Cybersafety – Note 18th July 2016

It has come to our attention that many of our students have downloaded an app called Musical.ly. Musical.ly is a social media music app where users can watch user generated lip sync video, and create video of themselves lip-syncing or dancing to music available on the app. It is a 13+ app.

It’s important to note that we have not found any Hamlyn Banks students with inappropriate video content and can see that students have been students enjoying this with their friends.

Our concern comes from the messaging and sharing aspect of the app. We are not asking that the app be deleted but request that you take the following actions ASAP:

1. Check the messaging to ensure it is appropriate. Do this regularly (along with any other Social Media apps).
2. Remind your child about thinking first before they might say anything that would hurt another’s feelings.
3. Ensure your child’s settings are on Private. That way they have to accept people who can view their profile, videos and location.
4. Check contacts. Delete anyone that your child does not know (a good guideline is “Would I invite them to sit at my dinner table?”)
5. Remind them again about sharing on the internet, it is there forever. Think before you post!
6. Remind them about the dangers of sharing your password. Never share your passwords.

Daniel has spoken with all students today and reminded them about these issues and our Internet Agreement. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

Remember the website www.cybersmart.gov.au had lots of useful information.

Regards,
Kerrie Duan.

For more information please visit this website link of:
https://esafety.gov.au/?from=cybersmart