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Subject: ██████████ ATTENDING AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE
SENT HOME FOR MISCONDUCT

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ISSUE: ██████████ ATTENDING AUSTRALIAN
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SENSITIVITY: Medium. Australian media attention is unlikely however this may cause great interest in ██████████ if made public.

KEY ISSUES:

- On 27 April 2011, the Australian Maritime College informed Defence that a ██████████ studying at the College under the auspices of the Pacific Patrol Boat Program is to be sent home due to misconduct.
- It is alleged that the student inappropriately touched a ██████████ employee of the College whilst under the influence of alcohol.
- This is the second indiscretion for this individual who was warned in 2009 for a similar unsolicited advance on the same ██████████ employee.
- The police were not called, as the employee does not wish to press charges.
- The student remains at the College and will be removed from course and sent home at the earliest convenience.
- Defence staff in ██████████ and ██████████ are aware of the actions to be taken and are in the process of informing the ██████████ Commissioner of Police,

Department of Foreign Affairs and Police Maritime
Unit in due course.

TALKING POINTS:

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- A [REDACTED] who was undertaking training at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston under the auspices of the Pacific Patrol Boat Program is to be sent home due to misconduct.
- The student had breached the College's Code of Conduct.
- Defence is in the process of informing the [REDACTED] Government of this matter and arrangements are being made to repatriate the student home as soon as possible.
- Defence continues to work closely with the Australian Maritime College and fully supports the College's management of this matter.

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