



**PAT CRONIN
FOUNDATION**

PAT CRONIN FOUNDATION PRESENTATION – August 16th 2019

On Saturday 16th April 2016, Pat went out to a local bar for a quiet night. Whilst assisting a mate in trouble, Pat was punched from behind. Two days later, his family made the agonising decision to turn off his life support.

The Pat Cronin Foundation presentation is an informative and thought provoking experience for all students and staff involved. The presentation provides an optimistic voice to End the Coward Punch, by helping people feel empowered to make change through wise decisions.

Ben O'Toole is the Pat Cronin Foundation Education Manager. Like Pat, he was the victim of a Coward Punch. Ben will present to students for 45 minutes on the following topics:

Pat's story: Is told from the perspectives of his parents, siblings & friends.

Ben's story: In 2007, a coward punch nearly took Ben's life. Ben shares his story to inspire others.

Consequences: The impact violence can have on both the victims and the offenders is explored.

Strategies: Students are shown how they can be a part of the solution – helping to End the Coward Punch.

Content warning:

This presentation speaks openly and frankly about violence. This includes visceral verbal descriptions and challenging imagery related to violence. Ben also shares real-life stories of victims of serious assault. While students are warned at the beginning of the presentation about the nature of the content, it can be quite confronting.

Vulnerable students:

For some students the presentation may be particularly triggering due to related personal experiences, such as family violence, road accident trauma or their own experience of physical assault. Revisiting these themes through the presentation is not always appropriate and can be traumatising.

If you do not want your son/ daughter to participate in this presentation, please contact the relevant sub-school by Thursday 15th August on **9735 5644**.

Wendy Powson
Principal

Stuart Young
Assistant Principal