



17th November 2016

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, when walking home from school, one of our Middle School students was struck by a car whilst crossing the road. Thankfully, he is okay and only has relatively minor injuries, however it was a highly traumatic incident for the children involved, their family, those who witnessed the accident and the driver of the car.

The student and his brother were walking along Mt Dandenong Rd and, at the intersection, chose not to cross Glen Dhu Rd at the lights. Instead they crossed about 10 metres down Glen Dhu Rd, stepping out from behind a car that had stopped at the lights and into the path of a car turning around the corner. It was an accident, and the driver was not a fault. It does remind us of the importance of crossing roads carefully, at the appropriate places.

We have been thrilled with our school community's response to the Free Range Kids project being run by Yarra Ranges Council and the increase in the number of students walking independently to school. When incidents such as this occur, it is a natural response to seek to protect our children. I encourage all parents to take time to speak with their children about the importance of road safety, particularly crossing roads at pedestrian crossings and other appropriate places, when walking to and from school.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with the family of the injured student and we have made our wellbeing team available for anyone who has been impacted by this incident. If this has raised any issues or concerns for you or your child and you feel you would like to meet with a member of wellbeing team, please contact Mrs Kate Thomson on 9725 4320.

Kind regards

Daniel Gooding