

15 October 2001

Mr Bernard Yorke  
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Dear Bernard,

Further to our recent telephone conversation, I wish to advise that I am unable to provide the information you seek with respect to the request from Shine Roche McGowan dated 27 June.

When I took up duties as the Head of St Paul's School in January of this year I was aware, only in a very limited capacity through briefings with the then Archbishop and the Chairman of School Council, of some of the events that it is alleged transpired within the School while Kevin Lynch was employed here.

In December of 2000, when I met Mr Case briefly in his office, he directed me to a box of files he had compiled and indicated held all of the materials related to the Lynch case, should I wish to access them. In addition, he stated that there were a number of student files stored in the School's archives and more recent student files stored in a locked fire-proof cabinet.

I was not inclined at the time to open any of these files nor have I had the inclination to do so since. My focus for the entirety of this year has been, (and will remain) the effective running of the School in which many still feel the impact of these alleged dire events. This has been no small task.

I am in a position to assist you with matters pertaining to documents and policies that have come into existence since January 2001, but I am not able to offer any accurate advice as to any of the operational or administrative policies/procedures that were in place at the School prior to this date. It would be unfair and unwise for me to make any presumptions of knowledge about any of these matters.

In fact, as your office has required access to this information, I arranged for the entire collection of materials that Mr Case showed me to be sent directly to your office earlier this year so that it would be readily available for your purposes.

May I suggest that Mr Case, the Executive Director of the Anglican Schools Office, may be able to assist you with your enquiries in this regard and provide the specific information you seek.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs ME Goddard  
Head of School

cc: Mr Andrew Knox, Chairman, St Paul's School Council