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GRAEME SLEEMAN – APPLICATIONS FOR POSITION OF PRINCIPAL AT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS FROM 25/9/1986

Generally up to the end of 1988, I had made 10 unsuccessful applications. I made a further application in 1990/1991 and four further applications in 1996. All the applications totalling 15 were unsuccessful.

Detail

1. 25th September, 1986 –
 - Mt Eliza Parish School
2. 25th September, 1986 –
 - Frankston Parish School – interviewed – unsuccessful.
3. July 1987 –
 - Townsville Parish School – interviewed – unsuccessful. Told there was a job in Mt Isa for me.
4. July 1987 –
 - Catholic Parish School at Mt Isa – flew to Mt Isa from Townsville. Met by Parish Priest who said that the appointment was made from Townsville but he would recommend it. Contacted my family and indicated that it looked like we would be moving to Mt Isa. I returned home, waited for some time, rang Townsville on several occasions, could not get anyone from Townsville to respond. Eventually about a month later I contacted the Parish Priest who had been away on holiday and he told me that someone else had been appointed. He said no-one can give me an answer why you weren't appointed. I rang Townsville numerous times but was not able to get onto the director.

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5. September/October, 1987 –
 - St Thomas' Catholic Primary at Sale. I had been principal there between approximately 1977 and 1981 before I returned to Melbourne to obtain appropriate qualifications (Bachelor of Education). I had many contacts there and I believed I would obtain the job. Terry Synan from the Catholic Education Office came to my home to inform me I did not get the job. I could not get a rational reason from him as to why I had been rejected.
6. Early December 1987 –
 - Hampton Park Parish Primary – I knew several people on the interview panel. I believed I would get the job particularly as Allan Dooley was on the interview panel – did not get the job.
7. Late December 1987 –
 - Bacchus Marsh - Parish Priest Father Brian Glashen was a family friend of my parents. Application rejected. Father Glashen advised that he had put all his efforts into getting me the job. There was no explanation as to why I did not get the job.
8. End of 1988 –
 - Parish school in Tasmania – application rejected.
9. End of 1988 –
 - Rockhampton Parish School – application rejected.
10. End of 1988 –
 - Palm Island Qld Parish School – application rejected.

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11. 1990/1991 –

- Katherine Parish Primary School – rang Parish Priest Father “Crasher” Kran whom I knew. He said, come up the job is yours. He asked me when I could come. We agreed Wednesday next week and he said he would organise the travel. I told my family I had the job and they were devastated at having to move. Two days before I was due to move, I rang Kran, didn't get an answer. Next day I managed to speak to Kran. He said he hadn't been able to get back to me because he wasn't really sure what was happening and said that we are withdrawing the offer.

12, 13, 14 & 15. 1996 –

- I was working in the Lismore Diocese at Grafton and made four applications for Parish schools in the Diocese. I did not get an interview.
- I have not made an application since that time.

S. Allen 25/11/15.