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To our Community,

Last Friday marked the final day of the Royal Commission's public hearing into the Australian Christian Churches.

This case study has included examination of the abuse committed by Kenneth Sandilands at the College more than twenty years ago.

As the public hearings conclude, it is appropriate that we reflect upon the terrible suffering that continues for many of the victims of Kenneth Sandilands.

We reiterate the apology by Senior Pastor John Spinella of Encompass Church to those who were abused by Kenneth Sandilands.

You can read this statement by clicking on the following link:

<http://encompass.org.au/statement-regarding-royal-commission-14-oct-2014/>

Although these events occurred many decades ago, the devastating effects of that abuse continue to be felt.

What occurred should never have taken place and for that we are truly sorry.

Northside Christian College is a very different place today; all children here are in a safe environment where their wellbeing is our highest priority.

We have recently completed a review of our existing child protection policies and procedures to ensure that we continue to meet best practice in this regard.

Each and every student is further protected by all legislated requirements including mandatory reporting, with which Northside Christian College is fully compliant.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the care and compassion expressed and displayed for the victims of abuse.

Your support for the College during this time is also greatly appreciated and I thank you for your concern and care over these recent months.

Yours sincerely,

Doug Holtam
Principal