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Dear Principle Meek,

On 27 July 2013 I called you to ask what procedure Geelong Grammar School has in place for an individual to make a complaint about the inappropriate conduct of a former staff member of the school. This letter follows your suggestion that I could write to you with my complaint.

Firstly, let me begin by introducing myself as a former student of Geelong Grammar School. I began at the Highton campus in Grade 3, 1980 and I continued on to complete my VCE studies as the

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In 1986 I attended Timbertop as a thirteen year old. In that year I was instructed to visit 'The San' for a 'medical' as it was known. I was not in any way unwell and accepted the examination to be a routine check of my general health. To this day, I still do not know what that examination should have entailed. I ask, if it is at all possible, that you find out and tell me. The following details are a vivid recollection of my experience during that examination. Upon entering The San I was instructed by the nurse (Julie Johnson?) to go in to the examination room alone, undress to underpants and lie under the sheet on the examination table. I had done this by the time BLQ entered the room. BLQ lowered the sheet down to the top of my underpants. I cannot remember what he did during the examination before he demonstrated to me 'where my heart was to be found' and felt my left breast in doing so. I felt extremely uncomfortable. BLQ then lowered the sheet to above my knees. He lowered the top of my underpants enough so that two hernia scares that I have, were exposed and he touched and commented on them. He then kept his thumb resting across the top of my underwear as he reached other fingers of his hand down and touched my privates on the outside of my underwear; as he did this he squeezed his fingers as if 'checking' or examining me. The entire time that I was experiencing this, I was extremely uncomfortable. Following the medical I did not talk to any adults about what had happened.

Many years have passed since this incident and I can honestly say that I consider it was a violation. The reason that I am notifying the school is because I believe that it is very important to not remain silent, embarrassed or to diminish my experience because it was a 'one-off' and a long time ago. There is much to learn from people speaking out and it is right that Geelong Grammar have a record of my complaint.

Thank you for your time in this matter and it is my hope that I have raised awareness in this area of the school's procedures, therefore informing best practice for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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