

NSW Chapter Report 2021

The Chapter has had 8 meetings this calendar year, hosted 1 in- person seminar and have an essay competition in progress.

Approximately 30 people attended the seminar: ***Responding to Damaging social Media Behaviours*** on Tuesday 18 May, it was our first face to face education/law seminar since the shutdown in March 2020.

A panel of legal and educational experts—Julie Ross, Principal Kogarah High School; Margaret Baker, Legal Services Department of Education and Constable Matthew Aylward, Crime Prevention Officer—deftly and sensitively unpacked a multi-layered scenario as they responded to the unfolding issues.

Michael Waterhouse facilitated as the panel gave thoughtful and precise practical advice and in-depth responses to questions from the floor. All attendees left the seminar well informed on best practice for management of social media issues.

A second seminar was to be held in September on 'Consent', however, the Covid lockdown of the Sydney metropolitan area meant that it did not proceed. Instead, we are holding an essay competition open to NSW and ACT residents, educators, lawyers and students enrolled in a recognised education or law course. This competition closes 5pm 25 February 2022. Details can be found on the ANZELA NSW web page. Email Address: nsw@anzela.edu.au

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