

On about August 20 1984 I was advised by the Archbishop that he wished to see me concerning a complaint which had been laid against a member of staff (and some other matters). I accordingly met him at Bishopsbourne shortly after 8.00 am on Wednesday August 22 in company with the Chairman of the School Council.

The complaint had apparently been brought to the Archbishop more or less at the same time as he had received the "Memorandum" which was distributed to the Diocesan Council. He spoke of seeing three people, and I believe that these were Mr Harold Stevenson, Mr Darryl Somerville and Mr Don Coates.

The complaint implied an allegation of homosexual tendencies or actions on behalf of the Music Director and was related to

- a. an incident alleged to have happened during his employment at Brisbane Boys' College; and
- b. his association with "a member of the football team" at St Paul's.

I advised the Archbishop as follows:

a. That if there had been any incident at B.B.C., there was no evidence that his behaviour at St Paul's had led to any complaint during the four years he had been on the staff. His application had been supported in writing by a reference from the Head of the B.B.C. Junior School. It should not be a case of "give a dog a bad name". There was some implication in the way the complaint was relayed to me that one particular St Paul's family had raised the matter as they had had a son at B.B.C. at the time.

b. That again there was no evidence. If evidence was forthcoming it would immediately be investigated and appropriate action taken. The complaint appeared to relate to the teacher's befriending a family of two boys and their divorced (or separated?) mother. The friendship was one between the two families, including the teacher's wife and children.

I believe that the Archbishop communicated the essence of these replies to the three complainants. No further allegation or evidence has been received in either of those matters by me since, although I believe the Archbishop's reply was communicated to them on or about Friday September 13.

The next comment of this sort arose at 2.58 pm on Monday October 22 when Mr Stevenson advised me of the matter he intended to raise at the Council meeting on that day. I had spoken to Mr Stevenson by phone the previous day on another matter, but he gave no indication that he had any matter which he wished to raise.