

Case Reference No: 1438

21 May 2008

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Mr Stephen Meek
Principal
Geelong Grammar School
50 Biddlecombe Avenue
CORIO VIC 3214



Dear Mr Meek,

**INQUIRY INTO ACTION TAKEN BY AN EMPLOYER
INVESTIGATION**

**Registered teacher: Stephanus Janse Van Vuuren
Date of birth: 16/03/1969**

I refer to my recent telephone discussions with your assistant, Chris Shannon, regarding this matter.

I refer also to my previous letter dated 19 December 2007 confirming receipt of information relating to the action taken by Geelong Grammar School against Mr Janse Van Vuuren, as registered teacher.

I confirm that under section 2.6.30 of the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (the Act) the Institute may inquire into advice it receives that an employer has taken action against a teacher as a result of the serious misconduct, serious incompetence or lack of fitness to be a teacher.

The Institute is aware that on 15 April 2008, Mr Janse Van Vuuren pleaded guilty and was convicted of one count of upskirting.

The information provided by you and the conviction information was referred to the Institute's Disciplinary Proceedings Committee ('the Committee') for consideration at its meeting on 14 May 2008. The Committee has decided that the information provided does provide evidence of possible serious misconduct and/or lack of fitness to teach. Accordingly, the Committee **will** inquire into the allegations you raised against Stephanus Janse Van Vuuren.

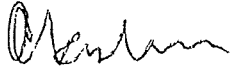
The Institute will conduct an investigation into the allegations. A copy of the police brief is being obtained via a Freedom of Information application. Once this information is received, the file will be reassessed before deciding if further evidence is needed before the Committee reconsiders the matter. The Committee may decide to refer the matter to formal hearing or take no further action.

Mr Janse Van Vuuren will also be informed in writing of the progress of the Institute's inquiry.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Institute's inquiry.

Should you have any questions, please call me via the administrative officer, Vicky, on (03) 8601 5866.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annabel Haslam', written in a cursive style.

Annabel Haslam
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