



# St Edmund's College

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Dear St Edmund's Community,

You may have become aware over the last few days of the events that occurred at St Kevin's College in Melbourne. Monday's ABC *Four Corners* program highlighted some disturbing accounts from young people of pain and distress. We hold in our hearts the young men and their families who felt abandoned in their time of need. As an Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) school we understand this is a difficult time for the community of St Kevin's and we send our prayers to them for the wisdom to navigate the confronting times ahead. These events are never acceptable, and no child should ever be subjected to this treatment.

At St Edmund's the safety and welfare of all our students is paramount. As an EREA school we have a steadfast commitment for implementing the recommendations of the recent Royal Commission. Our staff undergo regular training on all aspects of child safety. The College has processes and policies for reporting concerns or suspicions of abuse or harm to young people and for your reference these documents may be accessed via the College website.

<https://www.sec.qld.edu.au/our-college/policies-procedures>

It is never acceptable to treat a young person in such a way as to cause harm and it is never acceptable to remain silent or immobile about such matters. This College exists due to the strength, support and commitment of this community. We are committed to building a positive, inclusive culture in our school.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with the College in support of the education and development of our young men.

Yours sincerely

Ray Celegato  
Principal