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Dear Howard,

Re: Porters Lawyers and ACN [REDACTED]

I write in relation to questions raised by Porters Lawyers regarding ACN [REDACTED] and the Marist Brothers. I have the following responses.

- a) The question of ACN [REDACTED] was not referred to the police. It was in the hands of the ACI community youth advocate.
- b) I don't have a copy of any school documents from that period. Porters have a copy of all my notes re ACN [REDACTED] and meetings and discussions with his parents.
- c) I have no notes regarding this matter.
- d) I have no records as indicated above. I understand the school headmaster has been approached for records of such they may hold.
- e) I have no copies of programs referred to or developed. I note in what records I have which also Porters Lawyers have that the program "How to say no" was being investigated by the college for implementation. My understanding is that this was to be communicated to students through the tutor/home groups. These groups were small pastoral groups held on a regular basis with teachers who were familiar with the students.
- f) I do not hold any school records. I believe the reporting procedure was in line with government legislation. Through all these processes the development of a Province wide set of principles for sexual abuse in the Province was being developed. A copy is enclosed of this document.
- g) I understand the staff had a number of meetings on the subject early 1994. Students were then involved in discussion on the matter through the tutor groups already mentioned. Students were asked to come forward if they had any concerns or anything to report.

To the best of my knowledge there were no follow up cases of abuse discovered in the College. In reference to number 2 in Porters Lawyers letter all notes which I have in relation to this matter has already been handed on to them.

I hope this is of some assistance in responding to the questions of Porters Lawyers.

Yours sincerely,

Br Alexis Turton
 Professional Standards & Protocols Officer