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MEMO

TO:	ARCHBISHOP WILSON
FROM:	ALLAN DOOLEY
DATE:	10 AUGUST 2001
SUBJECT:	ST ANN'S SPECIAL SCHOOL

Dear Archbishop Wilson,

Further to our meeting on Wednesday I have spoken with Tony Fuller and with the CCI lawyer, Patrick Monahan. Tony was a solicitor with Baker O'Loughlin at the time and has some recollection of the matter (no further than we have at the moment). He will check with the writer of the Baker O'Loughlin letter (Susan Zeitz) to see if she has further recollections of the events.

The following are notes and recommendations on how we could proceed:

- In regard to an interview with Claude Hamman Tony advised that he (Tony Fuller) should be present for the interview to ensure client privilege;
- That the interview with Claude Hamman should proceed after Claude has been advised to have a person with him, a lawyer if necessary, because of the serious allegations that we are investigating and because we wish to preserve client privilege. However, I may need to take further action as a consequence of the meeting. Claude has been advised and Susan Litchfield, a solicitor, will attend the meeting as well. He may also ask his Principal Consultant, [REDACT] to attend as well. This is good in my opinion as [REDACT] will offer him ongoing pastoral support in what is clearly already a difficult time for him. The meeting with Claude will be on Monday 13/8/01 at 1pm.
- The meeting should be open and conversational gaining from Claude as much information as he can recollect;
- Claude should not attend the staff meeting at St Ann's;
- At the staff meeting you and I should indicate that allegations (and that is all they are – presumption of innocence) have been received in respect of the conduct of a person previously associated with the school in relation to students of the school during the late 1980's and early 1990's;
- We should indicate that that we are not at liberty to give further information but suffice to say that these are serious allegations because of our personal involvement in coming to the school;
- Staff should be advised to act prudently with this information as they are allegations only, but if staff, or others who may speak with them, wish to talk with someone

about such matters then contact people will be available (we will leave names for contact);

- We should then discuss the *Towards Healing* Principles and Procedures and distribute copies of the document;
- We should then express our care for the staff at this time and for all involved;
- We should then speak about media and public comment.

I shall check with RED
ACTE to make a time for us to visit St. Ann's Special School.

I am in the process of completing the letters to the parents and the police. I anticipate the letters will be sent on Monday.

Regards,



Allan.