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Mandatory Reporting of suspected child abuse in Queensland

A staff member of a non-State School who suspects that a student has been sexually abused by someone else who is an employee of the school must give a written report to the school's principal or a director of the school's governing body.

Similar provisions apply to State Schools.

The report must be in writing and new regulations are foreshadowed as to the form of that report.

Failure to report is now punishable by law.

The principal or the director of the government body concerned must immediately give a copy of the report to a Police officer.

There are also new provisions protecting against defamation, and such things as breach of confidentiality.

School's practice and training should take the new legal reality into account.

Any request for advice on this new requirement should be directed to Graham Corney of this firm.

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