

# It's time we talked: Pornography, young people and sexuality today

7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesday March 7  
Otago Boys' High School Auditorium

*Pornography has become a parenting issue we can't afford to ignore...*

Pornography is not new. But it has never been so accessible. For young people growing up online, pornography is almost impossible to avoid.

Pornography is now the most prominent sexuality educator for many young people. But porn conveys a whole range of problematic messages – about bodies, men, women, sex, consent, power and aggression.

Young people need help to navigate healthy development in this new reality, and schools have a critical role to play.



*This workshop will support parents of intermediate and secondary school age students in Otago to develop their understanding of pornography's impact on young people, and what they can do to address it.*



Maree Crabbe is an Australian researcher who coordinates the community education project Reality & Risk: Pornography, young people and sexuality. She is co-producer and co-director of the documentary films *Love and Sex in an Age of Pornography*, broadcast in seven countries, and *The Porn Factor*, broadcast recently in Australia, and author of *In the Picture* – a whole school resource to assist secondary schools to address the influence of explicit sexual imagery. Maree has worked with young people – and on issues affecting young people – in the community sector for over 20 years.

She has developed and delivered programmes focusing on sexual violence prevention, sexual diversity and prevention of sexually transmissible infections. Maree's articles on young people, sexuality and pornography have been published online and in print media.

Please confirm attendance by sending an RSVP to [admin@shcs.school.nz](mailto:admin@shcs.school.nz) by Friday March 3. There is no charge for the workshop but seating is limited.

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