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Timeline – Richard Strickland

1929 - 2001	The <i>School Education Act 1928</i> required the registration of non-government schools, but the registration process was only concerned with their "efficiency". The legislation did not of itself require teacher registration, working with children checks or mandatory reporting
1998	A teacher alerted Head of Preparatory at the School about concerns regarding the Teacher.
1999	First offences committed by the Teacher at the School (for which a conviction has been recorded).
2 November 1999	The <i>School Education Act 1999</i> was passed, but the operative provisions (including those relating to registration) did not commence at this point in time.
2000-2001	Further offences committed by the Teacher at the School (for which a conviction has been recorded).
1 January 2001	The operative provisions of the <i>School Education Act 1999</i> commenced (including the non-governmental registration scheme). The transitional arrangements regarding school registration provided that all pre-existing "efficient" non-government schools would be taken to have registration for three years (as per Schedule 1, clause 11). As an "efficient" non-government school, the School was taken to be registered until 1 January 2004.
December 2001	A teacher alerted Head of Preparatory at the School about concerns regarding the Teacher.
2003 – 2004	The Department implemented a visit and registration process for all pre-existing independent non-government schools over a period of approximately 18 months.
May 2004	The School was registered under the <i>School Education Act 1999</i> for period of 7 years, backdated to 1 January 2004. During the visit and registration process, no information was provided to the Department about concerns relating to the Teacher (and in particular, no mention of first or second warnings that were issued in November 1999 and February 2001).
September 2004	The Western Australian College of Teaching was established by the <i>Western Australian College of Teaching Act 2004</i> .
October 2004	A teacher alerted Head of Preparatory at the School about concerns regarding the Teacher.

November 2004	The Teacher received a third and final warning from principal of the School.
2005	A teacher alerted Head of Preparatory at the School about concerns regarding the Teacher.
October 2005	The Teacher obtained his teacher registration, with a clear criminal record check.
2007	Further offences committed by the Teacher at the School (for which a conviction has been recorded).
2008	Further offences committed by the Teacher at the School (for which a conviction has been recorded).
1 January 2009	Mandatory reporting of sexual abuse of children was introduced, pursuant to the <i>Children and Community Services Amendment (Reporting Sexual Abuse of Children) Act 2008</i> and the Department, the Department of Education and other agencies began rolling out information and training to teachers across WA. The relevant provisions of this amending legislation commenced on 1 January 2009.
2009	Further offences committed by the Teacher at the School (for which a conviction has been recorded).
2 September 2009	The Teacher was stood down by the School.
4 September 2009	The Teacher charged by WA Police, who advised the School.
10 September 2009	The Teacher's employment at the School was terminated.
2010	The Department conducted a re-registration visit at the School. The School was asked to revise and re-submit an amended 'Child protection policy – sexual abuse and mandatory reporting'. The School's registration was renewed for the period 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2015.
1 January 2011	All teachers (including all pre-existing teachers) required to hold a Working with Children check pursuant to the <i>Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Regulations 2005</i> .
August 2011	The School submitted an amended 'Child protection policy – sexual abuse and mandatory reporting'.