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Dear Parents, Carers and all associated now and previously with our school,

Late last year, the College commissioned an independent investigation into allegations made by a past pupil concerning the conduct of a now former staff member. The alleged conduct, including sexual offending, is said to have occurred during the 1990s.

The investigation report was provided to the College on 15 March 2025. A significant number of the allegations were substantiated. In accordance with the College's legal obligations and our own Child Safety Policies, the findings were reported to the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

I want to acknowledge the tremendous courage of the victim in coming forward and speaking the truth about these behaviours and the damage those actions have inflicted on that person's life.

The College supports individuals who come forward with concerns or disclosures of historical abuse and cooperates with the authorities in all matters. I encourage anyone with information regarding historical child sexual abuse to contact Victoria Police.

Any allegation of harm to a child is profoundly distressing. We are unequivocally committed to child safety and responding to any concerns raised with us. Salesian College Sunbury is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our students and I ask that you contact scs@safeguardingservices.com.au if you have any concerns, whether in relation to historical matters or the present day.

Salesian College Sunbury has a mission-driven, moral and legal responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment for students and to protect them from all forms of abuse and neglect. We take this commitment very seriously and work in partnership with the community to ensure that we reduce or remove risks to the personal safety and wellbeing of our students.

Open and transparent communication is essential to the College and community working together effectively. It is in that spirit that I have provided this information to you today.

I will continue to update you on matters of importance to our community and thank you for your partnership in providing a safe and supportive environment for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Brockhus

College Principal