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Dear Families

At Sackville we are dedicated to ensuring that all students receive high-quality, age-appropriate education on relationships, sex, and health to help them navigate their lives with confidence, respect, and care for others.

As part of our commitment, we have partnered with Talk Consent, <https://talkconsent.org/> a reputable organization with extensive experience delivering education on consent and preventing sexual violence to young people across the country.

About the Workshops

Talk Consent will provide assemblies for students in Years 8 and 10 on Wednesday 23 April 2025. These sessions are carefully tailored to be appropriate for the students' age. The content is grounded in the reality of students' lives and presented in a relatable and sensitive manner.

What Will Be Covered

The content of the sessions varies by year group to reflect age-appropriate learning objectives. Younger students will focus on understanding boundaries, respect, and the basics of consent, while older students will engage in more nuanced discussions about positive relationships, handling complex situations, and staying safe in both physical and online interactions.

Below is a brief summary of what will be delivered:

Year 8 Consent Assembly

For Year 8 the focus is mostly on helping students understand boundaries and how consent relates to that. There is some discussion of consent in age-relevant relationship scenarios and of sexual harassment.

The session covers:

- How to assertively uphold our boundaries, when it can be difficult to do so and how we can respect others' boundaries.
- The meaning of consent, both legally and in reality.
- Age-appropriate discussion of how to understand the presence of absence of consent through verbal and non-verbal communication. Understanding what sexual harassment means and what kind of language is acceptable versus unacceptable.

Year 10 Consent Assembly

At this age more people will be engaging in or thinking about relationships and around two thirds of students will have viewed pornography. It is important to go into more depth on consent and provide students the space to ask questions and discuss. The session covers:

- The importance of aiming for positive and enthusiastic consent and what that means.
- A discussion of the impact sexual violence can have on victims.
- What causes grey areas and confusion in relationships or sexual situations and how to manage those to ensure everyone is safe, healthy and respected.

These sessions will be followed up afterwards by a session led by form tutors in students' normal Learning for Life session.

Many thanks

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