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Police have been alerted after a list ranking the appearance of female students was allegedly found on a student's laptop at a school at McClelland College in [Frankston](#) in Melbourne's south.

McClelland Secondary College's acting principal Laura Spence said the document was first raised with her by concerned students last Friday.

The list is believed to have been found on a Year 9 boy's laptop, with a spokesperson from Victoria's Department of Education condemning the behaviour as "misogynistic and disrespectful".

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A list ranking the appearance of female students was found on a year 9 boy's laptop at McClelland College. (McClelland College)

9News understands the list was contained to one computer.

The female students impacted by the list are now being supported by the school.

In the email sent to parents yesterday, families were reassured that the students responsible for the list have faced disciplinary actions.

The details of those repercussions have not been made public.

In a statement, Spence said the safety and wellbeing of students was the absolute top priority for the school.

"I am very grateful to the students who immediately brought the matter to my attention," she said.

"We have already taken disciplinary action and will consider any further steps when the full facts of this incident have been established."

A spokesperson from [Victoria's](#) Department of Education condemned the list.

"Misogynistic and disrespectful behaviour is entirely unacceptable in any Victorian school - and the school has rightly taken swift action," they said.

"More than 1950 Victorian government, Catholic and independent schools are signed up the Respectful Relationships initiative - supporting them to embed respect and gender equality across their entire school community and stamp out these vile attitudes to women."

"We all have a responsibility to teach students respect - and we'll continue to invest in programs that promote gender equality to embed those attitudes."

The incident comes after two male students were expelled from [Yarra Valley Grammar School](#) after compiling an offensive list ranking their female classmates' appearances.

The Department of Education spokesperson said the latest incident had been flagged with Victoria Police, but no formal complaint has yet been made.

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