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Dear Mr Moore,

Thank you for your reply.

I have no intention of stirring up Trouble. I guess that this issue has been on my mind for over 20 years, and BLB inappropriate behavior towards me has been instrumental in my life.

I have struggled with it for many years.

As a grown woman now, I am able to look back on my formative years and I've come to realize how damaging the impact of my English teachers sexual advances toward me has been!

I was a rebellious student, and rebellious students are often the ones with the most debilitating insecurities and the ones with the lowest beliefs in themselves.

I wonder if BLB might have seen me as an easy target given my vulnerability and general struggle with conforming.

Of course, my rebellion was not ever meant as an invitation for teachers to take sexual advantage of me! I was an underage child at the time!

My rebellion was more to do with my struggle to fit in and to find my way through such a challenging and elite school community,

While I was at Geelong Grammar, I was frequently bullied, and I found myself mostly on the outside circle of those students who had family money and support...elite children.

My own family worked hard to afford my school fees, and the elitism that goes with your school was tough to deal with....I had no designer clothes (my clothes were bought from Target! for which I was horrendously mocked!) And I had no connection with high society.

I was frequently reminded about my (bogan) substandard background compared to the majority of Other GGS students...mine was an education that my parents worked hard to afford.

Most of my house mates ostracized me because I came from a hard working family who did their best to give me a decent education, but my parents could not afford the wardrobe and lifestyle on top of the fees that accompanies such a position in your school.

I am more than happy to talk with you, and I'd like to reiterate that I'm not libelous or after some underhanded outcome.

I think though that it would be a kind and noble gesture of your school to acknowledge and appreciate the impact that a teacher of yours has mistreated one of your pupils...me.

It has meant a lot to me over the years that I have felt inadequate and not worthy of the Geelong Grammar alumni. On one level, it feels to me sad that such a lowly, yet fee paying family, seemed not important...all those prestigious OGG families seemed so important!

On the one hand it's a business I know. On the other hand, hard working middle class families ought to be equal...they pay the same fees for their children's education yes?

I suspect there may have been a culture 20 odd years ago where these kinds of things were swept under the table. And although I can kind of understand this; it remains that I, as a student of GG, was physically, emotionally and psychologically impacted by BLR BLR sexually inappropriate behavior...it really wasn't okay for him to make sexual advances towards me while I was a student at Geelong Grammar.

I guess the bottom line is, I kind of wonder that I might have been targeted by BLR BLR because my family had no sway...financially, or with the impact that a wealthy family who might be benefactors for the school, or with the potential of future wealthy students from those important families!

I'm just an ex student from a family who worked hard for my education. And I feel bad that I didn't take the advantage that was offered me. I was deeply impacted by BLR BLR advances and my self esteem was rock bottom at the time. I still feel compromised by the sexual advances that my English teacher made towards me.

I also feel uncomfortable that my house master at Garnet at the time, Mr Apted, persuaded my parents to send me to a fundamentalist Christian councillor, who was a personal friend of his, to help me sort out my 'problems'. This was also deeply disturbing to me as I was told by this councillor that I might go to hell if I did not make changes!...in essence, i was told that i was the problem!!!...a 17 year old struggling to fit in, with low self

esteem and having been sexually approached by a GG teacher!!! what a message to give to a young and impressionable girl who had, on the one hand, had been sexually compromised by a GG teacher and who felt absolutely confused and not at all ok with it! I was told by this 'counselor' that I was to blame and that I would be horribly punished by it in the afterlife!!!! At that stage of my experience, I didn't even know what the 'afterlife' was!!!!

I NEVER lead BLR on in any way! If you look at pictures of him in the early 90's, you can see how extremely unnatural it would have been for me to find him sexually unattractive!!!! He was revolting! Particularly to a 17 year old!!!!

I had a boyfriend at the time anyway. Old (sleazy) men were and are not appealing to me!

If I may, I do have one solution. Would you at all be willing to take me on as a mature aged student! I sat the STAT a few years ago and achieved a score of 94. Clearly, I have potential. If you would be interested to discuss and negotiate my becoming a student, please contact me. My number is REDACTED

I would not be able to afford your fees, and would require room and board. But I want another go, as an adult, without the baggage, and without the naivety and vulnerability of my youth. I want my chance again to do year 12 without the interference of inappropriate behavior from teachers.

I have been around the block a few times now, and I have learnt polite, appropriate and kind manners. I would conduct myself with the utmost respect.

To be frank, I feel as though my opportunity for success was impeded by the conduct of some of the staff at the time of my attendance.

I just want another chance to do my year 12 with my total commitment and dedication.

I would study and work hard. I'm asking for a second chance, and would do GGS proud. At my age, there is a great deal at stake. I would not ask to return to school otherwise.

Please give me this second chance.

I don't drink, I am an upstanding citizen, and I want to attend your school again as an adult.

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