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Attention: The Principal - [REDACTED]  
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C/c By email: [marrickvil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:marrickvil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: URGENT - Desecration of the Republic of Vietnam's flag in public**

I write to you on behalf of the Vietnamese Community in Australia NSW (VCA NSW), to convey our concerns regarding the above-mentioned matter.

There is evidence that a group of students, in school uniforms almost identical to that of Marrickville High School, has committed an act of desecration of the flag of the Republic of Vietnam in public. The act was filmed and circulated on social media.

In the video, one student has pulled down the flag of The Republic of Vietnam wilfully, stepped on, maliciously destroyed, dishonoured the flag and verbally insulted the Vietnamese Community in Australia.

Upon investigation, we have gathered that this incident took place sometime on Friday 30 April 2021 on Arthur Street, corner of Illawarra Road, near Marrickville station. I have included the video footage for your perusal in the link attached.

This incident took place on the National Resentment Day of the Republic of Vietnam - the Fall of Saigon. On 30 April 1975, thousands of Vietnamese were killed because of the Communist Government's attack. Subsequently, millions of people had risked their lives on dangerous boat journeys, and hundreds of thousands of people died at sea in the search for freedom.

The incident has caused extreme outrage within our community. The Vietnamese community has settled in Australia for forty-six years. Most of us came as refugees. This act represents total disrespect and disregard for those who have scarified to protect our country, and the treatment we have suffered.

The Republic of Vietnam's flag has been recognised by many local councils as the official flag of the Vietnamese Community in Australia after more than 40 years of settlement. This matter has been discussed in great detail within our community and we unanimously request:

1. Your confirmation that this group of students attend your school.
2. If it is indeed students from your school, we request a letter of response from Marrickville High School in respect to the indecent acts of your students in school uniform in public.
3. A personal apology from the students or the responsible parents.

We strongly suggest Marrickville High School to have further discussions with the students' parents or primary caregivers on the gravity of flag desecration, and vandalism to communal property. We hope your school also takes appropriate disciplinary action on the students.

Depending on the outcome, we might need to seek media attentions, and request NSW police's investigation on the prosecution of disorderly conduct, vandalism and malicious damage to property.

We thank you in anticipation for your time in this matter and greatly appreciate your urgent response.

Kindly advise us of the outcome and should you wish us to meet to discuss further of this issue we are available to do so at your suitable time.

Video link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fJov5x75qkd9rRDSM7a5a544jyGc83cq/view?usp=sharing>

Kind regards,

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