

Eagles in wedding doubleup

Romance is in the air for the West Coast Eagles today as two of their star forwards get married to their darlings.

Jack Darling will tie the knot with Courtney Braham at Caversham House and dual Coleman medallist Josh Kennedy and Lauren Atkinson will say "I do" in the South West.

For Darling, 24, and his fiancée, romance started at Perth's Ginger Nightclub four years ago.

Ms Braham, 27, used her job as a physiotherapist to attract the Eagles forward.

"She asked me, 'Do you need a physio?' and I said, 'As a matter of fact I do'," Darling said. "When I spent time with her I realised she was the sweetest, most genuine girl on Earth."

Eight months later, they were at a wedding at Caversham House when Darling told Ms Braham he could imagine marrying her there.

"When we met I knew there was something really different about Jack," Ms Braham said.

While the pair invited the entire West Coast Eagles team to their engagement party in 2014, a smaller group of players will attend the wedding.

Andrew Gaff and Scott Lycett are among the four groomsmen and Elliot Yeo, Mark Hutchings, Jeremy McGovern and Brad Sheppard are on the 120-person guest list.

Darling said he wasn't aware of his big day clashing with Kennedy's wedding, but the situation was common in the post-season wedding rush.

"We are pretty limited, there are really only eight weekends a year we could do it," he said.

Claremont designers Pallas Couture made Ms Braham's dress, which she described as "very special".

Claire Tyrrell



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School alert to parents over video chat service

EXCLUSIVE

Shannon Hampton

Parents of students at Trinity College have been alerted to a "potentially dangerous" social networking site being used by Year 8 boys which randomly pairs them in a one-on-one chat with strangers.

Omegle, launched in 2009, warns users to "please be careful" when using the chat service because "predators have been known to use" the website.

In an email to parents yesterday, the head of Year 8 at the Catholic boys' school, Julian Fritz, said the school was aware of at least two cases of the website being used by students during school hours.

Omegle connects strangers in a private text or video chat-room, offering "monitored" and unmoderated "adult" areas.

"I would like to inform you of a potentially dangerous social media site called Omegle that seems to be popular among Year 8 boys," Mr Fritz said in the email.

"Omegle allows random strangers to chat (either written or video) with your son."

"It is my understanding that topics are provided as options to talk to strangers. These topics can be general to very personal (and) intimate questions."

The email urged parents to discuss with their children the dangers of using such sites.

Surf Online Safe director Paul Litherland, a former WA police officer, said Omegle was one of the worst chat sites for children because there was a high risk of being exposed to online predators anywhere in the world.

"It's a very reckless site," he said. "You can log into an Omegle page and you can have anywhere from 10,000-20,000 people on a particular session at a time."

"The biggest issue is you really can't control who you are going to video with."

Mr Litherland said there had been cases of children being "sexorted" — forced to hand over money to scammers after being tricked into sending them nude images or videos of themselves.

Omegle recommends people under 18 should only use the website only with parental permission and warns that it should be used at "your own peril".

Mines cleared

The navy has blown up a pair of old sea mines likely left over from World War II.

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