



Mater Dei

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Dear CIP

All at Mater Dei would like to see CIO resume her school and residential programmes as soon as possible. Therefore, we are writing to you to discuss various ways in which the above may be quickly facilitated. This is particularly so as we do not wish you to have any unnecessary concerns or worries at a time when you are in ill health and awaiting hospitalisation.

As discussed in our telephone conversation, CIO's behaviour has been a matter of concern at the school recently. On Tuesday, it significantly affected the smooth running of the Senior School Programme and CIO's screaming disturbed a number of other students. Various strategies used by a number of staff did not achieve any modification of CIO's inappropriate behaviours. As, following our phone conversation, time out was not a viable possibility, we requested CIO's withdrawal until a team meeting could be arranged.

We are aware that you have been experiencing some problems at home with CIO's behaviour as well and wholeheartedly support your suggestion of seeking psychological counselling and assistance. Mater Dei is suited to meeting the needs of students who are experiencing primarily intellectual disabilities and although behavioural problems are often a component of students' problems it cannot be the primary consideration. It is our feeling that at this time, CIO's emotional/behavioural needs outweigh her intellectual disabilities.

We further feel that a medical evaluation of her current Epilim/Tegretol levels would be advisable as we have observed behaviours not unlike those of CIO's when blood levels of prescribed medications are at inappropriate levels.

It is our greatest hope that CIO will shortly be able to return to Mater Dei. We hope that you can understand our dilemma but her behaviour had reached the point where every child in the class was adversely affected by it.

Should you require help in arranging appointments with either medical or psychological practitioners, or if we may assist in any other way, please feel free to contact us. When you are available, we will be happy to arrange a team meeting to discuss future strategies and options.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Bruce Kline
SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

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RESIDENTIAL CO-ORDINATOR