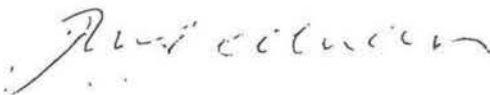


ANNEXURE IIITHE HUTCHINS SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENTMinutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 27 July 1995CONFIDENTIALMR. AOA

Bishop Stone rang to say that he had been telephoned by the Chair of the Social Issues Committee of the Diocese of Goulburn and Canberra, who is a practising psychiatrist. That individual informed Bishop Stone that the matter concerning Mr. AOA would be resolved by an apology from The Hutchins School Board of Management. It was Bishop Stone's impression that Mr. AOA had also indicated that he would be prepared to give commitments of confidentiality as part of the apology process.

Bishop Stone's attitude to this matter was entirely supportive of the School, and it was agreed that he should act as an intermediary between myself and the Chairman of the Committee in Canberra. I asked Bishop Stone to communicate the following points:-

1. Despite intensive investigations and close consultations with individuals closely connected to the management of the School during Mr. Lawrence's headmastership, the Board had no basis upon which it could conclude that Mr. AOA's allegations are true.
2. The Board was further perturbed by clear evidence that despite the alleged offence, Mr. AOA had maintained contact with Mr. Lawrence after he left the School as a pupil.
3. The Board had received both medical and legal advice that it should not have further contact with Mr. AOA.
4. It was the Board's understanding that the current dialogue between Mr. AOA and the Board was on an entirely confidential basis. The Board wishes to respect that understanding, although noting that Mr. AOA has now decided to step outside it. The Board believes that it can not discuss this matter without a declared agreement from Mr. AOA that the issue is no longer confidential.



J.M. BEDNALL

26 July, 1995