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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between Shalom Christian College and the Queensland Sexual Health Unit

1. Overview of Sexual Health Clinic:

Queensland Health will provide open clinics to students at Shalom Christian College (Secondary). This will consist of a confidential open clinic combined with a referral and appointment service for students. This will operate on Thursdays during school term. Male and female nurses will be available to students.

2 Child Protection Matters

2.1 As part of their service delivery work, Queensland Health Workers (nursing and community health workers) may be required to make a child protection notification according to the Shalom Christian College Child Protection Policy and/or the Queensland Health Policy.

2.2 Where a Queensland Health Worker assesses that a child protection notification is required, the Queensland Health Worker will abide by the procedures of their employer organisation but must also comply with the Shalom Christian College Child Protection Policy.

2.3 Where a student discloses:

- Physical, psychological or emotional abuse or neglect; or
- sexual abuse or exploitation

has or is occurring, then health workers are required to report this matter in writing on the Shalom Christian College Child Protection form, to the Assistant Principal - Pastoral Care or to the Principal. Queensland Health Workers will ensure that the Principal is informed prior to a notification being made.

2.4 Queensland Health Workers will also be responsible for documenting all issues considered in association with a suspicion of harm or risk of harm including:

- when and to whom the case has been reported;
- decision made; and
- actions taken

2.5 Where a student is informed or is otherwise aware that a report has or will be made, support should be provided to the student to mitigate against any distress that the reporting may cause.

2.6 The Queensland Health Workers' line manager is responsible for ensuring the Queensland Health Worker receives professional support, debriefing and supervision, and that the details of all child protection cases are suitably documented.

2.7 After notification, if a Principal requests further information from the Queensland Health Worker regarding a child protection notification, the Queensland Health Workers will direct the Principal to the relevant Department of Child Safety Office or Queensland Health Department as appropriate.