



5 April 2017

Say NO to Family Violence Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Harrison School will be facilitating the STOP.THINK, Say NO to Family Violence Program. This is a Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Program for the whole of Year 9 students. The program will be conducted in a two hour session during Term 3 with students broken up into two groups conducting the program on different dates.

The STOP.THINK, Say no to Family Violence Program is a Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Program developed and presented by former Canberra Raiders Captain, Alan Tongue, in conjunction with Barnardos and the Domestic Violence Crisis Service ACT. The program is aimed at Schools and Sporting Clubs across the ACT. It offers participants information on the types of violence, up to date statistics, effects of domestic and family violence on women, children and communities and how young men and women can stand up and do something to help prevent Family Violence. The program is unique in the fact that it is designed around the story of Angela Barker in the 'Loves me Loves me not' DVD and includes both a classroom lesson and minimal physical activities.

It is important to talk to the young people about their relationship and start them thinking about what healthy and unhealthy relationships looks like. Most of us have our first relationship at High School and it is really important to start having these conversations with kids as early as possible to get them on the right track. These conversations and this information can literally save lives. Preventing domestic violence has to begin with a conversation about violence

- Venue:** Harrison School PATS Building
- Date:** **Group 1 Girls** - Wednesday 3 May 2017
Group 2 Boys - Wednesday 10 May 2017
- Time:** 9:00am to 10:50am
- Cost:** Nil

The note is to be RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL IF YOU **DO NOT** WANT YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM please return the note by Friday the 28 April 2017.

If you wish to discuss the program activities further please contact either Laura Simsen or Shaun Hodson at laura.simsen@ed.act.edu.au or shaun.hodson@ed.act.edu.au or phone 6142 2285.

Kind Regards,
Shaun Hodson

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I do not wish _____ (student's name) to be included in the **Say NO to Family Violence Program** program. Home Room _____
(parent/guardian signature) _____ (date) _____
Contact Number _____ (Shaun Hodson)