

15 September 2003

Circular Letter to the Past Students of St Paul's School
(Grades 7-12 1981-1984)

Dear Students,

You may or may not be aware of a case now before the Queensland courts dealing with allegations of indecent dealings against a former St Paul's employee. The allegations relate directly to this person's time as a teacher at St Paul's in the early 1980's.

Our records indicate you were a St Paul's student during this time.

The nature of the charges are concerning. We write to advise you of their occurrence and to seek to ensure no unresolved issues relating to the matter are left unaddressed.

My contact number and that of the police are listed below. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any concerns or issues to raise:

School

Mrs Margaret Goddard
 Head of School
 St Paul's School
 Ph: 3261 1388

Police

Det Sgt Peter Gleeson
 Sexual Crimes Investigation Unit
 Police Headquarters
 Ph: 3364 4277

Anglican Diocese

Mr Peter Read
 General Manager
 Diocese of Brisbane
 Ph: 3835 2211

I also wish to advise you of the school's offer to provide counselling to those past and current students who may seek professional assistance in relation to this case.

Our main focus at such times is for the welfare of those former students involved in the case.

The St Paul's School community has successfully dealt with similar issues in recent times displaying a healthy, resilient and caring community spirit. Our key aim is to resolve these matters compassionately, in keeping with our Christian ideals.

The systems for dealing with complaints of teacher misconduct of this type have been further refined by the Diocese recently and all procedures related to such matters as laid down by the Diocese are in place at St Paul's to respond to any such complaint.

I thank you all for your continued support of our fine School and I look forward to continuing to bring you positive news regarding the many successes which our community is achieving through our commitment to excellence and co-operative support.

Regards,



Margaret Goddard
Head of School