

THE SCHOOL

From the Headmaster

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Dear REDACTED

Royal Commission of Inquiry

As you may be aware, a Royal Commission is currently underway, inquiring into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Commission is investigating where systems have failed to protect children, and will make recommendations on how to improve laws, policies and practices to prevent and better respond to child sexual abuse in institutions.

I would like to advise our REDACTED Community that we have been notified that a public hearing is to be held in Perth commencing on 19 May 2014. As posted on the Commission's website today, the scope and purpose of the hearing is to examine:

1. The response of the school following the arrest of a teacher in 2009 on multiple charges of indecent dealing with a child, in relation to the victims and their families and the wider school community;
2. The school's response to and management of the victims' claims for compensation;
3. The systems, policies and procedures in place at the school between 1999 and 2014 in relation to raising and responding to concerns about child sexual abuse;
4. The registration of the school under the Schools Education Act 1999 (WA) between 1999 and 2014; and
5. Any other related matters.

In accordance with a suppression order issued by the District Court at the request of the prosecution, neither the name of the School nor the name of the former teacher may be published. This order protects the identity of the five students who suffered sexual abuse in this case.

While the School will not be named, I wanted to keep our REDACTED informed and ensure that you are aware of the School's involvement in the hearings.

We strongly support the mission and purpose of the Royal Commission. We also support the initiative by the Anglican Church in Perth to help those seeking to make contact with the Royal Commission.

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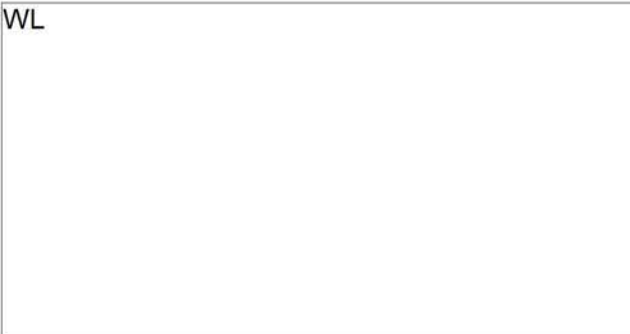
Our School has a long and proud tradition of pastoral care and quality education. No incident of sexual abuse is tolerable and we have apologised unreservedly to students who have suffered such abuse while in the care of the School, and to their families.

We remain committed to the continuous improvement of our School's Child Protection Policy, and welcome any recommendations which result from the Commission.

Thank you for your continued support during this time. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me on **REDACTE**

Yours sincerely

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