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**By Email:**

Dear

**Compulsory Schooling Order**

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|  | **Born on:**  |

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

**What I Told You**

Before your matter was called into Court we were able to talk about the reasons

 has not been going to school.

I explained to you that you already 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 they prosecute you without an order you can be fined up to 25 penalty units ($2750) and up to 100 penalty units ($11,000) with an order.

I advised you that usually the Department of Education would ask 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

 hasn’t been going to school and to work out how to get

 back to school. You instructed me that you wanted to participate in a conference before the Court made a decision about whether an order should be made against you or not.

**What You Told Me**

You explained to me the following:

**What Happened In Court**

When your matter was called into Court, appeared on behalf of the Department of Education and I appeared on your behalf. I explained to the Court that you intended on working hard to get to go to school from now on. I asked the Court to adjourn the matter until the end of school term to give you the opportunity to show that you could get to school.

 Honour asked me why had not been going to school and I explained to the reasons why wasn’t going. Honour suggested that you should .

**What Happens Next**

Your matter has been adjourned until **at 9:30am. You need to attend Court on this occasion.**

It is likely that on that date the Court will make a decision about 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 feel free to contact me on (02)

Yours sincerely

Solicitor