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..... act justly; love tenderly; walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

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Ian Hunter
Senior Education Officer

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Dear Ian

Senior Education Officer – Staff & School Development Services

As you are aware, Bishop Morris instructed Thynne & Macartney to act on behalf of The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba in matters arising from the allegations of abuse which have been made against a former teacher of the primary school [REDACTED] ("the school") including the handling by staff from the school and this office of information received about the said teacher from parents and a student in September 2007. You were interviewed about the matter by Thynne & Macartney and gave a sworn statement.

In your role as Senior Education Officer, you provided advice to the Principal of the school on how to respond to the information received about the said teacher from parents and a student in September 2007.

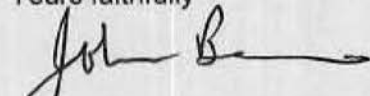
The Principal has been charged with an offence pursuant to section 366 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* for failing to provide a written report to police of the information he received about the said teacher in September 2007.

I am satisfied there is cause to immediately suspend from your role responsibilities as Senior Education Officer School and Staff Development, the support of Principals and other staff in the handling of complaints or concerns as to possible misconduct by staff in their dealings with students. These matters will now be handled by the Assistant Director School and Staff Development until further notice.

If you are contacted in relation to a complaint or concern as to possible misconduct against a student by a staff member you are required to immediately direct the complaint or concern to the Assistant Director School and Staff Development. If the complaint or concern is about the Assistant Director School and Staff Development you are required to immediately refer the matter to the Director.

I advise that further disciplinary action against you and/or other officers employed at the school and this office will be taken following the determination of the prosecution of the Principal of the school. I note these proceedings have been set down for trial on 16 November 2009.

Yours faithfully



John Borserio
Director of Catholic Education