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**HUTCHINS**

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Dear Dr Sale,

Thank you for agreeing to see me on Wednesday,

You may have noticed a letter in *The Australian* on Wednesday, 27 February, from Mr<sup>AOA</sup> **REDA**, stating "I was a victim of sex abuse at The Hutchins School". The School has been aware of the complaints by Mr<sup>AOA</sup> for some time. There have been previous confidential discussions between Mr<sup>AOA</sup> and the School. The Board of Management has been advised both by its solicitors and by Dr Isles. The former Headmaster, Mr John Bednall, at one time met with Mr<sup>AOA</sup> in Canberra.

I have recently received another letter from Mr<sup>AOA</sup> and the Board seeks advice regarding how it should respond or whether it should not respond.

I will bring with me a copy of relevant correspondence, which I hope will assist you in providing advice.

Yours sincerely,

W D Toppin  
**PRINCIPAL**

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