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*From the Headmaster*

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- Relief Teachers – Mandatory Reporting
  - Sign off on the Policy
  - Child Protection
  - Policy
- Student teachers – how are they covered?
  - Mandatory Reporting (Universities)
- Duty of Care Course
  - Check re Mandatory Reporting requirements of that
- Pastoral Care Program
  - Protective Behaviours
- Separate teaching and non-teaching staff in the Policy

Support staff are not mandatory reports but must report to the HM.

- Section 5.1 – Unclear procedures

Any Mandatory Report is a Critical Incident.

Need to be written in procedures – “Headmaster to contact DES”.

What support do you give the reported?

Greg Clune suggestions ⇨

Reassure Staff ⇨

- 5.2.1 a belief “that a child has been the subject of sexual abuse or is subject to ongoing sexual abuse”.
 

Qualify – person making report against Headmaster is staff member.
- 5.2.5 Informing parents/caregivers. DCP or Police to notify parents.
- 5.2.7 and inform DES as Critical Incident.
- 5.2.8 Support offered on advice from DCP.
- 5.2.10 Support for reporters.

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- 5.3 Allegations of sexual abuse by a child are a mandatory reporting issue, whether at School or not.

\*\* Add support staff on flowchart.

Further clarification was sourced from Ian Curlewis, Lavan Legal and Kate Offer, Assistant Professor Law School at the University of Western Australia.

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