



YMCA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

13th October 2011

YMCA Notification to School Principals

Dear Principal,

I am writing to inform you that two allegations have been raised directly against a YMCA staff member that is in a position of direct provision of care to children through our Sutherland Shire region Before, After School and Vacation Care Centres. These allegations are of a serious nature and are currently under investigation by the Police. When Management was made aware of the allegations the staff member was immediately stood down.

The YMCA staff and Management have been given a clear directive from police that we are not to intervene with this investigation by talking to the staff member involved or to discuss the details of the allegations with families, staff or our community partners.

The care and safety of the children enrolled in our Children's Services Programs is paramount to the YMCA and that is why we have taken this measure to inform you of the current situation. The YMCA has the highest quality Child Protection policies and practises that we assure you create the safest possible environment for all children.

You will be informed of the outcome of the investigation once the proceedings have been completed.

If you have any concerns about the serious misconduct of staff we encourage you contact Miranda Detectives on 9541 3875.

The YMCA and NSW Police respectfully requests at this time that due to the sensitive nature of this investigation that you refrain from discussing it publicly to allow for a complete and thorough investigation to occur.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Whitley', written over a faint grid background.

Liam Whitley
General Manager
Children's Services