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Circular to principals of Catholic secondary schools in Victoria

School Leavers Week (Schoolies) 2019

Main Points

- In November, Victorian school leavers will look forward to celebrating an exciting milestone in their lives – the completion of their secondary school education. This however, should not mean risking their health or safety.
- [Good Times, Great Breaks](#) is a coordinated, community response that provides information and on-the-ground support for young people celebrating the end of school in Victoria's coastal regions.
- Young people planning to celebrate in Victorian coastal regions are encouraged to visit the [Good Times, Great Breaks](#) website for registration, information and safety tips.
- Those planning to celebrate or volunteer overseas are encouraged to visit the Australian Government website [Smart Traveller](#) for registrations, safety tips and security, local laws and customs.
- Local governments in coastal regions work with their communities and traders to help ensure celebrations are safe and enjoyable for school leavers and local communities.

Critical Dates

- Safety response teams will be present in Victoria's coastal resort areas, including Bass Coast, Surf Coast and Mornington Peninsula **from 23 November to 30 November 2019.**

Actions Required

- School Principals are asked to:
 - encourage parents and teachers to discuss end-of-school leaver celebrations and actions to help reduce the risk of alcohol and drug-related harms
 - advise school leavers to register their plans at [Good Times, Great Breaks](#) or, if heading overseas, to visit [Smart Traveller](#).

Additional Information

- Victoria Police increases numbers and patrols during school leaver celebrations in the areas where there is an influx of school leavers.
- Registering at [Good Times Great Breaks](#) will help local organisers to plan support services and share important information that will help keep celebrations safe and enjoyable.

Contact/Enquiries

- For all enquiries, please contact Mr Doug Sandiford, Education Officer, Student Wellbeing, at Catholic Education Melbourne on 03 9267 0228 or dsandiford@cem.edu.au.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Miles', written in a cursive style.

Mr Jim Miles
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