ARE YOU GOING TO STRADBROKE ISLAND THIS HOLIDAY?

The Queensland Police Service and North Stradbroke Island residents have appealed to parents to ensure that their children are adequately supervised during the holiday break. As you are probably aware the Island has experienced problems with unsupervised teenagers consuming alcohol and displaying reckless and aggressive behaviour. In response to concerns about inappropriate conduct, the Department of Communities has initiated a range of strategies to ensure that local residents and visitors feel safe and that families are able to enjoy their holidays.

In order to minimise strife, a comprehensive education and information programme has been developed and a letter sent to all schools making the following points to highlight that **your children and children in your care - are your responsibility as supervising adult.**

- North Stradbroke Island is a family holiday destination and residents and visitors have a right to feel safe;
- Parents should not leave students unsupervised;
- Vandalism, public intoxication, under-aged drinking and anti-social behaviour are illegal and will not be tolerated;
- Fines of up to $225 will be issued for under-aged drinking;
- The safety of young people is paramount and they should not partake in activities that jeopardise their health and personal safety, or that of their friends;
- Task Force Representatives will visit Brisbane Grammar School on Tuesday 18 September for a forum to be held in the Gallery at 4.00 pm which we encourage parents to attend with their daughters;
- For further information contact: Ms Diana Fernyhough – Department of Communities on: 3109 0628.

The School has a genuine concern for the safety and wellbeing of our girls and hopes that the holidays can be a time of rest and respite. North Stradbroke Island is a beautiful destination that should not be spoilt by the improper behaviour of unruly young people. Furthermore, the School will not abide behaviour that is deemed to reflect poorly on its reputation.