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Media Statement re: Alleged Historical Harm in response to query from the *Herald Sun*

Background

The School was contacted by the *Herald Sun* regarding allegations of historical abuse dating back to the 1990s. As a guiding principle, the School does not comment on individual survivors, their claims, and the nature, merits, decisions, procedural steps within and/or the outcome of their claims. This is a choice for the survivor, and the School respects their right to choose if, when and how they speak to their experiences. The School continues to learn and iterate in its work with survivors, and remains committed an authentic and trauma-informed response. The School uses lessons from the past to inform and challenge current responses to student safeguarding; supporting and enabling a culture which fortifies against the devastating harms of child abuse, with the strengthening and enablement of student voice at its core.

Statement supplied to the *Herald Sun*

“In upholding our commitment to student safeguarding and in accordance with the requirements of the Reportable Conduct Scheme, the School reports and investigates all allegations of abuse and misconduct against current and former employees.

The fundamental principles of the Reportable Conduct Scheme prioritise student safeguarding as the School’s paramount consideration, and also ensure that employees are entitled to receive natural justice in relation to reportable allegations.”

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