

Dear Parents and Community Members,



Tweed Byron Police District Family Community Forums
Sexting, Image based abuse and related offences and consequences.

Over the past 6 months, the Tweed Byron PD, Youth and Crime Prevention officers have presented to over 5000 students in over 95% of our local primary and high schools on a range of topics including cyber security, online bullying, sexting, production and dissemination of Child Abuse Material (CAM) and sexual related offences which can result in long term personal, mental, physical, and reputational damage of such behaviour. Unfortunately, we are still seeing an increase in these types of offences in our schools involving our youth.

The Tweed Byron Police District (PD) and Youth Command, in conjunction with the Tweed Shire Council, NSW Department of Education, NSW Health and other local Non-Government Organisations will be presenting at the two Information nights on the following dates from 6pm to 8pm: -

- 8 May 2023 - Tweed Shire Council Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural centre, Tumbulgum Road Murwillumbah – Auditorium, and
- 15 May 2023 - Tweed Shire Council Tweed Civic and Cultural Centre, Brett Street Tweed Heads - Auditorium on 15 May 2023.

These information nights will provide families and parents information regarding the increasing level of sexual related incidents such as Sexting and image-based abuse being reported within our schools and ways we can open communications and bring awareness of these issues to our young people to try and curb this kind of behaviour.

You will hear from the following experts: -

- Experienced Specialist Youth Officers from the Tweed Byron PD.
- Experienced NSW Police sexual assault investigators to provide the criminal aspect of such sexual related offences and the possible criminal consequences,
- NSW Health, Tweed Valley Sexual Assault Service about the personal physical and emotional effect on victims, and the role they play in supporting victims,
- Tweed Heads Community Mental Health, about the psychological impact on victims and headspace to provide information on the mental health implications for young people and what supports are available.

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- The Family Centre, about the effects on families and advise on how to open the lines of communication within your family to address these issues effectively.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at one of these information nights so the information can be provided to the entire family, and we can encourage our young people to discuss these issues at home and be aware of the long-term effect of inappropriate and sometimes criminal behaviour.



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