



Sholto Bowen
Principal

27 April 2018

Deputy State Coroner
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Attention: Mr Iain Treloar West
Your ref: COR 2016 006011

Dear Sir,

Finding into the death without Inquest of Alexander Sheng Wei LI
Court ref: COR 2016 6011

I refer to the Finding into the death of Alexander Li, dated 23 February 2018.

Further to the recommendations connected with the death, at page 9 of the Findings (paragraphs 41-45 inclusive), I provide this written response with the following statement of action:

- the school will no longer conduct camps at Plumbago during peak summer conditions and will only hold the camp during periods of lower/milder heat;
- the 'Student Preparation' booklets for all camps will be updated to reflect the dangers of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and dehydration and ways in which to manage these conditions;
- students and parents will be thoroughly briefed on these dangers prior to any camp and students will be reminded of them during the camp. Parents/guardians will be fully advised of the risks of any expedition prior to signing a consent form;
- staff will utilize communication equipment to check on current weather forecasts prior to each day's activities and periodically throughout each day and amend the activities accordingly; and
- the School has adopted procedures with more accurate guidelines for heat stress management during activities, based on the *Sports Medicine Australia Guidelines on Hot Weather*. In particular, the School will abide by guidelines that recommend that in temperatures of 31–35 degrees Celsius with relative humidity exceeding 50%, the activity should be limited to 60 minute sessions. Further, if the temperature exceeds 35 degrees Celsius with a humidity of 30% and above, the activity should be postponed to a cooler part of the day or to another day.

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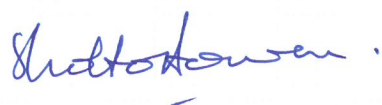
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The School wishes to thank the Coroner for his recommendations and again expresses its sympathy to Alexander's family for their tragic loss.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sholto Bowen", with a small horizontal line underneath the name.

Sholto Bowen OAM
Principal