

External Memorandum

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To	Gilbert Case
E-mail	g.case@stpauls.qld.edu.au
From	Andrew Knox
Date	26 June 2000
Matter No	000000 <i>Paul Carter</i>
Subject	Various Matters

Gilbert

In response to the various matters in your fax and e-mail over the weekend I note:

1. Thank you for the comments on Pat Maguire's material. I have put a call in to him and we should arrange a meeting, probably tomorrow (Tuesday). What are your movements?
2. I agree the press release needs further work and, after speaking with Mr Maguire, I will arrange to forward both versions to him so that he can apply his skills.
3. Here is a suggested response to Mrs Eastern:

"Thank you for your e-mail.

In response to your queries I advise:

- (a) *When circumstances such as those reported occur, schools inevitably review their policies and programs designed to protect their students. We have done this over the past 3 years and have made some adjustments. While these programs and policies have been advised to the School community at various times, we have been reinforcing them to the School over the past few weeks. We have also commenced a program of republication of relevant aspects of the various policies and programs in the School newsletter. I will forward a copy of the most recent newsletter to you. If you wish, future newsletters containing the relevant material can also be forwarded to you.*
- (b) *St Paul's is owned by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane. As a Diocesan owned school, matters of insurance are handled at the Diocesan level, as are legal proceedings, in matters of this type.*

At present, the School has no notice that any litigation will be brought, or the likely extent of any such litigation that may be brought, in respect of this issue. It is therefore not possible to respond specifically to your query with certainty. However, in general terms, we do not currently anticipate that there will be any substantial financial impact on the School or any significant negative impact on enrolments. Families that have recently joined us have expressed their continuing confidence in the School and we have not noticed any drop off in our forecast enrolments.

Please contact me again should you have further queries."

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4. My suggested response to Mr **REDACTED** is:

"I am sorry to hear of your experience.

The School, and the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane of which it is part, have been working with others similarly affected, and you could take your initial contact further either by meeting with me at the School or by contacting Mr Bernard York of the Diocese on [].

By way of clarification I note that the School did not receive any information or complaint regarding Mr Lynch's behaviour from anyone until his death and investigations were conducted in 1997 seeking to identify others affected once it became clear that more than a single person may be involved, while respecting the privacy needs of those who had then come forward."

5. I attach a further revised "Hunter" letter.

Regards

Andrew Knox