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Dear Staff and Families of Immanuel School Gawler

Considering the current situation involving Ukraine and Russian forces, it is predicted there will be a high increase of cyber attacks from Russian cyber-criminals as the situation in Ukraine further develops.

As of Wednesday, Ukraine's bank and government department websites has had numerous cyberattacks known as Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS). This incident also follows similar attacks last week where 70 websites based in the Ukraine have crashed.

Not only is it just websites, but Russian cyber criminals have also recently released a new Malware (type of Virus) to corrupt certain firewall systems. Fortunately, these firewall systems are not used at either school. However, the Prosperity Team are working towards further increasing the cyber security at both schools and across all our clients. It has been recommended by the Australian Defence Force that all businesses upgrade their cyber security measures in light of recent events.

Following this, a spam email was sent to many recipients of multiple Lutheran Schools across South Australia last week and because of this, we will be pushing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) across both schools (we began this rollout during the PD workshops ran at the end of 2021) across all staff.

For the safety of the staff, students, and your own families, I encourage that extra precaution regarding online presence is taken into consideration. Please keep in mind of websites that you are accessing at home, at school and to not click on any links or files (especially those that are .HTML or .EXE or .ZIP) in emails that are received from an untrusted source.

I have created a guide of how-to setup MFA and posted this in the ICT / Technical Support Teams channel under Files. You will also find the presentations of our Cybersecurity Workshop which further explains types of viruses, what to look for and how to protect yourself and children online. I urge you, if you haven't already, to have a read through, as cyber-attacks will be increased as the situation in Ukraine develops.

If you would like to have a read through of the news articles of what has occurred, search for "Cyber Attacks Russia and Ukraine" in Google or your search engine. There is a good article by The Guardian as well as ABC and how it will affect Australia.

If you wish to know more about what Australian Defence and Scott Morrison has advised, if you search for [cyber.gov.au](http://cyber.gov.au) and click on "Advisory issues for Australian Organisations", this is regarding the advice for businesses.

Kind regards,

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