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Dear Mr. REDACTED,

Following my discussions with you, your wife and Mr. Brian McLeod, and later discussions with yourself, your son ACN, Mr. Brian McLeod and Br. Michael Hill, I would like to inform you that Br. Kostka has been appointed away from Marist College and will not be involved in any form of teaching boys in the future. Even though I made this clear verbally to ACN in our discussion, I would appreciate it if you could give him a copy of this letter as well.

Br. Christopher will review the conduct and operation of the College to ensure that the strict code of behaviour already in place is being properly observed.

The Headmaster, school counsellor and myself will have discussions to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to identify students at the College who may have been affected in any of the ways described by ACN.

There is already in place a procedure to be followed should there be any accusations of this nature and the present situation has demonstrated the way in which this works in practice.

The school authorities have already been investigating programmes through primary and secondary levels to educate students in responses designed to ensure their personal safety should they ever find themselves in inappropriate situations. These programmes would encourage them to report such situations whether to the school counsellor, the headmaster, or by means of the Peer Support Scheme.

There is already in place a programme of education among the Marist Brothers. This has to do with the developmental needs of children and adolescents and with how these are protected and safe guarded. It also covers the reporting to appropriate authorities of possible cases of abuse or neglect from whatever source these are suspected to have arisen. As a result of this

programme both Brothers and other staff members will be more alert for the observable signs which may possibly indicate such problems for students.

The school counsellor, the staff, the Brothers, will be made aware of the role of the Office of the Community Advocate in the A.C.T., and the appropriateness of the reporting of such matters where they are found to have substance. This will also be made known to the parents of students concerned.

Once again I wish to express my deep concern regarding ACN' present situation, both his emotional distress with regard to the matters we discussed and also his chronic arthritic condition. I trust that we will all continue to work in his best interests.

Yours sincerely,

Br. Alexis Turton,
Provincial.