

# School incident alert notification

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**Statement as at:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Status:** New

**School:** Victoria Point State High School

**Region:** South East Region

**School contact name:** Scot Steinhardt

**Regional contact name:** Elaine Cassar

**Telephone:** 3820 5888

**Telephone:** 07 5656 6688

**Electorate:** Redlands

**Date of incident:** 28 April 2016

**Incident involving:**

Students

**International Student involved:**

No

**Nature of incident:**

Harm/Injury

**Emergency services involvement:**

Yes - Queensland Police Service (QPS)

**Lockdown:**

No

**Media involvement:**

No

## Summary:

- At approximately 1:30pm (at the end of lunchtime) on Thursday 28 April, a <sup>647(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest</sup> student presented to the sick bay stating that there was another <sup>647(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest</sup> student walking around the school grounds with a knife.

## Actions

- The Head of Student Services notified the Principal and Deputy Principal and searched the school grounds for the student.

- The Head of Student Services located the student who appeared to be very agitated but did not have a knife in his possession,
- The Head of Student Services calmed the student and escorted him to the student services centre.
- At the same time, the Deputy Principal found two knives under a bush on the school oval.
- The Deputy Principal informed the Principal about the knives found on the school oval.
- The Principal gathered all students in the vicinity of where the knives were found and began an investigation into the incident.
- The Deputy Principal contacted the QPS to inform them that two knives were found on the oval.
- The Principal contacted the parents of the [s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest] students to inform them that they were investigating the discovery of 2 knives.
- The Principal reported that the two students had superficial cuts on their legs that did not appear to require medical attention and did not appear to be the result of a knife cut.

### Outcome

- The QPS contacted the Principal this morning and advised that [s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest] had made contact to report the incident.
- The Principal is continuing his investigation and is assisting the QPS with their investigation.
- It is not yet clear exactly what transpired.

### Risks

What are the identified risks and how are they being mitigated or managed?

- Student Injury/Harm

### Media

Has CEP been advised?

- Yes via this Alert

Have any media outlets arrived or approached school?

- Not at this time.

### Updates:

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### Approval

APPROVED – Y  
PRINCIPAL

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR

## COLE, Caroline

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**From:** PORTER, Amanda (aport100)  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 April 2016 8:36 AM  
**To:** STEINHARDT, Scot (sstei3)  
**Cc:** SAMSON, Matthew (msams2)  
**Subject:** Please call Barry Ross - Police Detective - Wynnum Child Protection RE: Incident with a knife yesterday - 3308 8177

*Kind Regards, Amanda*

Amanda Porter  
Administration Officer  
VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
Phone: 07 3820 5888  
Fax: 07 3820 5800



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**From:** LINDSAY, Karen <Karen.LINDSAY2@dete.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 April 2016 10:42 AM  
**To:** STEINHARDT, Scot (sstei3)  
**Cc:** CASSAR, Elaine  
**Subject:** Re: Yesterday  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image001.png

Dear scot

Thankyou for letting us know. I have copied Elaine into this email as we will need to do a school alert. You have provided enough information to initiate this process, but as you come across further information please update Elaine.

Yours truly

Karen

Sent from my iPad

On 29 Apr 2016, at 9:08 am, STEINHARDT, Scot (sstei3) <sstei3@eq.edu.au<mailto:sstei3@eq.edu.au>> wrote:

Hello Karen. FYI. We had a knife incident here late yesterday. [REDACTED]. No injuries, no ambulance, no media but the police are involved with search warrants, families etc. Working on more facts because everything is fairly contradictory at the moment.

We are managing locally at the moment-just thought you'd like to know in case you get enquiries down there.

There goes Friday. Regards

Scot Steinhardt  
Principal

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' T: (07) 3820 5888 | F: (07) 3820 5800  
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**From:** CASSAR, Elaine <Elaine.CASSAR@dete.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 April 2016 4:02 PM  
**To:** CCM, Media; Alert, School  
**Cc:** STEINHARDT, Scot (sstei3); BALLESTER, Javier; BOOTH, Vicky; CALVERT, Jo; CORNISH, Terry; DIGHTON, Tim; DONALD, Sharyn; GURNEY, Margaret; HOWELL, Amanda; JONES, Alan; KINGSTON, Peter; LINDSAY, Karen; LLOYD, Lynn; MCANDREW, Vicki; PAYNE, Kirsty; PELHAM, Chloe; RAGH, Brian; REILLY, Jessica; RYAN, Trish; SCOTT, Darren; SILVA, Cindy; THOMSON, Leslie; VALLES, Sharon; VEIVERS, Yvonne; WILLIS, Julie  
**Subject:** School Incident Alert Victoria Point SHS 29 April 2016.docx  
**Attachments:** School Incident Alert Victoria Point SHS 29 April 2016.docx

Hi All  
Please find attached a School Incident Alert for an incident at Victoria Point SHS.

With thanks  
Elaine



**Elaine Cassar**  
Director Regional Services  
Robina Regional Office | South East Region  
Department of Education and Training

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