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YEAR 10 **students** at **Bacchus Marsh** Grammar have been arrested for shoplifting on a school netball trip in Singapore overnight.

The Herald Sun believes seven female **students** were questioned by police and five were arrested on the school trip for theft.

One source close to the school said the **students** "got back to their hotel at 3.30am after spending over 10 hours in cells".

The **students** were believed to have stolen items from Victoria's Secret and Croc shoes.

The source said they were "OK".

"They have been back and forth from the police station and their accommodation," the source said.

"The girls are all very very sad.

"They are shattered, including those who have attended the trip but weren't involved in the incident".

Bacchus Marsh Grammar principal Andrew Neal said the school was still trying to get to the bottom of what happened. However, it is believed he mentioned the matter at a school assembly.

"A group of **students** were in Singapore on a netball tour," he told the Herald Sun "We are not aware of what exactly has taken place. We are still unclear about the nature of the issue." He said he would not make a full public statement until he "got to the nature of the problem".

"We want to get make sure we get the best interests of the kids served," he said.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is a co-educational private school with more than 3000 **students**.

Year 12 student fees are more than $13,000.

The incident involving the **Bacchus Marsh** Grammar **students** comes as several other international trips involving Victorian schools have ended in tragedy.

An investigation is still under way into how Kilvington Grammar student Lachlan Cook died on a trip to Vietnam.

Lachlan had type one diabetes and his parents believed there would be around-the-clock medical care for him. However, the coroner has already concluded that he did not receive appropriate medical attention. His parents have just started legal action.

Another student's death while on a school trip in Vienna led to an overhaul of the state's management of international excursions. Tim Fehring, a Blackburn High student, was on a trip to Europe when his medical symptoms were misdiagnosed and he died in 2019.

The Department of Education has now updated its ratios, requiring a minimum of two staff for one to 10 **students**, three staff for 11-20 **students** and four staff for 21-30 **students** while on overseas trips. susie.obrien@news.com.au

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