



# ST ALOYSIUS

## CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has come to our attention that there are many students in Grades 5-10 who currently have Virtual Private Network (VPN) extensions and/or programs on their devices which circumvent the College's internet filtering security settings. The vast majority of these Virtual Private Networks have been blocked in our security settings but as you can imagine it is difficult for the College to block them all.

A VPN is a virtual private network. It is added as an extension to Chrome or installed as a program. It allows students to access sites at school that they wouldn't be able to otherwise, by bypassing our College security settings. An installed VPN may also bypass any filtering that families might have in place at home. By installing a VPN, students are breaking their ICT Acceptable Use Policy which was signed at the beginning of the year.

A VPN is NOT to be used or installed on a student's device while at school. The College is therefore requesting that all students have until the end of this week to uninstall an extension or VPN should they currently have one on their device. After this time, the College may undertake random spot checks of entire classes or individuals.

Some students may think they will leave them installed and then delete the VPN should a check occur, but this is not a wise decision and one that will not be looked upon favourably.

If you require any further clarification about Virtual Private Networks please do not hesitate to contact the College IT department at [sacc.h.it@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:sacc.h.it@catholic.tas.edu.au)

Kind regards,

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