



Our ref: DE21/21637

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Dear Mr Boyer

**RE Freedom of Information - Determination**

I refer to your Freedom of Information application received by the Department for Education (department) on 19 October 2021, seeking access to:

*'Documents (not limited to reports, minutes, emails and notes) showing the number of times State school sites have gone into lockdown since 1 January 2020, broken down by the cause of the lockdown.'*

I also refer to an email dated 12 November 2021 to your office, which advised that the department had interpreted the scope of your application to be for a summary document (if available) which shows the number of lockdowns and the reason/cause for their occurrence. You were invited to confirm by close of business Monday, 15 November 2021 whether this interpretation was correct.

On 12 November 2021, your office advised via return email to this office that a summary document would meet your requirements.

Searches undertaken in relation to your request have identified one document which I have determined to release in full.

No costs have been levied for processing of your application as they are within the threshold prescribed by the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018 allowed for Members of Parliament.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, a copy of your notice of determination and the document to which you are given access, may be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned at [education.foi@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.foi@sa.gov.au) within 30 days from the date of notice of determination.

Should you require further information, please contact Information Release on telephone 8226 3231 or email [education.foi@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.foi@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'CA' with a stylized flourish.

Chrissie Argitis  
**ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

18 November 2021

**DE21/21637 - Document 1**

| <b>Cause</b>           | <b>Total number</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Absconded student      | 8                   |
| Custody dispute        | 11                  |
| DCP child removal      | 4                   |
| Escalated behaviour    | 52                  |
| Injury                 | 1                   |
| Intruder               | 24                  |
| Mental health concern  | 14                  |
| Off-site incident      | 10                  |
| Parent aggression      | 12                  |
| Police on site         | 2                   |
| Potential risk of harm | 10                  |
| Threat of violence     | 64                  |
| Violence               | 259                 |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     | <b>471</b>          |

The above table is to be read in conjunction with the following information:

- Only lockdowns occurring at State school sites are included
- The table reflects Critical Incidents only and does not include Injury only or Asset only incident reports
- Lockdowns include whole school or partial school for example one classroom, school gates only or school office.