



Saint Augustine's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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To: Parents & Carers

From: A Quinn, Executive Principal
G O'Connor, Head of School
M Dean, Chair – Academy Representatives

During the Ash Wednesday service for Yr 9 and Yr 11 students, it came to our attention that discomfort was experienced by some students that had received the ashes on the forehead. As a result, all students were requested to wash the ashes off immediately to ensure no further discomfort was felt. Any further distribution of ashes immediately ceased.

The school is dismayed by this event. In total, 73 students, 16 staff and the Chair of the Governors have been affected to date. Those impacted were administered on site by trained First Aiders and then advised to seek further medical attention. An investigation has started and the ashes are being analysed by external experts. A subsequent report will be made available to all stakeholders and any recommendations will be actioned accordingly. Saint Augustine's Catholic High School treats students' health and safety as paramount.

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