



ישיבת אהלי יוסף יצחק ליובאוויטש
YESHIVAH COLLEGE
 תת נשיאות בית המדרש של ליובאוויטש

Subject: Victorian Police Investigation

21 June 2011

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the Victorian Police are currently investigating sexual assaults that may have been committed in Yeshivah College 18-22 years ago by a past staff member, between 1989 and 1993.

The safety and welfare of our students, both past and present, is of paramount importance to the College. Accordingly, and in line with the Rabbinical Council of Victoria's resolution that crimes relating to abuse should be reported to the civil authorities, Yeshivah College is cooperating fully with the Police and is encouraging anyone who may have information that could assist in this investigation to contact the Police.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that the College has a number of well-developed policies and procedures in place to ensure that our students are provided with a safe and nurturing environment.

This includes:

- Full compliance with the Working with Children Check requirements
- Protocols governing communication between students and teachers both during and after school hours.
- Structural measures such as glass windows on classroom doors and withdrawal rooms.
- Resiliency programs with students at all year levels including Bounce Back, Kids Matter and Protective Behaviours Workshops, to assist students to understand their rights and develop strategies to respond to and report inappropriate behaviours.
- In-servicing staff on mandatory reporting requirements
- Information sessions for parents and family members with regard to building resiliency in children and teaching safe behaviours.

Yeshivah College remains completely focused and vigilant in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Yours Sincerely,

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