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**Subject: School Holiday Period, Police Increase Of Patrols In Areas With High Public Attendance**

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Victoria Police wish each and every student all the best with their study and exams this year. As the school holidays approach with the anticipation of a well-deserved break, I would urge students that for any activity planned, to consider how it may affect you or others.

Your safety and well-being is most important. Have a good time with friends but be mindful that certain actions can leave a lasting legacy. Secure your personal property (mobile phones, wallets, purses and lap tops) and remind your parents not to leave valuables in their vehicles. You do not need the hassle in notifying people and replacing your personal identification cards. Do not be influenced by others into stealing or drug use. A criminal conviction can affect your chances for future overseas travel and employment. Think before you act.

It is well documented that shopping centres such as Westfield Southland attract a large number of youths, during the holiday period for various reasons. The location has a number of appealing factors for example the Kingston Youth Centre, Village Cinemas and of course the shopping.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise students to be vigilant over the holiday break, having regard for your own safety, your property and belongings. Please ensure that you do not leave your bags unattended as this may assist a thief.

Be aware that Victoria Police target areas where there is an increase of public attendances over the school holiday period by increasing police patrols. We understand that at times young people find themselves in situations which may end in poor decision making and ask that you consider the consequences of your actions. Avoid poor decision making by removing yourself from harm or from situations which may result in police involvement.

Victoria Police would like to ensure students and schools alike, return to the start of the new term happy and refreshed.

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