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Dear Parents and Caregivers

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - GENERATED WRITING TOOLS

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been much in the headlines recently after the debut of ChatGPT and others 'chatbots'.

We are aware that some students on the Duncan Street campus have been making use of online writing tools like Chat GPT to complete assessments assigned to process work away from the classroom. These tasks provide students with opportunities to engage in the important process of drafting, editing and refining their responses before submission.

When students bypass this process by using online content as a substitute for their own work, they forgo the opportunity to develop their skills. It also gives an inaccurate impression of their progress potentially influencing the specific feedback they receive about how to improve.

The College uses online detection tools to validate students' work combined with their own knowledge of a student's skill level.

Students are consistently reminded about clear consequences of submitting material that is not their own. As outlined in the *College Assessment Policy*, this is a form of plagiarism which attracts a penalty adversely impacting on a student's mark for a particular task.

The place of AI in education is complex, and here now. From the pen to the Internet, innovations in education have always been met with rigorous evaluation. As such, the College continues to evaluate the potential educational risks and/or benefits associated with AI technologies and how these could be managed in the school context. While justifiable concerns about the safety and the accuracy of content and the ethics of AI generated writing have been raised, we also need to discern if or how AI technologies can be used as another educational tool in a planned, purposeful and ethical manner. However, despite these complexities, there is one thing on which we should all agree: AI is here, and we just can't just ignore it because our young people will certainly be exploring them, whether within or outside the school environment.

With regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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