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## **Jewish teacher David Kramer deported over child sex crimes**

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David Kramer

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**A JEWISH teacher who molested a string of boys at an exclusive Melbourne Jewish school has been kicked out of Australia.**

David Kramer, 54, abused four boys while teaching at Yeshiva College in the early 1990s.

He was the first member of a Jewish institution in Australia to have admitted and been jailed for child sex crimes.

In July last year he was sentenced to three years and four months imprisonment for what a judge described as “unforgivable” crimes.

But he was released from prison in September having served a minimum term and immediately deported.

It is not yet known if he was deported to his native US or Israel where he also holds citizenship.

After Yeshiva College was alerted to concerns about his conduct with students in the early 1990s Kramer was hurriedly shipped to Israel.

The school’s executive dipped into college funds to help organise for his return there.

Kramer then returned to his native US, where he was sentenced to a lengthy jail term for molesting a 12-year-old.

Critics have slammed the college for allowing Kramer to escape before facing justice saying the enabled his offending.

In 2012 he was deported from the US to face charges here and was ultimately jailed.

Kramer, a father of 11, started abusing boys shortly after starting at Yeshiva in 1989 and continued until 1991.

In sentencing Judge Michael Bourke said the prolonged offending had seriously betrayed the trust of children who had seen Kramer as a popular figure.

“Your offending remains a serious and unforgivable betrayal of children’s trust and of their regard for you,” he said.

“You exploited your position and power.”

Victims support spokesman Manny Waks said it was critical that people were kept up-to-date with Kramer’s whereabouts.

“Kramer has a shocking track record of sexually abusing many children in more than one country,” he said.

“While he has sat in jail in both the US and Australia for crimes committed there, I’m aware of allegations that he has also abused children in Israel.

“It’s also widely known within the Yeshivah community that there are additional alleged victims. For various reasons victims do not come forward, and this is their choice which must be respected.”

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