

June 21, 2000

Circular Letter to Parents with Students enrolled to attend  
St Paul's School in the future

Dear Parents,

As parents who have chosen St Paul's School for the education of your children, you will naturally have been concerned to note recent publicity surrounding the alleged activities of a former member of staff, who worked at St Paul's from early in 1989 until his death in January 1997.

A number of you have already contacted us or other School staff about this issue, and we are certainly willing to speak with any who continue to have concerns.

There was no information about the alleged activities at our School until the time of his death. However, the School has taken a number of steps since the first allegations were raised after his death in order to address the issues which are now of such concern. Largely through the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane – the owner of the School – we have been dealing with these issues with those directly affected. At the request of those students neither we nor the Diocese have publicised these issues earlier.

In recent days some of the steps taken have been appropriately reinforced with current students, parents and staff. Over coming weeks we will be taking further opportunities to remind everyone (including future students and their parents) of the policies and programs in place at St Paul's for the care and protection of our students.

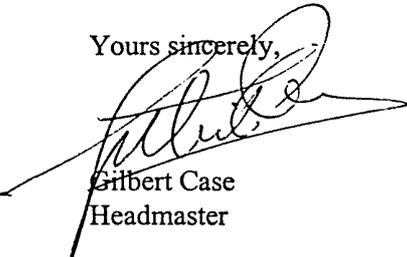
From the material you have received from the School, and perhaps from your visits and conversations with staff and others, you will know that the St Paul's staff exercise a high level of care and concern for all students, and work hard to ensure their welfare and progress. There are always positive things happening at St Paul's, and the continuing achievements of our students are evidence of that.

The events which have come to light over the last three years are naturally of great concern. The circumstances which have been reported are indeed tragic, and many in the present School community - parents, students and staff - have shared in feeling hurt and betrayed.

If there can be a positive side to such an occurrence, it is that our School community is now even more keenly aware of ensuring its paramount concern for the pastoral care, safety and security of all students. We believe that the procedures and policies which St Paul's now has in place will assist us to safeguard against any recurrence of such a problem.

St Paul's looks forward to welcoming your children in the future. As stated above, we or other members of Staff would be happy to respond to any questions you may have on this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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Headmaster



Andrew Knox  
Chairman, The St Paul's School Council