



# YMCA of Sydney

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2011

YMCA Staff  
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 Via email

RE: Staff Information – Court proceedings

Dear YMCA Staff,

As you are probably all aware, a second court hearing took place at Sutherland Local Court this morning, following an initial hearing held last month.

There were two main outcomes from today's proceedings:

1. The case has been adjourned until Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, and will now take place at Central Local Court.
2. The existing suppression order and non-publication order on this case have been maintained and extend to the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

The suppression order, enforced to protect the identity of affected children and families, prevents any details of the case being made public with the non-publication order stopping media from reporting on it. The suppression order also means the YMCA is limited to what it can say publically on the case. As such it is inappropriate for us to speak to media at this time.

We would like to assure you that the YMCA has and will continue to do everything legally possible in relation to this case, including working closely with the NSW Police and Kogarah Joint Investigation Response team (JIRT), and will endeavour to keep you informed as matters progress.

We ask that you continue to direct any concerned parents and carers to the Child Protection Helpline (132 111). This is to ensure that people who are appropriately trained and resourced in supporting concerned parents and families and also enables information to be gathered from families that may assist the investigation by the JIRT.

Meanwhile, all media calls are to be directed to James Ellender, Marketing and Communications Manager at YMCA of Sydney.

We would like to restate our commitment to providing you with additional information as it becomes available. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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 Children's Services