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### Everyone's Invited - Our commitment statement from the Executive Principal

Like everyone, we've been appalled by the stories that are emerging across the country. It is completely unacceptable that girls are being treated in this way and we have a collective responsibility as education leaders to take a stand. We pride ourselves on being a highly inclusive family of schools, and have strong systems and controls in place. We want to make sure we are leaving no stone unturned in identifying and dealing with sexual violence and sexual harassment between children.

In addition to our existing practices, we are taking steps to ensure that each of our schools has the means to capture testimony from students - either anonymously or in person through safe spaces - so that there is every opportunity to uncover any issues. We all need to go further and shine a light on these issues so that they are brought out in the open and dealt with swiftly, including involving the police. To do otherwise, makes us part of the problem.

Kind regards

**Catherine Assink**  
Acting Executive Principal / Chief Executive Officer



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