Learning for safer communities

CRIME prevention

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South Australian Government schools place a significant emphasis on delivering an education which not only develops students’ knowledge and abilities, but which also equips them with the values needed to become responsible citizens.

There is already a range of valuable projects under way in our schools to assist students to understand important civic and community issues such as Australia’s democratic system, road safety and the potentially harmful effects of gambling. I am now pleased to introduce a new set of classroom modules which have been developed to assist teachers to specifically address issues concerning crime and its consequences.

Whilst some schools already discuss law and order in the classroom, the Crime Prevention Education modules will enable these issues to be taught across all primary schools. Comprised of eight practical units, they have been designed for delivery at year 6 and 7 level and will give students the opportunity to explore and consider the possible outcomes of anti-social behaviours including harassment, bullying, shoplifting and property damage. The modules have grown from broad consultation with teachers and community groups and have been successfully trialled and modified in term 1 of 2004.

Schools are encouraged to develop partnerships with local police and other community members in delivering crime prevention education to help clarify the impact of criminal behaviours for both perpetrators and victims. These partnerships also present students with a broader perspective on acceptable community behaviour and developing respectful relationships.

The implementation of the Crime Prevention Education modules will be accompanied by an information pamphlet for parents and caregivers canvassing ways in which community safety issues can be reinforced in students’ homes.

The development of these modules provides an excellent opportunity for students, teachers, parents and community members to work together toward the common goal of a safe and cohesive community.

I commend this resource to you.

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