

CONTEMPORARY SCHOOL ISSUES

A panel discussion for School Principals and Executives

The Alannah & Madeline Foundation
with
Moray & Agnew Lawyers and Nicholes Family Lawyers

Managing the intersection of child protections laws and regulations in Victoria including:

1. Preventing and responding to online bullying and other threats to school children including cyber safety - eSmart program (**Lesley Podesta - Alannah & Madeline Foundation**).
2. Defining the boundaries of a school's responsibilities including the practical and creative implementation of the Child Safe Standards, online sexting and bullying (**Nick Duggal - Moray & Agnew Lawyers**).
3. Intersecting family law and safety to children in schools in the context of the issues raised in points 1 and 2 (**Sally Nicholes - Nicholes Family Lawyers**).
4. **VicPol** – the messages VicPol would like to provide to educators.

DATE: 18 October 2017

TIME: 5.30pm - registrations
6.00pm – 7:30 pm

FORMAT: Panel Discussion
followed by Q & A

VENUE: Nicholes Family Lawyers
12/460 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne

COST: Complimentary

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(light refreshments served)



PANELLISTS



LESLEY PODESTA: Lesley is the CEO of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation. Lesley came into the not for profit sector after undertaking a number of senior roles in the Australian government – she was the head of the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health for nearly five years and among many other innovations, introduced the Nurse Family Partnership to Australia with Professor David Olds. She also led the development of the Australian government National Incident Room where the medical response to the Bali bombings, the Jakarta bombings and the South East Asian tsunami were managed. Lesley also led our response to SARS, Avian Influenza, HIV, Hepatitis C and the National Immunisation Program.



SALLY NICHOLLES: Sally is a leading family lawyer who focuses on all aspects of family law. Sally has particular expertise in international family law disputes, property cases involving complex corporate and trust structures, and disputes between parties to a same-sex relationship and advising schools on their family law obligations. She has also had an extensive involvement in international issues concerning the wellbeing of children. Sally is an accredited independent children's lawyer and arbitrator, Deputy Chair of the Board of the World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights and has been, until recently, Chair of the Lasallian Foundation which provides education and related programs for the empowerment of children and young people in the Asia-Pacific region. Sally is also known for her expertise in international family law disputes; particularly with jurisdictional arguments and conflict of laws.



NICK DUGGAL: Nick assists independent schools on all aspects of their legal requirements, including around school governance, enrolment, teacher conduct, student conduct, outsourced program providers, discrimination laws, privacy and health law obligations, mandatory reporting requirements, the Child Safe Standards, employment and commercial matters.



Since 1993 Victoria Police has been responding to internet based child exploitation offences via a team of investigators embedded within the Sexual Crimes Squad. In July 2012 Taskforce Astraea was established in response to contemporary trends in internet child exploitation. In October 2014 the Australian Federal Police - Child Protection Operations and Taskforce Astraea merged to form the Joint Anti-Child Exploitation Team (JACET) [pronounced jacket] which reflects the growing international influence of our investigations into offences. JACET is staffed by 17 Victoria Police members and 10 AFP members. JACET will respond to and take primary investigation accountability for:

- Commercial/organised manufacture or large scale distribution networks of child pornography;
- Online child exploitation requiring a specialist response; and
- Organised/cross-jurisdictional child prostitution offending.



FACILITATOR

ELIZABETH AITKEN: Liz advises schools on the unique intersection of laws and regulations affecting their employment relationships and general operations, including around school governance, teacher registration, critical incident responses, accommodation of student disabilities, privacy and health law obligations, mandatory reporting requirements, criminal law duties to disclose and liability for student injury.