



YMCA of Sydney

8th November 2011

Parents and Families
YMCA Children's Services
Via email and mail

RE: Parent Information – Invitation to YMCA Information Session

Dear Parents and Families,

We at the YMCA appreciate the ongoing impact of recent events on the parents and families of YMCA Children's Services and wider community and wish to reiterate our commitment to keeping you up-to-date as events unfold and providing you with any additional support required.

As you may be aware, following an initial court hearing on Tuesday 25 October, 2011, further court proceedings will commence this Thursday 10 November, 2011 at Sutherland Local Court.

To date the YMCA has been legally restricted in our communications with our families in the community. We realise the concern of our local parents and families and, following Thursday's hearing, will be in a better position to provide our community with important information regarding the outcomes of the case as well as an overview of our current child protection policies through a series of parent information sessions.

Specifically, these meetings will address:

1. Information made publically available following Thursday's court proceedings
2. Current YMCA Policies and Procedures for Children's Services
3. YMCA's ongoing commitment to the children in our care and families in the community

We would also like to reiterate that the YMCA has and will continue to do everything legally possible in relation to these proceedings and is cooperating fully with the Kogarah Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT) at this time.

All details of the information sessions including dates, times and locations, will be confirmed in the week commencing Monday 14 November, 2011.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

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Children's Services