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Flight MH17 Tragedy – We Mourn the Loss of Life

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All of us at Independent Schools Victoria are deeply distressed that 298 lives were cut short when Malaysian Airways Flight MH17 was shot down when flying innocently over Ukraine last week.

Our sincere sympathies are with the families and friends of all of those who were on board the aircraft. We pray that they will have the strength to manage the huge loss that they are suffering as they contemplate life without their loved ones.

Our special thoughts and prayers are for the staff, parents and students of our Member Schools in Victoria who were directly affected by the tragedy, especially Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Toorak College and Sacre Coeur.