

APPENDIX IIILETTER ASSOCIATED WITH RECOMMENDATION 5DRAFT ONLY

Dear Old Boy,

The Board of Management at its recent meeting discussed the widespread publicity concerning allegations of sexual abuse experienced by children in educational institutions in the last thirty to forty years.

The Board is concerned for the welfare and happiness of all of its former students. It accepts that in the long history of Hutchins there may well have been pupils who were subjected to this torment and still bear some degree of personal anxiety or trauma.

If that has been the case, then the Board wishes to offer an opportunity for counselling support to any former student who believes they may have cause to take advantage of it. It has engaged the services of a Hobart based consulting psychiatrist to assist it in this regard.

In making this statement to its Old Boys, the Board wishes to make it emphatically clear that it is making no assumptions based upon any specific allegations. It is merely reacting with concern and responsibility, given the extent of the incidents of sexual abuse in institutions which is now being described around the world.

The Board is confident of the sensitivity and goodwill of its Old Boys and believes they will acknowledge that the present strong and vibrant Hutchins should not be subject to malicious ridicule or controversy because of any misdeeds of the past.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J.M. BEDNALL