From the Vice Principal/Head of Corio

23rd March, 2007:
8.00am: received a call from Steve Andrew informing me that Stefan Janse van Vuuren had inappropriately looked at her in recent weeks. Stefan had complained to him that other girls in class had commented about this matter.

8.10am: Contacted Stefan. He came to my office and I informed him of the allegation. He was surprised and requested that the matter be resolved as soon as possible. I told him I would be away for much of the day, but would do what I could at the end of the day.

4.30pm: Had set up a meeting with Steve Andrew and Jenny Cooper in my office. Although staff met with Stefan initially he confirmed allegation. Felt uncomfortable with the way Stefan looked at her in class. She sat at back of class not in front. His 'looks' were deemed inappropriate when he sat at his desk. She also felt uncomfortable when Stefan took a Science extra. Wanted this staring to stop.

REDA was invited in and she, too, alleged she had been looked at inappropriately on some occasions. I informed and confirmed with both they:

a) had done the right thing
b) that I would talk to the teacher concerned
c) that I would inform their parents
d) that I believed their perception of events

At no time did I ask to be taken out of the class or change class. Wanted the alleged behaviour to stop.

5.05pm: Met with Stefan. I confirmed with him the conversation I had with him in the morning. Stefan had spoken to Steve Andrew at recess. He was aware REDA was the student. I had informed him of this. Concern was expressed by Stefan in relation to other students knowing and that this allegation might spread. I shared his concern. I told him I would contact both REDA's and REDA's parents. I also informed him that SDM had been informed of this allegation. I did not recommend a meeting with Stefan and REDA. I believed that it would be best to be aware of this allegation and do all that he could to arrest suspicion. I believed Stefan was genuinely concerned and distressed.

5.30pm: Rang REDA - mother of REDA. She had not been informed of these allegations. "Thought" she had or implied that she was going to. I informed REDA of the allegations. She was grateful I had called. She said she would talk to her daughter over the weekend and contact me if she was concerned or believed the issue needed further investigation.

6.00pm REDA - mother of REDA knew of these allegations and had advised her daughter to confront the teacher. This did not eventuate. Was happy that I had spoken to REDA and Stefan. I asked her to talk to her daughter over the weekend and to contact me if she remained concerned. She told me she was happy with the way it had been handled.