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Sent: Thursday, 13 November 2025 11:41
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Subject: FW: GC Bulletin/ Helensvale SHS
Attachments: Video_20251113_062044_897.mp4, Nov 13 25 - Helensvale SHS incident.docx

For awareness.
Warning - video is horrible.

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Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 7:30 AM
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Subject: GC BULLETIN MEDIA ENQUIRY

Hi Nicole ! How are you?

We have received footage from concerned parents about an incident which happened outside Westfield Helensvale involving two students from Helensvale State High yesterday afternoon. I believe the girls are in [§ 47(3)(b) – Contrary to Public Interest] I have attached the footage for your reference.

Just wanted to reach out and see if you had received any reports of the incident and if you will be investigating the matter.

- Have you received reports of this incident?
 - If so, when did you receive it?
 - How many reports of bullying at schools on the Gold Coast is the education department dealing with right now?
 - What is the department's stance on bullying?
 - What would be the standard consequence for bullying, especially in this manner?
 - How is the department trying to fix bullying at schools on the Gold Coast?
- And please add anything else you would like as well.

Deadline for these comments is 12pm today.

Thank you

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13 November 2025

447(3)(b) – Contrary to Public Interest, Gold Coast Bulletin

Helensvale SHS student behaviour incident

We have received footage from concerned parents about an incident which happened outside Westfield Helensvale involving two students from Helensvale State High yesterday afternoon. I believe the girls are in grade 8. I have attached the footage for your reference. Just wanted to reach out and see if you had received any reports of the incident and if you will be investigating the matter.

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The following may be attributed to a spokesperson for the Department of Education:

We respectfully ask media to be aware that continued media coverage and social media posts regarding these kinds of incidents only serves to glorify these negative behaviours.

We ask media to consider the serious effects of further coverage of this type of material on those impacted and their families particularly when they do not support publication.

The department is aware of a distressing video circulating online of an appalling incident involving students from Helensvale State High School, which occurred outside school grounds and after school hours this week.

The Helensvale SHS community is shocked and saddened by this incident which is being treated with the utmost seriousness.

The school has acted quickly to discipline the students involved and they are facing consequences for this appalling behaviour, in line with the schools' Code of Conduct.

The school has provided wraparound support for the young person impacted and will continue to care for them and their family in every way possible.

In addition, Guidance Officer support is being made available at the school for any students who may require it.

No further details about disciplinary actions can be provided due to student privacy.

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