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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the weekend, a video has emerged from a private event involving students from Catherine McAuley College and other Bendigo schools. The video depicts students singing a song which demeans women.

There is various footage of this behaviour and the College has contacted every student that can be identified and their families, the family who held the party, and the bus line who transported the students. Everyone understands the gravity of the behaviour and how these poor choices reflect on them personally and the College community.

The College wants to reinforce that the lyrics of this song and any associated culture are disgusting and in no way represent the values of Mercy Education Limited or Catherine McAuley College. Our College theme this year is making Mercy our Common Home. This behaviour is not reflective of these values.

Although students are free to attend events outside school, their behaviour and conduct should reflect the personal values of each individual, and that of their families, schools and the clubs to which they belong.

Every measure will be taken to work with these students individually and with the wider student body to raise awareness. The Catherine McAuley College Student and Parent Code of Conduct clearly outline that such action is not acceptable in a Mercy School or across the Sandhurst Diocese.

If any parents wish to seek further information please contact the College.

Yours sincerely

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