24/7 Access to technology has increased the pressure on Catholic schools to provide our young people with the strength of maintaining dignity and respect for themselves. Unfortunately without guidance many are choosing to upload facts and photos without thinking. By producing this short film my aim was to provide teachers/parents/schools with a tool that helped introduce the pitfall socially and with the law that young people often disregard when posting things online. By working with young people at MacKillop Catholic College, Tasmania Police and private Social Workers at Clare House this film gives an insight as to what happens when young people send materials of a sexual nature via the net and the consequences of their actions.

I believe this film provides a powerful message to the Tasmanian community that Catholic Education takes the responsibility of protecting our young people online seriously. Our wellbeing strategies provide support for students and families but more importantly it connects directly to the need to incorporate Catholic morality and ethical decision making inside our colleges.

“We need to work together with parents to change the choices some of our students make as these choices will impact on them later in life and may damage their chances of future work prospects and/or personal relationships. What you upload today may be downloaded tomorrow”

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