



# Macarthur Anglican School

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## Media Statement

16 February 2023  
08.30am

The Headmaster, Dr David Nockles, confirms the tragic death of a Year 9 student following an accident that occurred at the front of the school near the Chapel yesterday afternoon. At present, all that can be confirmed is that a public transport bus lost control as it moved away from the bus bays, mounting the kerb. As a result of that accident, the student sustained injuries resulting in his death after his arrival at the hospital.

The matter is now part of a police investigation, and the school will not make any further comments in this regard.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the boy's family, including his brother in Yr 11, as they deal with unimaginable grief and heartache. The school appreciates the tangible support for our school community as we work through this terrible shock and loss to the wider Macarthur family.

Earlier this morning, a couple of age-appropriate assemblies were held. Following these brief assemblies, the students attended their usual classes to be in the care of their teacher or a team of counsellors the school has called on.

A team of outside counsellors have been arranged to work alongside the school's pastoral care team, assisting those students and staff who need direct support. These counsellors have come from our surrounding Anglican schools, other Christian schools, Anglicare, the Police and the ambulance service. The school is thankful for the support of our fellow schools and emergency service providers.

Pastoral care and counselling will continue to be available to students and staff in the coming days and weeks.

The Headmaster appreciates the outpouring of support and prayers that he and other staff have received for the school community and the boy's family in particular.

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