

6/18/13

CEO Sydney Schools Mail - Re: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012



Mark Rix [REDACTED]

Re: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012

1 message

Daniel White [REDACTED]

27 August 2012 18:31

To: Mark Turkington [REDACTED]

Cc: Mark Rix [REDACTED]

Mark I concur with Mark's observation unless a school has a compelling issue we should stay detached as much as possible

Warmest regards,

Dan

Dr Dan White
Executive Director of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Sydney

On 27/08/2012, at 1:02 PM, Mark Turkington
[REDACTED] wrote:

> Mark

>

> I have been thinking about this and our approach . I think it would be
> unwise for us to be making too much comment if any apart from generic
> speak to YMCA. This is not our gig and in the context of other church
> agenda I think we should keep away from this as much as possible

>

> Mark

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

> On 27/08/2012, at 11:20 AM, Mark Rix [REDACTED] wrote:

>

>> Good morning everyone

>>

>> Lat Friday evening the ABC 7.30 (NSW edition) aired a story on the

6/18/13

CEO Sydney Schools Mail - Re: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012

>> Jonathon Lord matter. Attached is a link to that story.
>>
>> <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-08-24/ab.use.charges.raise.questions.of.ymca/4221964>
>>
>> I encourage that you have a look at how the matter was presented in
>> the story. The YMCA decided not appear on camera for an interview but
>> did issue a written statement. They are receiving communications
>> support from Wilkinson Media
>>
>> Below is a copy of what the YMCA sent to their internal stakeholders
>> after the story went to air.
>>
>> Mr Lord will be back in court this Friday for a sentencing mention but
>> sentencing itself will not happen now for at least two months.
>>
>> In the light if recent events, it may be timely to reconvene the small
>> group that was in place to support schools with their management of
>> this issue. Your thoughts on this, and any reaction to the story,
>> would be welcome.
>>
>> Kind regards
>>
>> Mark
>>
>>
>> _____ Forwarded message _____
>> From: James Ellender [REDACTED]
>> Date: 25 August 2012 11:05
>> Subject: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012
>> To: [REDACTED]
>> Cc: Liam Whitley [REDACTED]
>>
>> From: James Ellender
>> Sent: Saturday, 25 August 2012 11:02 AM
>> To: YMCA Sydney Head Office; Board.members; Childcare Task Force;
>> Recreation Centre Managers; Jacqui Bamat; Kelly Anderson; Shane
>> Demir; Adrian Dark
>> Cc: Phillip Hare; Liam Whitley; Anne-Mary Nolan; Celia Britton;
>> Melinda Crole [REDACTED] Ron Mell
>> Subject: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012
>> Importance: High
>>
>>

6/18/13

CEO Sydney Schools Mail - Re: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012

>>

>> Dear YMCA Staff, Board and Stakeholders,

>>

>>

>>

>> In light of last night's story on the ABC's 7.30 Report we provide you
>> with this update.

>>

>>

>>

>> We understand that as YMCA staff, Board and Stakeholders, the
>> experience last night might have been both confronting and concerning.
>> Whilst the story was bad, we want to assure you that today in review
>> of the story, we are comfortable with the advice we have received to
>> date and that we have reduced its severity through our decisions
>> yesterday not to be interviewed and provide a comment only.

>>

>>

>>

>> In addition to the attached updated internal confidence memo, we
>> provide the following additional comments regarding transport in YMCA
>> Childcare settings:

>>

>> ü Our current policy does not allow 1 to 1 access to children on
>> excursions or activities

>>

>> ü If there is an incident where there is a YMCA driver and 1 child in
>> a YMCA vehicle (due to the child being the first child picked up or
>> last to be dropped off) the child must sit at the back of the bus/car

>>

>> ü Parents need to give written acknowledgement and signed permission
>> where there is only one child to be transported – in the situation
>> where there are only 3 kids who normally travel we get parents to sign
>> just in case two of them are away – we always make sure parents are
>> aware of the possibility of their child being the only one transported
>> and seek authorised permission

>>

>> ü Whenever a YMCA vehicle is used in addition to a bus, it is part of
>> a YMCA vehicle convoy and as such are not separated as we travel
>> together to and from venues

>>

>> ü Our policies and practices follow the industry standards in NSW and
>> align with and are compliant with National Regulations

6/18/13

CEO Sydney Schools Mail - Re: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012

>>
>>
>>
>> We will review our external communications on Monday to confirm our next steps.
>>
>>
>>
>> In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns with
>> regards to any policies please contact Liam Whitley, General Manager
>> of Children's Services on [REDACTED]
>>
>>
>>
>> Kind regards,
>>
>>
>>
>> James Ellender
>>
>> General Manager
>>
>> Marketing, Communications & Fundraising
>>
>>
>>
>> YMCA of Sydney
>>
>> Level 5, 91 George St
>>
>> Parramatta NSW 2150
>>
>> Ph: [REDACTED] Dir: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]
>>
>> Mob: [REDACTED]
>>
>> Email: [REDACTED]
>>
>> Website: <http://www.ymcasydney.org>
>>
>> Facebook: www.facebook.com/sydneymca
>>
>> Twitter: www.twitter.com/ymcasydney
>>

6/18/13

CEO Sydney Schools Mail - Re: Internal YMCA Update - August 25 2012

>> You Tube: www.youtube.com/ymcasydney

>>

>>

>>

>> The YMCA is committed to environmental sustainability. Please consider
>> the environment before printing this email.

>>

>>

>>

>> NOTICE: This communication is confidential. If you are not the
>> intended recipient of this communication please delete and destroy all
>> copies immediately. If you are the intended recipient of this
>> communication, you should not copy, disclose or distribute this
>> communication without the authority of the author. Any views expressed
>> in this communication are those of the individual sender, except where
>> the sender specifically states them to be the views of the YMCA.
>> Except as required by law, the YMCA does not represent, warrant and/or
>> guarantee that the integrity of this communication has been maintained
>> nor that the communication is free of errors, virus, interception or
>> interference. If you have received this mail in error or have any
>> other concerns regarding this transmission, please contact the author.

>>

>>

>>

>>

>>

>>

>>

>>

>>

>>

>>

>> --

>> Mark Rix

>> Head of Communications

>> Catholic Education Office Sydney

>> 38 Renwick St Leichhardt NSW2040

>> w: [REDACTED] m: [REDACTED]

>>

>> <25 August 2012_YMCA Caringbah Major Incident_Internal Confidence Memo.pdf>