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SINGAPORE police are spending a second day questioning five **Bacchus Marsh** Grammar **students** accused of stealing in the city state.

The five are part of a school group who spent more than \$3000 each to attend a Singapore netball camp.

Principal Andrew Neal described the police investigation as "formal and thorough" and said the Australian Embassy was providing support to the group.

He said the police would notify the school when its probe was finished. "The school is concentrating on this above all else," he said. "We're doing everything we can." The school's elite netball sports camp program has been running in Singapore for 11 years. It is billed by the school as offering "a cultural experience in Asia" as well as "competition in a foreign country" and "education on travel and being an elite athlete".

The girls are hosted by the Singapore Sports School and are taking part in an annual international youth netball challenge.

Seven pupils were initially questioned by police but only five were arrested and spent time at the police station.

The **students**, described as "sad" and "shattered" are believed to have stolen items from a Victoria's Secret shop, and Croc brand shoes.

Mr Neal said there was no indication that charges would be laid. "The girls are fine and they are being supported by staff and the embassy," he said.

Mr Neal said it was possible there was a misunderstanding, but that had not be established.

The other girls on the school trip are continuing to play netball. "Our message is that we have significant numbers of good girls in Singapore who went out and won two netball matches," he said.

As yet the arrested girls' parents haven't flown to Singapore and there are no plans to bring any

students back early. "This is still being worked out, but we are hopeful that the girls will come back as a group on Friday," Mr Neal said.

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