



Moree Public School

Term 3 Week 4 – Media article

On Thursday morning 13/08/2020 an article was printed in *The Australian* Newspaper, which named a former employee of Moree Public School.

There have been some allegations made in this article.

Please note that there is no suggestion that this former employee acted inappropriately toward any child at Moree Public School.

Moree Public School follows all Departmental protocols regarding the *Working With Children Check* (WWCC) which are issued by *The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian*.

All people employed in a NSW public school must have a current WWCC. Additionally, all teachers must have the relevant accreditation to teach issued by the NSW Education Standards Authority.

If allegations are raised against any staff member, they are thoroughly investigated and alleged offences are reported to the appropriate authorities, of which include Police.

For privacy reasons, schools and the NSW Department of Education is not able to disclose personal information about employees.

At no time did this former employee disclose any information relating to his past that was included within the News article to myself. The school was not contacted by the Newspaper before or after the article going to print on Thursday morning.

We have high standards when it comes to teacher quality so that students have access to the very best learning experiences in every classroom. When these standards are not met, teachers may be placed on an individual program to support them in improving their performance. Teachers may choose to conclude their contract rather than finalising an improvement program.

Moree Public School, as all NSW Department of Education schools, is an inclusive workplace that values its people and their diversity. Performance improvement programs are put in place and administered without any form of discrimination whatsoever.

The support of the staff of Moree Public School has been outstanding and speak to the high degree of professionalism they bring to their role every day. This support is very much appreciated.

Thank you to our P&C Committee for their continued support and especially to Mrs Kelly James, President.

Moree Public School has always been held in high regard in the community and we are committed to working together, with our families to ensure that our high standards and integrity prevail at all times and remain our priority.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sharyn Cox

Principal - Moree Public School