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C/- Ms C Palmer  
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Dear

Bishop Noble has passed on to me your letter of 28 May 1998 and the supporting letter from Ms Palmer. I wish to respond to the issues raised in your letter. I shall also write separately to Ms Palmer.

The Anglican Church strives to act in accordance with the demands of Christ – to teach his doctrine and to follow and uphold his discipline. The Anglican schools, of which St Paul's is one, conduct themselves with the same aims.

Within the community of the church, there is occasionally a person who betrays the trust and confidence placed in him or her. From the circumstances outlined in your letter this appears to have happened to you. When this happens, the whole church is hurt to one extent or another. We try as hard as we can to ensure that this does not happen but occasionally, it does.

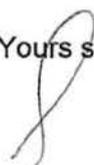
We recognise the hurt that you have suffered, and, as a member of our community, we are concerned to ensure your welfare. We are very pleased that your sessions with Ms Palmer have been constructive.

The events that have occurred have been a dreadful disappointment to everybody concerned. However, while recognising the pain that has been caused, it is most important that the experience be used by our community to improve systems for preventing this sort of thing occurring again.

The Anglican Schools Commission is considering many aspects of the administration of schools that might be changed to prevent such things occurring and to deal with the hurt that is caused if they do occur, despite all proper attempts to prevent them. We are grateful for the suggestions you have made for improving the educational program.

We are very sorry for what has occurred. Our entire community including Bishop Noble and Mr Case share the sorrow of the events that have occurred. We hope that you are able to complete your healing and proceed through your life positively without allowing your acquaintance with Mr Lynch to impede your progress.

Yours sincerely



**B YORKE**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**