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CIRCULAR TO PRINCIPALS OF CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS,
SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN VICTORIA.

Dear Principal,

As part of the community network, schools have an important role to play in supporting children and their families.

The publication "**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, THE TEACHER'S RESPONSE**" has been prepared by Protective Services for Children and Young People, with the assistance and guidance of representatives from all forums of Education in this State. It is a teacher's booklet.

We would see it as important that each teacher has this document and uses it as a resource. To this end, to ensure that all teachers in our schools are able to take appropriate action with confidence, it is recommended that these booklets be distributed to them. This should take place in such a way as to enable teachers to have the opportunity to raise questions and discuss any issues surrounding their role in relation to the issue of child abuse and neglect.

The booklets for your school will be available from the Zone Office in your area. If you require any assistance in facilitating the distribution of this booklet, please contact Pastoral Care Team, CEO, Melbourne (665 0333).

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. T. M. Doyle)

DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

ATTENTION: ALL TEACHERS

***Child abuse and neglect
the Teacher's response***

A Resource Booklet is now available for you.

During your teaching career, should you have any concerns about the possible abuse or neglect of a child or young person, this booklet is designed to assist you.

The booklet has been prepared by protective services for children and young people, with the assistance and guidance of a professional advisory committee - inclusive of the Ministry of Education, the Catholic Education Office, Association of Independent Schools of Victoria, the Victorian Teachers Federation and the Victorian Federation of State School Parents Clubs.

For information regarding the availability of these booklets:

CONTACT

1. Your School Principal
2. Zone Office
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