Who is responsible for your children?

Christian schooling is often seen as a contentious issue among Christians. Yet most would agree the Bible teaches that parents are responsible for raising and educating their children.

Whether Christian parents choose home schooling, secular, private or Christian schools this responsibility remains. The Bible says “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” Ephesians 6:4

The Barna Group* reported that 85% of parents do believe they have the primary responsibility for teaching their children about religious beliefs and spiritual matters. Yet few spend any time interacting with their children on spiritual matters. Most expect their church to do it.

In many ways parents are like spiritual shepherds to their own children

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" 1 Peter 5:2-3

Like a shepherd, parents care for, lead and protect their children. How we choose to raise our children, and who we engage to help us, provides an example for our children to follow.

When parents enlist the help of others to assist them, be they teachers, sport coaches, Sunday School teachers or even piano instructors they don’t lose their responsibility. It is ultimately up to parents to decide who will be their child’s teacher.

It is unreasonable to expect teachers in secular, or even many private schools, to teach our children biblical truth. Even Christian teachers may be discouraged or prevented from doing so in these classrooms. Religious belief is treated as being separate to the rest of life.

Christian schools are not a way to escape from other education systems, nor take over the task of home or church. Christian schools are an expression of Christian parents attempting to fulfill their responsibility to raise and train their children in a godly manner. They do this by cooperating with, or teaming up with, other like-minded parents.

Christian schools help parents to train the next generation to understand the real world as God designed it. Their hope is that children will discover their place in God’s great story, learn how to serve others and be better prepared for life. In Christian schools parents can do together what they feel they cannot do alone. They remain active and willing participants rather than merely consumers of an educational service.

Be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them Deuteronomy 4:9

Further information is available at www.whychristianschools.com.au

* Who is the Barna Group?

Barna Group is a visionary research and resource company located in Ventura, California. Started in 1984, the firm is widely considered to be a leading research organization focused on the intersection of faith and culture.

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RAC Visit

On Tuesday 14 August, the RAC conducted an incursion with our Year 11 and 12 students, which was both challenging and encouraging in the messages conveyed.

Given that many of our senior students are beginning to drive, we obviously want them to adopt safe routines and practices as they embrace the freedom and responsibility that comes with controlling a vehicle.

Rebecca from RAC shared some shocking statistics with our students, which captured their attention. Most notably the dreadful fact that some 1.3 MILLION people die each year worldwide as a result of road accidents – about the number of residents in Perth’s central suburbs. WA has the highest road toll in Australia, a particular concern given that this is where we live.

The message of STOP and THINK before getting behind the wheel was reinforced especially if drivers are tired, stressed or under the influence of substances. Students were also reminded to walk facing oncoming traffic when using iPods, as earphones render them deaf to vehicles that may be approaching.

Information was given on vehicle safety ratings and 2 useful websites were referenced:

- www.keys2drive.com.au where students can apply for a free driving lesson when they have their ‘L’ plates
- www.howsafeisyourcar.com.au for information on vehicle safety ratings

A young paraplegic named Scott, spoke to our students and shared his story, and that of a friend, who made a decision to get into a car with a mate who was under the influence of alcohol. This decision led to Scott’s paraplegia (Lumbar/Sacral spinal injury) and his friend’s quadriplegia (Thoracic spinal injury). These were sobering stories that reinforced the importance of the STOP and THINK message.

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ACADEMIC ASSOCIATES - WACE REVISION COURSES

Holiday Courses - October 1st - 5th @ UWA Campus or Corpus Christi College.

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www.academicassociates.com.au/content/timetables.html

Lost property - jewellery

A number of jewellery items are being held for claimants.
If you have lost a watch, gold necklace, silver bracelets, earrings etc. Please speak to someone in the school’s Administration office.

Lost property - school uniform, drink bottles etc.

Our lost property box is overflowing. Please pop into the office and claim what’s yours.