

Submission

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INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 9-14 YEARS IN NSW

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Submission to the Enquiry into Children and Young People 9 -14 in NSW.

The team responsible for Pastoral Care at Trinity Catholic College Lismore has indicated the following issues that may be relevant to the Enquiry.

- The Impact of Technology with an emphasis on Cyber Bullying
- Alcohol and other drugs, with the emphasis on alcohol and the tendency for binge drinking to start at an earlier age.
- Parental Education: Some parents feel reluctant to set boundaries, enforce rules or accept responsibility for their children's actions.
- Building resilience in young people – how to cope with small problems.
- The current model of work results in less family time and more after school care outside the family. In many instances children are left to their own devices for too long. Flexible work hours that suit the family should be encouraged.
- Funding should be made available to support initiatives such as Drug education, Mentoring and Motivational Media presentations.

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