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Dear Member of the College Community,

As is my usual practice in respect of any child protection matter involving Riverview, I am writing to keep you fully informed about the continuing judicial proceedings involving two Jesuits who were former members of the College staff in the 1970s.

My previous letter to you on 10 November 2020 on this subject can be read [here](#).

These matters will be the subject of further proceedings in Sydney on Wednesday 23rd December 2020 and I wanted to advise you of this in advance.

Out of respect for the ongoing court process the College is unable to make any comment on the detail of what is alleged. What I can say is that I will be keeping you informed at all stages of this process which is expected to go on well into 2021.

I want to again take this opportunity to reiterate our consistent message over many years to our College community past and present, that any person who may have any evidence of criminal conduct, no matter how long ago it may have occurred, should report that information to the Police for the appropriate investigation.

Any person who may have experienced abuse at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview at any time should know that they will be welcomed with care and compassion by the College when they decide the time is right for them to come forward. This can be done in a number of different ways including:

- To the local Police
- Directly to myself on (02) 9882 8278 or principal@riverview.nsw.edu.au
- To the Professional Standards Office of the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus on (03) 9810 7300 or professionalstandards@sjasl.org.au
- To the independent National Redress Scheme on 1800 737 377 or www.nationalredress.gov.au

Let me take this opportunity to again openly acknowledge the tragic chapter in our history in which some students were profoundly failed and suffered abuse by those charged with their protection. I apologise on behalf of the College that such events have occurred and recognise the often lifelong hurt, pain and suffering endured by Old Boys of Riverview.

Should you have any questions on this or any child protection matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Paul Hine
Principal