

Dear Community Members,

Late last week there were reports of a stranger approaching a child from a different school in our local area, which understandably has caused alarm among parents and caregivers. It is our understanding that local police are aware of the incident.

At our school, we take the safety of our students extremely seriously. I want to reassure our families that we have discussed the importance of stranger danger with all classes and will continue to do so as part of our PDHPE Child Protection lessons. Our students have been informed on how to recognise and respond to potentially dangerous situations, emphasising the importance of staying cautious and seeking help from a trusted adult when needed.

As a community, it's essential that we remain vigilant and look out for one another, especially our children. I want to thank those families that contacted our school to inform us of this report. Please encourage open communication with your child and take some time to discuss stranger danger at home, to ensure all children are informed and prepared.

To ensure the safety of our children, I remind all families that our Pandel Ave and Clarence St gates are locked each morning at 9:10am and reopened at 2:50pm. If you need to enter our school between these times for any reason, please use our Margot Avenue gate and report to our front office immediately on arrival.

Thank you everyone, any further concerns please contact me at school.

Tim Lewis

GEPS Principal

