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To All Students

Important Safety Advisory: Guidelines for Swimming at Wellamadama Beach

We wish to draw your attention to an important safety issue concerning Wellamadama Beach. Today, two female students were rescued by local villagers while struggling in the water at Wellamadama Beach, located just behind the RTA Auditorium. There were more than 10 students in this group and apparently, they were celebrating the birthday of one of their colleagues. One of their colleagues was admitted to Matara Hospital after experiencing mental shock from witnessing the incident.

While the natural beauty of our surroundings offers many opportunities for relaxation and recreation, it is crucial to recognize and respect the potential dangers associated with swimming and bathing in open water. In light of the recent incident, we urge all students to exercise utmost caution and adhere to the safety guidelines:

To ensure your safety at Wellamadama Beach, always heed local warnings and signs about water conditions, and familiarize yourself with the beach's environment, including currents and tides. Know your swimming limits and avoid deep or unfamiliar areas. Be aware of emergency procedures and contact local rescue services if needed. Additionally, stay vigilant and help others in distress by alerting others and seeking assistance promptly.

The safety and well-being of our student community are of paramount importance. By following these guidelines and remaining vigilant, we can all contribute to a safer environment for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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