

## ANNEXURE II

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## DRAFT LETTER

Mr AOA

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 17 February 2002.

I should, at the outset, point out that I am replying to your letter on behalf of the Hutchins Board as its executive officer. I would be grateful if any further contact is through me.

The School acknowledges that, like other schools, and similar institutions some students may have been exposed to sexual misconduct during their time at the School.

The current school community, whilst it regrets that sexual misconduct may have occurred in the past, cannot now be held accountable for events that occurred more than a generation ago. The School does, however, express sorrow about the distress this has caused.

The School's approach is now informed by the considerable development in the knowledge and understanding in identifying risks and dealing properly with those students who have been at risk. The School is vigilant in its duty of care to its students and has in place appropriate policies to minimise the risks.

The School is willing to assist, if it can, and to this end is prepared to offer you access to an appropriate health care professional, should you feel that this will be of benefit to you, to be selected from a panel, for consultation and advice. Initially the School is prepared to fund up to four sessions but with the discretion to extend this if the relevant professional believes this is appropriate.

I would be grateful to receive your response to these matters.

Yours sincerely,

W D Toppin  
PRINCIPAL

19 March, 2002