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Rev. T.M. Doyle,
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Dear Father Doyle,

Re: Holy Family School, Doveton

① For Father Doyle 3/12/86
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of Board
Please file with Mr
Confidential material re the
staff

Yesterday I had a meeting with those members of staff at Holy Family who have been involved in discussing with me their concerns and worries about their relationships with Father Searson. This meeting was a follow-up meeting to those discussions which were held some weeks ago, and the aim of this meeting was to examine the current situation and to assess whether or not progress was being made.

Whilst there were some specific issues of a fairly pragmatic nature which staff wished to raise, staff acknowledged that Father Searson has made attempts in regard to the improving of relationships between himself and staff. In particular, the changes have been most noticeable during class and school Masses, where he appears to be more consultative and co-operative with the staff and children. He has been much less involved in the classrooms, however, teachers are unsure whether this involved a change in relationship or just a period of time when he is staying away from the school. Staff feel that they, in general, feel more comfortable in talking with Father Searson, although one or two still find this particularly difficult.

At this point in time it would seem to me that there is still "much love lost" between the staff and Father Searson, but that progress has been made toward a new beginning.

At this stage we, the staff and I, have resolved that I should meet with Father Searson and convey to him those things with which the staff are pleased. In this way we hope that the beginning that has been made will continue. The staff do not wish to raise major issues of concern with Father Searson at this stage, and I have agreed to meet in the last week of this term to further discuss the situation.

Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Dooley
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Educational Consultant.