

Dear Monivae families,

I am writing to you regarding the horrific accident that occurred in Bochara over the weekend, that we understand involved several teenagers from the local community.

While there is no official confirmation of the identities of those involved, we understand Year 10 student, Joshua Elmes is one of those deceased. I have spoken to the Elmes family who have asked that this be communicated with the school community. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out Josh's family, including Josh's brother, Year 7 student Aaron.

The College staff and students will be gathering for a whole school assembly first thing on Monday morning. During the assembly, students will be advised of the wellbeing support available to them during this time.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's reaction or their expression of feelings about this news, you are welcome to reach out to their Year Level Coordinator. Other resources we recommend are:

- Kids Helpline: [kidsline.com.au](https://kidsline.com.au) 1800 551 800. A chat option is also available.
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Headspace: [headspace.org.au](https://headspace.org.au)
- Reach Out: [au.reachout.com](https://au.reachout.com)
- Grief Line [griefline.org.au](https://griefline.org.au)
- Beyond Blue [beyondblue.org.au](https://beyondblue.org.au)

Families are advised that Community Response Support will be provided at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre in Brown Street.

We have received wonderful support from our community as we support each other through this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely,

Jonathan Rowe

Principal