

TRINITY GRAMMAR CASE
Update for Meeting between DG and Minister

- The latest Briefing Note was provided on 17 November 2000. Copy has been faxed.
- An updated PPQ will be completed by 15 February 2001.
- Three of the four students charged by Police have pleaded guilty.
- One student was placed on a good behaviour bond and the other two are to return to Court for sentencing on 23 March 2001.
- A fourth student will face Court on 23 February 2001.
- Recent Media coverage has highlighted two concerns about DoCS' involvement. One related to the initial delay in Strathfield CSC referring the case to JIT. The second related to an apparent direction from DoCS to the school to not discuss the case with families involved, the broader school community or the media. In relation to the initial delay this was unfortunate but as the students were on holidays did not result in them being left at risk. The Manager, Strathfield CSC has discussed the concerns about the delay with the relevant staff at Strathfield CSC.
- It would have been preferable for the referral to have been made as soon as the notification was received as this would have enabled the investigation to commence during the school holidays rather than when the students returned to school for the final term.
- Regarding the alleged direction to the school to not discuss the investigations the A/Principal was advised not to discuss the details of the allegations to avoid any possible corruption of the investigation. However the school was not prevented from advising families, students and the Media that an investigation was taking place.
- Until all the Court proceedings have been finalised no discussion of the details of the case can occur.
- Metro South West Area will liaise with the school regarding the implementation of the proposed changes identified to improve the safety and quality of services to the students at Trinity Grammar.

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