



YMCA of Sydney

8th December 2011

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

RE: Update of court proceedings

Dear Parents and Families,

In light of some recent developments, we wish to provide you with a further update of the matter currently before court.

As you would be aware, the court has placed a Non-Publication order on this matter to date, preventing any media from publishing details about the case or the accused which could directly or indirectly identify the children and families involved and interfere with court proceedings.

However, at a subsequent hearing held yesterday at Central Local Court, the court ruled in favour of lifting the restrictions placed on naming the accused and the YMCA. The Non-Publication order now only places restrictions on the reporting of details of the charges and is in place until 5pm, 16th December when it is expected that NSW Police will conclude their investigations.

In light of today's outcome, the YMCA would like to confirm our commitment to communicating with our parents and families across our Children's Services community in the Sutherland Shire. We would also like to reiterate that from the moment the YMCA was informed of the allegations we have taken steps to ensure both the safety of the children in our care and the course of open justice, and will continue to do so.

As per our most recent communications, we would like to again highlight that given the ongoing impact of the court proceedings, we are offering our parents and families who may not be directly involved in the proceedings but have still been deeply affected access to a professional counselling service. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Adam Blatch at [REDACTED] should you feel counselling would be of benefit to you and your family at this time.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation and support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

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Children's Services