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Dear parents, carers and all associated now and previously with our school,

Following the correspondence on 24 August, the College became aware of allegations regarding inappropriate behaviours towards children by former teachers who worked at OLMC during the 1990s.

I want to acknowledge the tremendous courage of the women who have come forward and speak the truth about the acts and the damage those actions have caused.

As I have said in previous communications, the College absolutely supports all enquiries or concerns brought to it by any person concerning claims of historical abuse and cooperates with the authorities in all matters.

Our Lady of Mercy College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our students and are unequivocally committed to child safety and responding to any concerns raised with us.

It is in that spirit that the College has determined it will conduct an investigation into the allegations regarding the former teachers.

The investigation will be led by Mr Simon Davies, director of Safeguarding Services. Anyone who wishes to speak with Mr Davies can forward their contact details to me or you may wish to contact Safeguarding Services directly at olmc@safeguardingservices.com.au.

If you have any concerns regarding issues of children's safety or wellbeing related to this time in our history or indeed at any time please contact Mr Davies, Victoria Police or myself.

As I said in my previous communication, any allegation of harm to a child is profoundly distressing.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Weir'.

Judith Weir
Principal