

29 March 2019

Community Statement: Past Students and Staff

We write to you in relation to a matter of importance to all members of our extended Servite community, including our past students and staff.

In light of the historical sexual abuse media coverage this week relating to a former Servite staff member employed at the College from 1986-99, the College again acknowledges with deep sadness the abuse of children and young people.

On behalf of the school community, we wish to convey our sorrow for the former student involved in this matter and for anyone who has been the victim of child sexual abuse.

The College is committed to openly and transparently addressing the tragic legacy of abuse. We assure the wider school community that the College is uncompromising in assisting police in any criminal investigations.

We encourage any person who has information or concerns regarding historic child sex offences or sexual abuse to contact the WA Police Force directly (131 444).

We remain fully committed to the continued development and implementation of effective strategies to ensure that we provide a safe environment for all members of the Servite College community.

If you are experiencing distress or mental health issues as a result of this correspondence, the following resources are available to support you:

- **Beyond Blue:** For immediate support call 1300 224 636 or visit beyondblue.org.au
- **Lifeline** provides a 24 hour phone service for crisis support (13 11 14). Support is also available at lifeline.org.au

Aligned with Catholic Education Western Australia's [Child Safe Framework](#), student safety and wellbeing remain our highest priority at Servite College. Our stringent policies and systems ensure the optimal care of our students.

We value our relationships with past students and staff. Should you have any concerns about this matter, or relating to any child protection issues, you are invited to make contact with the College.
Any conversation will be treated with the utmost confidence, at your discretion.

Yours sincerely



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