and District Support Services would like to invite all new residents to a Welcome to Moranbah Morning Tea. It is an opportunity to meet other new residents, receive a Welcome Pack, and find out more information about Moranbah and the surrounding region. Come along and go into the draw for a Moranbah Community Workers Club Voucher.

When: 3 June 2014
Where: Moranbah Community Workers Club (Mills Avenue)
Time: 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Marilyn at Moranbah and District Support Service on (07) 4941 5164.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

ST LAWRENCE WETLANDS WEEKEND
Saturday 31 May 2014
St Lawrence Recreation Grounds

St Lawrence wetlands weekend

FREE EVENT

Come along to a family friendly eco-festival with plenty to do, see, taste and learn

- Camp oven cooking by the Bait Layers – twice national champion camp oven cooks
- Wetlands tours including bird watching
- Art workshops for kids and adults
- Camp oven cooking demonstrations
- Fresh local produce (prawns, mud crabs)
- Market and information stands
- Outdoor cinema (Finding Nemo)
- Bushman’s Dinner
- Free camping and caravan facilities onsite and close by
- Live entertainment by bush band, Hullabaloo

Purchase your ticket for the scrumptious camp-oven cooked three course Bushman’s Dinner, $30 per person. Children under 12 years eat free. To purchase call 1300 ISAACS (472 227).

For all details go to
Bushman's Dinner
Three courses cooked by twice national winning camp oven cooks, The Bait Layers

Camp Oven Menu

Entrée:
Pumpkin soup or pea and ham soup

Main Course:
Roast beef or roast chicken with gravy roast potatoes, roast pumpkin, honeyed carrots, peas and sweet corn on the cob served with a slice of freshly baked damper

Dessert:
Sticky date pudding with caramel sauce or apple crumble both served with homemade custard

Billy tea and coffee, endless cups.

$30 per head
children under 12 years eat FREE

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For all details go to
**Colours of Isaac**  
Photography Competition 2014

**Are you a keen photographer?**
The Colours of Isaac photography competition is open to people of all ages to show off their love for photography by capturing the Isaac region within a theme each year. Winners take home great prizes awarded at the St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend.

**2014 Theme:**  
**Isaac inspires me because...**
Amateur photographers should submit photos which evoke a sense of wonder capturing an aspect of the Isaac region which inspires them.

**Open now until Monday 19 May 2014**

**Categories:**
- Primary (12 yrs & under)
- Secondary (13-17 yrs)
- Open (18+ yrs)

**To Enter:**
Submit your photo as a 8x12 print and on a CD with your completed entry form to: Attn: Emily Fry  
Colours of Isaac Photo Competition, P.O. Box 97, Moranbah, QLD, 4744.

**Judging:**
Will take place at the St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend 31 May 2014.

**Prizes:**
Primary and Secondary categories win a white HERO3 GoPro.
The Open category wins a $500 gift voucher. Runners-up also get prizes.


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**CHARITY GOLF DAY**
LOCAL BUYING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Are you a small business in MORANBAH, DYSART or NEBO?

Do you need a WEBSITE?

The Local Buying Community Foundation invites interested small businesses to participate in a one of two initiatives designed to help small business design and develop their website.

CLICK HERE for more information
MORANBAH RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

OPENING HOUR CHANGES

Opening hours at Moranbah's Resource Recovery Centre will change from Thursday, 01 May 2014 as council aims to streamline Moranbah's Resource Recovery Centre to deliver a more cost effective service to you as a resident and ratepayer.

The new opening hours will be trialled for six (6) months following a decision passed at Council's Ordinary Meeting in February 2014.

From Thursday, 01 May 2014, Moranbah's Resource Recovery Centre new opening hours will be:

- Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 3:00pm

The Moranbah Resource Recovery Centre is accessed via Thorpe Street off Geoonyella Road, Moranbah. Please help reduce landfill by reusing, recycling and separating waste before disposal.

Moranbah Recycle Shop opening hours will remain the same:

- Wednesday to Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm
- Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm

We encourage you to provide feedback about the change in opening hours during the trial period in writing, by emailing records@isaac.qld.gov.au or posting feedback to The Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 97, Moranbah Qld 4744.

For any further queries please call 1300 ISAACS (472 227) or for more information, visit www.isaac.qld.gov.au/resource-recovery-facilities

QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7-13 September 2014
At Community Training Australia we offer Nationally Accredited training programs designed to be dynamic and life changing. Our passion is to see people’s lives change through our training.

Whether its gaining great employment, personal healing & self esteem or being inspired to make a difference to your community at CTA we get excited to be part of your journey.

Now Offering:

- Diploma of Counselling (CHC51712)
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health) (CHC50412)
- Diploma of Community Services (Case Management) (CHC52008)
- Diploma of Youth Work (CHC50413)
It doesn’t matter where you are located in Australia, you are able to study at our Malanda Campus (QLD) (via a mix mode of distance and in class) and we are one of the only training organisations that have VET FEE Help available to our students. This means any costs incurred – both travel, accommodation and tuition fees are covered by the Government.

So what are you waiting for? Ring our friendly team today for more information!

Ph: 0740 966 590 or email emma@cta.com.au www.cta.com.au

"STAR" - Students At Risk

Moranbah & District Support Services (MDSS)

The Goal of STAR is to provide all students with an equal opportunity to engage in a well-balanced educational experience.

Any family in financial need may inquire about funding through STAR at the Moranbah & District Support Services located at 92 Mills Avenue, Moranbah.

Funding is provided for families who seek assistance for:

- Books and stationary
- School uniforms
- School fees
- School excursions
- Arts Council events
- Year or Subject camps
- And more....

STAR is not a funded program and relies solely on donations.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Community & Individual Support Worker via phone: 4941 5164 or email: ciswmdss@moranbah.net.au

MDSS is a public benevolent institution and all donations are tax deductible.

THE FEED
A new Student discount app, known as the Feed is now available for download on both the app and android store.

The Feed, brings students a range of discounts from the region and is FREE to download. Download today to receive discounts at gyms, restaurants, mechanical, medical and a range of other local businesses. Go to www.studymackay.com.au to download.

The Feed is proudly sponsored by Study Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday and BMC.

For businesses wanting to find out how they can post their promotions to the app, email info@studymackay.com.au; head to www.studymackay.com.au for more information or call 4953 2655.

NATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS OF AUSTRALIA (NARGA) Inc

Can you temporarily open your home and your heart to a pet in need?

Are you looking for good company and a heart-rewarding experience?

We won’t ask for a loan or to borrow the car! We won’t stay out late and worry you!

We are free, all our costs are covered we will offer you lots of cuddles and kisses. We will only ask for a warm safe home until we find our forever home.

We would be forever thankful for your part in saving our lives. We come in all shapes and sizes and we make great company and really need your help.

If you can help us please email our person narga.nfdc@gmail.com and she will send you some information. Thanks!

Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

SUPPORT MORANBAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL !!!

High Country Enterprises Community Support Program
When you shop at High Country Enterprises don’t forget to write ‘MSHS’ on the back of your Hardware or Garden Centre sales docket and drop into one of the entry boxes located in store.

For every dollar you spend at High Country Enterprises, they will donate a percentage of their sales, to our school – as long as you remember to write ‘MSHS’ on the back of your docket...

What a way to support your local community!!

MSHS would like to take this opportunity to thank High Country Enterprises for their past generosity and continued support of our great school!

FOSTER CARER

Foster carers are as different as the young lives they transform.

Churches of Christ Care Pathways support their carers with training, advice and access to local resources to enable them to provide the best home environment for the children and young people in their care.

Contact us for a foster care information pack.

Churches of Christ Care Pathways
4953 5097
carepathwaysqld.com.au

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters.

We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE PARTY SAFE PROGRAM
Everyone enjoys going to or hosting a great party. For young people it is certainly a part of growing up and celebrating special occasions with friends.

The Queensland Police Service Party Safe program allows you to register your party with local police. Registering your party gives police the opportunity to supply you with some great advice and resources to help you organise a safe and lawful party. It also ensures that, if things do go wrong on the night, police have the information necessary to effectively deal with issues.

To find out more about Party Safe, and for some great ideas to help make your party safe, lawful and enjoyable for everyone concerned, including parents, hosts and guests, go to www.police.qld.gov.au/party.

"PARTY SAFE" FOR PARENTS

Everyone wants to enjoy themselves at a party and have a night out they will remember for all the right reasons. The following information contains strategies to help parents and guardians equip their children with the information they need to enjoy a safe party experience.

Inform yourself, speak with the party host and find out:

- How many people will be attending the party?
- Who and how many people will be supervising the party?
- Will alcohol be available at the party, and if so, how will it be managed?
- Will food be available at the party?
- What time is the party expected to finish?
- Will the party be registered with the police?
- Get the phone number of the house where the party is being held of the mobile phone number of the host.

** Reach an agreement with your child about how they will be getting home and who might accompany them home. Discourage them from walking home alone.

** Discuss what they should do if there are unexpected delays or problems with getting home, including how they might contact you to let you know of the delay or problem.

** Let your child know that you are prepared to go and pick them up. Whilst this may be inconvenient, it can reduce the risk of assault and other problems.

** Talk to your child about how to have a good time at a party without coming to harm and reinforce with them that they can enjoy themselves without alcohol or other drugs.
** Discuss backup plans should the party get out-of-control, and the importance of following any directions given to them by a police officer. It is an offence not to comply with the directions of a police officer, and if charged and convicted, could see your child facing a significant fine or imprisonment. Encourage a strong sense of responsibility in your child to do the right thing and look after themselves and their friends. For example, your child could facilitate an early and safe exit for a friend who is intoxicated.

** Remember, it is an offence to supply alcohol to a person under 18 in a public place. If you are caught supplying alcohol to any minor in a public place, you could be slapped with an on-the-spot-fine or have to attend court, where maximum penalties can apply.

If is an offence to supply alcohol to a person under 18 on private property unless you are a responsible adult for the minor (i.e. a parent, step-parent, guardian or adult who has parental rights and responsibilities for the minor) and are responsibly supervising the minor. If police are called to a party and see the irresponsible supply of alcohol to a minor, police may seize all alcohol, and if you supplied the alcohol, you could face charges in court and a significant fine.

** Talk to your child about the standard of behaviour you expect from them at the party. If your child becomes involved in any out-of-control conduct that causes or contributes to a party becoming out of control, they could be committing an offence and could face a significant fine or imprisonment. They could also be ordered by the court to contribute to an costs incurred by police in responding to the out-of-control party, and if your child is unable to pay the costs, you (as their parent) or guardian, could be called upon to pay.

** Actively monitor your child and what they are doing.

** Discuss what your child should do if they are asked by the party host or organiser to leave the party. If it happens, they should leave immediately without incident.

** It is generally illegal to drink alcohol in a public place (including a park or beach) and if found drinking in public, you could be fined or have to attend court. It is also illegal for a minor - under 18 years of age - to possess or consume alcohol in a public place - it is even illegal for a minor to carry a bottle of wine for you across the road.


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~ Michelle - Mother of Victoria, semester program to Italy

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