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Family Zone cyber safety software – required at School for all 7–12 students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Brighton Grammar School has partnered with Family Zone as part of our ongoing commitment to student engagement, and to encourage positive digital habits. The School has rolled out Family Zone's software 'Mobile Zone' to student computers as a requirement for all boys under our Student Acceptable Use Policy. Boys in Years 10-12 who have their own computer, not managed by the School (BYOD), will be prompted to install Family Zone as a condition to connect to the School's network.

The application is configured by the School to ensure our content filtering is maintained between 8.00am - 4.00pm on school days. Outside of those times, parent controls are available for families who would like to manage screen time, keep their web content child-friendly, locate devices and extend any controls to mobile phones, iPads etc. Please note that, whilst the School's mobile cyber controls end at 4.00pm, the School's network is secured at all times for any students who remain on campus outside of school hours.

At the start of each year, families will receive an email from Family Zone providing instructions to set up and activate home controls. Family Zone offers a free support service where you can request a call from their team at a time that suits you. Brighton Grammar has paid for the software which includes parent options for home on your son's school laptop, and has also arranged a discount for purchasing a family pack which will cover your home devices and for siblings.

Should your son encounter any issues, you can direct him to come to Student IT Support available every lunchtime at the IT Office in Rosstrevor.

Kind regards,

Sandra Maher

Director of ICT