Media Statement

4 December 2025

Yesterday we were advised by Victorian Police that additional charges have been brought against Joshua Dale Brown, who was an employee of Nino Early Learning Adventures at Point Cook from 15 January 2017 to 9 June 2019. The charges of recklessly causing injury and common assault relate to an incident which occurred on 26 March 2019. Nino ELA's Point Cook Centre was sold in 2024.

At the time this incident occurred, Nino ELA reported the incident to the Department of Education in accordance with its statutory obligations, and a thorough investigation was undertaken both by the Department and the Centre.

Nino ELA has fully co-operated with Victorian Police in relation to their investigation and are complying with all directions from Victorian Police. We remain fully committed to supporting the ongoing investigation in every possible way. For the protection of the family involved and the ongoing investigation, we cannot provide any further comment. We remain deeply distressed by the nature of the charges laid against this individual. We understand the concern and anxiety this news has caused within the community, not only for those directly involved, but for all families who entrust us with the care of their children.

Child safety, educator excellence, and service quality are always our top priorities in all we do, and we are continuously reviewing and enhancing our practices to not only meet – but exceed – regulatory expectations.

The safety, wellbeing, and development of every child must be the highest priority and Nino ELA welcomes any review of the National Education and Care Services Laws and Regulations that strengthens safeguards, enhances accountability, and ensures the highest standards of safety and care for every child.

Nino ELA remains committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and providing an environment where every child feels safe, supported, and empowered to thrive.

For further information and updates, please visit https://www.vic.gov.au/childcare-centres-investigation