

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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The Director,
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Attention Fr. T. Doyle.

Dear Father Doyle,

I believe the time has come to write to you concerning a situation here at Holy Family School, Doveton. The reason I now write is because I have a staff member who has informed me that she will not take her class to Reconciliation with Father Searson again. Her reasons for this stand is for the safety of the children because she fears that Father Searson may make advances of a sexual nature to the children. I have asked myself the question of whether this is reason for concern on the part of the teacher and unfortunately I have to say yes due to past experiences of both teachers and parents reporting to me.

After serious thought and consultation with Mr. Allan Dooley, our Education Consultant, I have decided to take the following course of action for the present moment.

1. Bring the matter to your notice and ask you for advice in this situation.
2. For me to accompany the teacher to Reconciliation at all times.

I ask you to seriously consider this problem for the good of the Catholic Church and the Community here at Doveton.

Yours in Christ,



G. Sleeman,
Principal.