

Yeshivah College (Reg. No. 1533) - FILE NOTE

An article appeared in the Age on 8 July 2011 concerning an alleged incident of sexual abuse which took place approx. 15-20years ago. Victoria Police are currently investing the allegations.

The Director requested that the school provide a copy of it current mandatory reporting policy for assessment by the VRQA.

The school was assessed as a low risk school during the 2008 school review process and was determined ot be complaint with the minimum standards including those relating to student welfare. The school had indicated at the time of the review that it had in place a mandatory reporting policy.

I called Ms. Nechama (pron. Nehama) Bendet (direct no. **REDACTE**) to ask her to forward as a matter of urgency a copy of the school's current mandatory reporting policy.

Ms Bendet explained that the school has a policy in place ad that in addition the school has a "resilience program" for its students and provides in-service to its teachers on mandatory reporting.

I asked Ms Bendet to provide any written material the school has on the resilience program and the teachers' in-service program.

Ms Bendet has undertake to email these documents to me as soon as she can gather them together.

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