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Dear Freda

**Investigation into the death of Kyle W Vassil – COR 2010 000661**

I write in response to the inquest findings, including recommendations, made by the Coroner in relation to the death of Kyle Vassil.

At 303.1 (page 55) in the findings it is recommended to the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) that:

*“if such has not already occurred, that all Victorian Catholic Schools voluntarily adopt the DEECD protocol, concerning the management of safety issues relating to all school student swimming and related water based sporting activity”.*

The NCEC notes this recommendation. The appropriate school authority to raise this recommendation in relation to Catholic schools in Victoria is the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV). I note that one CECV has been provided with a copy of the findings.

In relation to the commendation of the DEECD *Safety Guidelines for Education Outdoors* the NCEC will pass on this commendation to state and territory Catholic education commissions for their information.

Should you wish to discuss the NCEC's response to the recommendation above, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 8229 0800 or at [ncec@ncec.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ncec@ncec.catholic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ross E. Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ross Fox  
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cc Mr Stephen Elder, Executive Director, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd