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North Stradbroke Island prepares for a safe September holiday period

Police are reminding parents and young people to act responsibly when planning school holiday celebrations on North Stradbroke Island this September.

Officers are preparing for the influx of senior high school students to North Stradbroke Island and are committed to maintaining the island's reputation as a safe holiday destination for all.

Additional police will be sent to the island to bolster the number of officers already posted at Dunwich Station and Point Lookout Police Beat.

Inspector Lindsay Kilpatrick, Bayside Patrol Group is encouraging young people to act responsibly and to enjoy North Stradbroke Island and the many great beaches and attractions it has to offer.

"We are urging parents to consider the possible consequences of providing alcohol to young people, also reminding them that a decision to supply alcohol to an underage child could result in fines of up to \$3,000," Inspector Kilpatrick said.

Police would also like to take this opportunity to remind those holidaying on North Stradbroke Island to be COVID-19 vigilant and to stay 1.5 metres distance whenever possible and wear a face masks where appropriate/required.

Breaches may result in fines up to \$13,785 or six months in prison.

Young people are welcome on North Stradbroke Island but like everyone else, need to celebrate within the law.

Police would like to remind all young people celebrating these school holidays to think about your actions and remember the potential that a split-second decision could have on the rest of your lives.

Please remember to practice good hygiene, wash your hands regularly and if you feel sick, stay home and get tested.





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For more information regarding end-of-year celebrations and parties consult the QPS Party Safe information at www.police.qld.gov.au/party

For more information on Covid 19 consult the Qld Health website at www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19 If you have information for police, contact Policelink on 131 444 or provide information using the online form 24hrs per day.

You can report information about crime anonymously to Crime Stoppers, a registered charity and community volunteer organisation, by calling 1800 333 000 or via <u>crimestoppersqld.com.au</u> 24hrs per day.

Kindest regards,

'Straddie Safe Message': "**Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands regularly. Check Your Physical Distance (1.5m)."**



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