Social Networking and Student Safety

The tragic event of last week arising from a teenager’s use of a social website provokes me to urge parents to ask of our boys, “Who are you friending on Facebook? What are our children really texting to their friends and classmates? How much online time is too much?”

The advice from experts is that too often parents who are misinformed about the social web (willfully or otherwise) will shut their sons and daughters out of it completely, only to find they are logging in another way or another place anyway. Perhaps if you are not taking an active role in your child’s online life, you may be missing important opportunities to ensure they are on the path toward “digital citizenship” and protected from inappropriate content and people?

For students, social media can no longer be dismissed as a time-waster or distraction. The networks children use to rate their friends and comment on photos will eventually become their core business tools and career prerequisites. Those who do not learn to use them responsibly will face a severe disadvantage. So how do you grant children the freedom to explore while still keeping an eye on their safety?

“Parents can’t just decide to keep their kids at a distance from all of this. There’s no way to opt out,” said Melissa Rayworth, a freelance writer who tackles parenting and digital issues for the Associated Press, Babble.com and other media outlets. “Parents need to learn about the sites and devices their kids want to use, and then set strong boundaries. If you don’t know what something is or what it’s about, dive in and start using it. If [parents] engage and have their own experiences on Facebook, LinkedIn [etc], they will better understand the attraction, the possibilities, and the issues that their teenagers face,” said Sue Blaney, author, speaker, and teen parenting blogger at PleaseStopTheRollercoaster.com. “Parents should guide their teens through the privacy settings on Facebook and all other social networks on which they participate,” said Blaney. “Make no assumptions here. Instead, invest the time so you can make informed and considered choices about privacy.”

One important step, especially when it comes to younger children, is to set up their social media accounts with them. They will no doubt have more than one account. Being a part of the sign-up process from day one will establish you as the gatekeeper of social media, and not a barrier for your children to inevitably circumvent.

“How your teenager show you around the web. Be a ‘curious tourist’ in your teen’s digital world,” Blaney continued. “Ask your son to show you his favorite games, sites, videos or activities. This can be a pleasant way to engage with your teenager.”

Safety and Privacy Safety and privacy are probably the two biggest concerns of parents when it comes to social media. While there are some software and profile setting solutions, your greatest asset here is likely education. Because social media has become such an integral part of our daily lives, the time has come to merge “online” and “real-world” pursuits of common sense into an educational package for kids. We need to teach them as they grow up that ‘stranger danger’ exists in the virtual world, as well as the real one — whether it’s the weirdo in our local park or a weirdo following you on Foursquare,” said Giarrusso. “We also need to constantly be hitting home, ‘think before you act online.’ The repercussions can stay with you and be devastating.”

“Our sons may not be up for a boring web safety lecture from mother or father, but there are some more ‘edutaining’ resources out there, like the popular Disney Channel cartoon Phineas and Ferb. One overarching tenet sons should take away is, if you wouldn’t do it in real life, don’t do it online.”

To educate students about the pitfalls and problems of the Internet The Hutchins School is active in teaching students how to behave online, assistance from home is always appreciated and doubles the success of our efforts. Try this: Identity – How you present yourself online; Privacy – The world can see everything you write; Ownership – The issue of plagiarism and reproducing creative work; Credibility – Knowing which sources of information are legitimate; Community – Interacting with others. (from “Teaching About the Web, and Its Troublesome Parts” by Stephanie Clifford in The New York Times, April 10, 2010)

Warwick Dean
Headmaster

From Rev Matt

“Nail your Colours to the Mast”

This old expression refers to a ship in battle. If you wished to surrender, you would lower your flag (the “colours”) - so to nail them to the mast means that you will never surrender – you will fight to the last.

In contemporary life, ‘nailing my colours to the mast’ means that I will let others know where I stand and prepare to defend my position. Confirmation is a little like that. Confirmation is where boys come to make for themselves the promises made on their behalf at their baptism. They declare their commitment to Christ and a desire to live as sincere men of God. Some may not have been baptised and will be baptised and confirmed on the same day.

The Hutchins Confirmation Service will be held on 3 October 2010.

Boys (or any others in the Hutchins community) who would like to be a part of the Confirmation preparation need to contact Rev Matt (6221 4256 or matthew.gray@hutchins.tas.edu.au) by the close of business Friday 18 June.

The Hutchins Community Prayer Meeting on Friday 25 June. We are having the inaugural Hutchins Community Prayer Meeting on Friday 25 June, starting at 9:00 am in the Conference Centre followed by a short morning tea at 10:00 am. All are welcome.
Vacation
I wish to convey to all staff, students and families a sincere well done for all efforts that have enabled the School and its community to achieve a most successful Term 1. Through a wide range of academic, personal development and co-curricular opportunities much has been achieved and we may be proud that we are placed in a sound position for further successes during the remainder of this year. Wishing to all a well deserved, safe, relaxing and happy vacation.

Term 2 commences on Tuesday 15 June 2010.

Year 9 Port Davey Expedition
The outcomes achieved from the Port Davey expedition by walkers and sailors have been evaluated and students and staff de-briefed. Together with evidence from other pilot programs, The Hutchins School now is in a position to commence evidence-based detailed planning for a special Year 9 program of studies to be implemented in 2011. The timetable of events for this will involve staff briefings and detailed planning and preparations throughout Term 2. Towards the end of Term 2 all staff, students and families involved with Year 9 in 2011 will be invited to information evenings and briefings to ensure the Year 9 teaching and learning program, special Year 9 events, appointment of personnel, specific dates and assessment and reporting procedures are advised.

H1N1 – Swine Flu Reminder
With winter now upon us, it is a timely opportunity to remind ourselves to reduce the chances of catching and transmitting the flu. The Department of Health and Human Services reports that Swine Flu is still about and is expected to be the main strain of flu in 2010.

Some categories of persons are at increased risk of complications and include pregnant women and those with common health conditions like diabetes, obesity, asthma and other breathing troubles, kidney diseases and some cancers. Parents and carers of young children are also identified as a priority group.

We are advised that vaccination is the best protection against catching flu, along with personal protective behaviours like washing hands often, covering coughs and sneezes and staying away from others if sick. The Hutchins School will continue this year to display posters on swine flu, good personal hygiene practices and offer hand sanitisers to classrooms, staff and the boarding house.

For more information please refer to www.dhhs.tas.gov.au

Warwick Dean
Headmaster
AUSTRALIAN VETERANS’ CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

Scholarships for Children of Veterans intending Tertiary Studies in 2011

In 2011 the Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) are expecting to give financial assistance for up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible.

Applications open on 18 August 2010. To apply you must be:

a. Within the means test. That is eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full-time education.

b. Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic year’s length and at undergraduate level.

c. The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force, or if not has three or more year’s continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.

d. Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstances related to veteran’s service exist.

The largest scheme is the Long Tan Bursary funded by the Australian Government. There are 50 new bursaries each year. They are valued at $9,000 each which is paid at $3,000 per year for three years. There are selection number targets for each state and territory. To apply you must be the child of an Australian Vietnam Veteran, be resident in Australia, be entering any year of tertiary study, having not previously received a Long Tan Bursary.

The other national schemes are the AVCAT Bursary, two RSL Scholarships, three Vietnam Veterans’ Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Scholarships and the Defence Force Welfare Association Scholarship. George Quinsey Scholarships directly pay tuition fees for economics, commerce and accountancy studies. There are also regional scholarships. In NSW, there are three from Brisbane Water Legacy covering Gosford/Wyong NSW and one from the NSW TPI Association. Some private donors offer two scholarships to resident NSW applicants. In SA, the VVAA also offers a scholarship.

Schemes vary between $3,000 and $5,000 per year each. Some are restricted to location of residence or studies and most require veteran service in Vietnam but others are broader. Most schemes continue payments for later years of study. All scholarship schemes but one pay monthly instalments. That scheme helps with tuition costs for courses in commerce, economics and accountancy. One scheme is for indigenous students doing substance abuse or related studies. For this scheme there is no upper age limit nor a need to be related to a veteran. In addition to the above there is one grant per year to assist a handicapped eligible veteran’s child or grandchild with special extra costs of transition to tertiary studies or employment.

To receive an application form register interest on 1800 620 361. Children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans should do so now, as should any others who believe that they are eligible. Applications close on 31 October each year. AVCAT PO Box K978, Haymarket, NSW 1240

FAX: 02 9213 7307, Email: avcat@dva.gov.au Web: www.avcat.org.au

VISIT THE LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE ON SATURDAY 26 JUNE AT 9.00 AM

Here is a chance for a “sneak peek” of the new Library Learning Centre that is taking shape at Hutchins. Fairbrothers (the construction company) have agreed to host a site visit to enable us to have a look over progress on the development.

Place ARE limited, so if you wish to participate send an email with the names of those attending to accept@hutchins.tas.edu.au.

We will also organise a breakfast in the Boarding House at 8.00 am for anyone who wishes to join us earlier (cost of breakfast $10, site visit is free). Simply indicate in the email if you want breakfast.

Contact Tony Smithies in the Development Office (6221 4206) if you would like additional information.
PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION MAGENTA AND BLACK BALL 3 JULY

If you have not yet paid or confirmed names for your table at this function please do so as soon as possible. Unconfirmed and unpaid seats will be released for sale to others at the start of next term.

On page 7 is an application form for the purchase of raffle tickets – great prize. Even if you cannot make the Ball you can still support this fantastic event.

Communication, Contact Details and Family Information Update
Please assist us to achieve good communication practices by ensuring you supply to the School as soon as possible:
1. Your family’s contact details
2. Medical history and important additional personal information we may need to know about your son(s).

Please pass your current email address to Rachel.Lucas@hutchins.tas.edu.au to facilitate this process and, if you use a business email address, would you also include a home email address so our messages reach your family as well.

SOLVE A CRIME DURING THE JUNE SCHOOL HOLIDAY
THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

The Hutchins School, Hobart
Tuesday 8th to Saturday 12th June 2010
(Day attendance or boarding available)

Do you want a challenge?
The Ultimate Challenge is for highly talented students in Years 8, 9 & 10. It may be suitable for highly talented Year 7 students [after discussion]. An invitation to attend will be offered to successful applicants.

Over five days working as part of a close knit team, you will take on the role of a Detective. You will work with a higher police controller and use forensic techniques and lots of brainpower to solve the crime and bring a suspect to trial. A full trial will be held on the last day.

Hutchins in partnership with the Tasmanian Department of Education, is running its third camp designed to challenge students from Years 8 and 9, in a new and interesting way. Students in Years 7 or 10 may be eligible.

If you like problem solving, working with others and solving challenges with little assistance from adults this camp is for you. And very importantly, you also have fun!


Confirmed Enrolments received by 22 May 2010 receive an Early Bird Discount [full details on website]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT
www.hutchins.tas.edu.au
Absence Contact Methods

Parents / Carers of Senior School students are requested to make use of the following three methods to submit absence notification:

**Telephone:** 6221 4200 (you are able to leave a voice message should your call be outside of office hours or if the operators are busy). Please do not call absentee messages to your son’s Head of House or Mentor’s direct numbers.

**Email:** Please only use this email address absentees@hutchins.tas.edu.au to reach all appropriate staff. Please do not email absentee messages to your son’s Head of House or Mentor.

**SMS:** 0428 620 861. You cannot call this number – it will only receive SMS messages.

**Please Note:** Absence notification must be submitted to the School before 9.30 am.

**As a reminder:** When a student arrives late, he must swipe his card at the auto-sign-in machine or see Mrs Els (this will prevent you receiving unnecessary SMS messages).

To assist us in providing you with a better service, your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated.

Thank you

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### Staying Cybersmart @Hutchins

Cybersafety is part of “digital citizenship”, an important concept that is being widely discussed in classrooms, staffrooms and online educational forums all around the world, but what does it mean to us at Hutchins? We believe that all students should be taught how to behave safely and appropriately online, and that this responsibility is shared between the School and home.

To learn more about our Term 2 Cybersafety Program, please go to the community page on the Hutchins intranet (ask your son to log in and read it with you) and take some time to learn about Staying Cybersmart @Hutchins. You will also find links to helpful websites in the right hand menu, just below the big red cybersafe button.

Mrs Kate Reid
Stephens Library Teacher Librarian
The 1980's was a very successful decade for school sporting teams. On Friday 7 May 2010 a very successful re-union dinner was held at the RYCT, over seventy people attended. The occasion brought together members of five 1st XVIII State Premiership teams (1983, '86, '87, '88 and '89). The special guests were Paul Hudson (member of the 1986 and 1987 teams, former Hawthorn [premiership], and Footscray player, also current Assistant Coach at Collingwood F.C. AFL) and the Headmaster, Mr Warwick Dean. Special thanks are extended to Charles Badenach (member 1988 and '89) and John Groom (member 1986) for their tireless and efficient organization of a wonderful occasion enjoyed by all.

Footnote: The 1980 1st XVIII team (Captain Alec Burbury) was also an outstanding side, which lost only one game by one goal, had finished the season the best side, having beaten all other SATIS teams that season. They were denied their opportunity to qualify for the State Final due to a ruling that was changed the next season, but they would have won.

Chris Rae

On Tuesday 18 May, eleven boys from Hutchins took part in the Zone Championships of the National Interschool Chess Competition. The boys were neck-to-neck with Calvin Christian School for most of the day. At the end of the championships, Hutchins won first place, with 4 of our students individually in the top 5 players. The boys who took part in this event were: Nick Gribble, Toby McShane, James Briant, Vito Chan, Justin Heatley-Hart, Eugene Lau, Jimmy Lin, Roman Marsh, Michael Manthey, Brian Nguyen and Liam Palmer. They were a great credit to the School not only in their achievement but as ambassadors to the wider community.
School Calendar

**Week One**

**June**

**Mon 14**  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

1.30 pm Young Organists’ Day  St Davids

**Tue 15**  Term 2 commences

P-6 Fire-Safety lessons all week

6.00 am Fitness Camp

commences GYM

2.30 pm ELC Chapel Chapel

**Wed 16**  1.05 pm Headmaster’s

Assembly AUD

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School Shop Hours

The School shop will close for the May holidays on 21 May at 4.00 pm and will re-open on Friday 11 June from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Closed Monday 14 June (Queen’s Birthday Holiday) but will open Tuesday 15 June from 8.30 am to 3.00 pm.

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Raffle

Want to win a holiday to Cairns?

But you can’t get to the Ball?

Buy your raffle tickets NOW!

**Prize includes**  Return airfares for 2 to Cairns and 5 nights quality accommodation

The Hutchins School Parents’ Association needs your support!

Tickets: $5.00 each or 3 for $10.00

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Yes, I’d like to buy

- 1 ticket for $5.00
- 3 tickets for $10.00
- 5 tickets for $20.00
- ___ tickets for $___

Please find enclosed my cheque made payable to ‘The Hutchins School’, or my credit card payment information overleaf.

NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS __________________________

POSTCODE __________________________

TELEPHONE __________________________

Please return this slip with your payment to: Anna Kirkland, The Hutchins School, 71 Nelson Road, Sandy Bay Tasmania 7005