

File note

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I met today with The Rev'd ^{CKR} who told me of the circumstances concerning the Court case with Mr Ian Barrack.

The Court case concerns allegations of sexual abuse against her son ^{CKU} when ^{CKR} was a student at St John's College at Morpeth and when Ian Barrack was also a student.

^{CKR} expressed deep concern about the way in which the whole process has been conducted by the Diocese and in particular the lack of pastoral care that she had received both from Bishop Roger Herft and Archdeacon Bruce Hoare.

The lack of pastoral care was also evident from the Warden of St John's College at the time, Canon Ann McEllgott.

It seems from her description that St John's College at that stage was quite a dysfunctional organisation and that this situation was not dealt with adequately.

^{CKR} complained that she had not received any response from CASM nor from DoCS after the allegations had been made to the Police at Singleton.

I undertook to contact Philip Gerber on ^{CKR}'s behalf. I tried to ring Philip whilst ^{CKR} was present but we were unable to contact him.

I wished to indicate to Philip the circumstances of ^{CKR}'s case so that he can more thoroughly investigate it for support from the Diocese towards ^{CKR} and ^{CKU}, and I am concerned that there may have been some other activity with one of the children of one of the other students at the time, a child called **REDACTED**

The **REDACTED** now live in Woy Woy Parish.

I concluded the interview by praying for ^{CKR} and ^{CKU} and giving thanks for ^{CKR}'s honesty and courage.

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