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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BARKER COMMUNITY REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - HISTORICAL MATTERS

With the increased level of public awareness and concern arising from past breaches of trust in child protection matters, it is natural for people to reflect on experiences in their lives, particularly during their time in school.

The Council of Barker College encourages any member of the Barker College community who may have matters of concern from their time at Barker College to make contact with us.

To assist with this process, the School has established a Confidential Help Line (1800 732 296).

However, if you would prefer to write to us, please use the following email address, <u>concerns@barker.nsw.edu.au</u> This confidential email address is managed by our Senior Counsellor, Mr John Hensley.

If any member of the Barker College community wishes to discuss any matter personally with me or someone from the School, please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Please be assured that all matters raised with the School will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, compassion and respect.

Our prayerful support is offered to every generation that makes up our community of Barker College.

Yours sincerely

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