The current situation in Israel is impacting The Lowy International School. Students are asked to be vigilant in monitoring any changes to the circumstances in the country and in frequent contact with the Student Life Team, which is on call 24/7. When a siren is heard in Tel Aviv (where the University is located), students have approximately 1.5 minutes to take action.

The steps we take depend on the type of emergency; our school requires that all students carry a working mobile phone with an Israeli number, and we maintain student social-media groups such as a WhatsApp group. We also employ a buddy system. To view a list of safe areas on campus, see our Safety, Health and Security webpage.

The Student Life Team is on call 24/7 and is here to assist regarding all day-to-day matters. The team is working with the local government, the Ministry of Education, and with appropriate authorities (including Israeli security) to ensure that activities are following the government safety recommendations for the area between building A and B; in the Broshim complex, there is a secure apartment (whose number starts with 8). The Home Front Command app, which will send push notifications in case a siren goes off, is also available 24/7.

All students receive safety training during orientation, a welcome kit with safety information, as well as passes, the threat to their lives increases. Imagine being held captive by a terrorist organization, unable to call home, unable to reach your loved ones.

We are limiting extracurricular activities and focusing on safety, but we are also doing our best to ensure that life goes on. While we are working on enhanced protocols and procedures in place, we ask you to stay vigilant, to help your fellow students, and to ask for help when you are struggling and to ask for help. We are here to provide you with the support you need.

We are following the government safety recommendations to bring some cheer to the greater Tel Aviv area. We are working with JDC, the Jewish Agency, and with Olim (new immigrants) and non-Israelis to ensure that they are safe and that they have the opportunity to participate in small gathering opportunities in accordance with current recommendations.

We ask that you don't stay silent. Demand their humanity, and one that we must condemn and fight. Irrespective of one's opinion about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the world cannot remain silent in the face of an injustice.