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Dear REDACTED

I am writing to advise you of the outcome of the assessment of your complaint against Yeshivah College (the College) lodged with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) by email dated 3 September 2012.

In your complaint you alleged that Rabbi Glick (a former principal) and the Board of Management of the College failed to report alleged sexual abuse incidents which occurred during the period of 1991-1995 to relevant government authorities and therefore failed to satisfactorily ensure the safety and welfare of the students.

In your complaint you requested the VRQA undertake the following:

- remove the right of Rabbi Glick to continue to be an accredited teacher in Victoria
- reprimand Rabbi Glick for his failure to report the allegations regarding sexual conduct to relevant authorities
- reprimand the College and its Board of Management in its failure to uphold the required reporting requirements and duty of care for the students.

The VRQA is responsible for regulating education and training in Victoria pursuant to the functions and powers granted to it under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (the Act) and Minimum Standards and other Requirements for School Registration (the Standards).

The Act also gives the VRQA the authority to investigate complaints about registered schools. However the VRQA can only investigate issues that, if proven, would be a breach of the Act or the Standards.

Your complaint raised issues regarding mandatory reporting requirements and the conduct of a teacher/former principal. Since 2007 a registered school has been required to have an appropriate policy to ensure that it complies with mandatory reporting requirements. The VRQA is satisfied that the school's current mandatory reporting policy meets the prescribed standard.

However your allegation regarding the conduct of Rabbi Glick does not fall within the jurisdiction of the VRQA. The Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) website indicates that

Rabbi Glick is registered as a teacher in Victoria. Therefore your allegations regarding the behaviour and conduct of Rabbi Glick will come under the jurisdiction of VIT.

Accordingly I propose to refer your complaint to the VIT. For this to occur your consent in writing is required and I request that this be provided to vrqa.complaints@edumail.vic.gov.au within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Alternatively you may wish to refer the matter to VIT directly on 03 8601 5800 or through their website at <http://www.vit.vic.edu.au>.

You may also wish to raise your concerns regarding the alleged sexual offences with Victoria Police. Please find below contact details for Victoria Police Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team.

http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=36448

I thank you for raising this matter with me.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact John Mildren, Manager, Student Services and Industry Liaison on 03 9651 3290.

Yours sincerely



LYNN GLOVER
Director, VRQA

25 September 2012.