

This is Exhibit "J" to the Statement of  
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Dated: 4 October 2013

**From:** Melody Formica [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 November 2011 6:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: request for assistance for ymca parent support group

Hi [REDACTED]  
 Just letting you know I received your second email and was not aware that you wanted a written response from me personally regarding the first email. My apologies I have contacted the school for the second time, this time regarding your follow up and once I have any information from the school I will contact you. I however do believe that the school will contact you directly.  
 Regards,  
 Melody Formica

sent from my iPhone

On 03/11/2011, at 7:36 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mel,

This email is just to confirm that as of today we still have not received a reply either from you or the Principal Mr Tony Davison.

Would you please inform us in writing of your response and Our Lady of Fatima's response about this request.

In re-iteration, the alleged allegations of aggravated indecent assault by the child care worker on children directly involved in BASC and vacation care at the YMCA has devastated the trust of parents in the YMCA, caused great anxiety for parents and children, and as well, there is a dissatisfaction with the lack of support for parents at our school.

Parents would like an explanation as to why St Patrick's Sutherland has had the support from both their school and the Catholic Education Office when we at Our Lady Of Fatima have had no such assistance. To assume that we do not need assistance in this way because there have been no reported cases of abuse on children attending Fatima is not a valid reason. For every reported incident of child abuse there are so many incidents which are not reported. To assume that no other child care worker at the YMCA was aware of this abuse or supported this abuse through either ignoring warning signs or providing the opportunity for it to take place through not being accountable for their punctuality with supervision etc. Is to be very naive. Using this fact that there have been no reported cases for the purposes of escaping involvement to reduce legal liability is a severe contradiction of the values which Catholic Schools claim to uphold. Parents do not want to know details about what has happened. We in no way wish to hinder the police investigation.

However, we would like to know what practices the YMCA will adopt at this present time to protect our children now. To say that they will continue to do what they say they have always done is not good enough. Despite the guidelines which they had in place, this situation still allegedly occurred. What has occurred cannot be changed, what happens in the future can be. It is everyone's responsibility to work together to prevent child abuse.

That said, Parent's need professional support to cope with their anxiety for their children, professional support to help them talk with and assess if their children have been abused, and to be listened to with regard to what we can suggest from our observations to improve child protection at YMCA BASC.

Kind Regards  
 AW and [REDACTED]