

ANNEXURE III

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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.

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

The Board does, however, express sorrow about the distress this has caused. The Board, 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 is vigilant in its duty of care to its students and has in place appropriate policies to minimise the risks. 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.

Yours sincerely,

W D Toppin
PRINCIPAL

28 March, 2002