

**Response from Anthony De Ceglie, Editor-in-Chief, West Australian Newspapers:**

Screen shots of the videos were provided by concerned members of the school community.

Police Commissioner Chris Dawson maintained following our report that the matter remained under active investigation.

He also noted the alarming number of adolescent males making gun threats.

Indeed the police did not, despite direct questions, ever deny there was a threat.

To place this story in the context of the Uvalde massacre was to make the point that it would be foolish of Australians to become anything less than vigilant when it comes to gun safety and gun threats. As Mr Dawson said, these threats need to be taken seriously. It's worth noting the WA Police Minister Paul Papalia is currently trying to beef up what he calls antiquated gun laws in WA because of his fears concerning just how many weapons are on our streets (*please see The West Australian front page on Tuesday, March 22*).

Parents have been in contact with us before and subsequent to our reports because they are extremely worried about behaviour issues at this school. To play these fears down and pretend things are OK is the antithesis of good journalism and goes against everything The West Australian and the Kalgoorlie Miner stands for.

We stand by our reporting on this important matter."