

File Note – AOB [redacted] complaint re Hutchins handling of his allegation of sexual abuse
29th August 2013

Meeting held between Bishop John Harrower, Warwick Dean (Headmaster Hutchins) and Audrey Mills (Chancellor) on Thursday 29th August 2013 at 2.00pm. Meeting was held in Bishop John's office, 125 Macquarie Street, Hobart.

Warwick Dean's summary of AOB [redacted]'s complaint:

1. Was I the only one?
2. What happened to Laurence (1960's Headmaster)?
3. Did not like the way Bill Toppin had dealt with his complaint (advised him to report it to the police – 2006).

WD "Formal apology as Headmaster for any wrong done to you and I offer an apology and support."

AOB [redacted] "Thank you and I do not want this to go to the media".

AOA [redacted] allegation – Laurence groomed AOA [redacted] as a pupil and then had a sexual relationship after AOA [redacted] had left the School. Lawyer: Andrew Walker (Lawyer School).

Laurence resigned → England → hairdresser → committed suicide.

Author of Hutchins History has done a proper search for anything that involves any complaints and no material has been found.

John Bednell left Hutchins without any complaint over him.

In Perth WA, dealt with a complaint of pornography poorly and police did not proceed but was sacked and in court easily won but was not reinstated in Perth.

AOB [redacted] uses John Bednell's case that the School was involved in cover up of sexual abuse in School.

WD happy to meet with AOB [redacted]

1. Reiterate apology and offer of support.
2. There is a process: We encourage him to participate.
3. History: author has not found any material.
4. Meeting with Headmaster facilitated by the Bishop end of September (+J /annual leave).
5. Only ever received one other complaint.
6. Refer to "Character Unbound" Author Margaret Mason-Cox" pp 132-133 (attached). Book launch 19 September 2013 6.00pm.

Offer meeting at Bishop's office or Headmaster's office.

John Kerr's response (20/6/13) letter of AOB [redacted] unchanged, some goodwill.

Bronowski may be in the background.

Letters:

1. +John letter of invitation to AOB [redacted] to meet with WD & +J (early Oct.)
2. WD info: Search of School records re Laurence and author was aware of my concern to find info: only 1 complaint.