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**By Email:**

Dear

**Compulsory Schooling Order**

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I confirm that I appeared on your behalf on a duty basis in the NSW, on before Children’s Court Magistrate .

I explained to you that you were before the Court because your ,

had not been attending enough school and because of this, the Department of Education applied for a Compulsory Schooling Order against you.

**What I Told You**

I explained to you that you have a legal obligation to get to school each day unless is unwell and you provide a medical certificate to the school within seven days of being unwell.

I advised you that the Department of Education can prosecute you in the Local Court for not taking to school, with or without a schooling order. If you are prosecuted without an order you can be fined up to 25 penalty units ($2,750.00) and with an order up to 100 penalty units ($11,000.00).

I advised you that initially, the Department of Education usually asks the Court to order that you participate in a confidential conference with people from the Department of Education, as well as , to talk about the reasons that has not been going to school and to work out how to get back to school.

You instructed me that you want to participate in a conference before the Court decides whether an order should be made against you.

**What You Told Me**

You were very honest with me and told me that there wasn’t really a good reason why

 hadn’t been going to school.

You told me:

I explained to you that the Court was likely to be unhappy that had not been going to school. I told you that it was likely that the Court would make an interim order (from now until when you come back to Court) for you to get to school.

You told me that that you are willing to participate in a Conference with the Department and also to an order being made against you.

**What Happened in Court**

When your matter was called into Court, appeared on behalf of the Department of Education. I appeared on your behalf. I explained to the Court that you intended to work hard to get to go to school from now on.

Magistrate ordered that you attend a Dispute Resolution Conference organised by the Department of Education. This conference will be an opportunity for you to speak confidentially with the Department about the reasons why hasn’t been going to school and how you can work together to ensure that goes to school.

Magistrate also made an interim Compulsory Schooling Order against you. This means that between now and when the Court makes a different Order, you must ensure that goes to school every day unless is unwell and you provide a medical certificate to the school within 7 days.

**What Happens Next**

Your matter has been adjourned until at . **You must attend Court on this occasion**.

It is that on the Court will decide whether an order should be made against you. If you would like to try and stop this from happening, then you should make sure you keep getting to school every day unless is unwell and you provide a medical certificate to the school within 7 days.

There will be a duty solicitor at Court on to assist you.

If you have any questions please contact me on .

Yours sincerely

**Solicitor**