

DRAFT STATEMENT TO AOA

The Board of the Hutchins School reaffirms its goodwill to Mr AOA.

The Board has carried out extensive investigations into the matter but is unable to find any corroboration of the matters complained of. Nonetheless the Board is concerned that Mr AOA, as a past student of the school, says that he has suffered as the result of the activities of the former headmaster of the school.

Consequently the Board regrets and apologises for any hurt or upset resulting from the matters which Mr AOA says occurred when he was a student at Hutchins.

The Board also confirms its deep concern about the matters which have been raised by Mr AOA. Allegations of the previous headmaster's homosexuality first came to the Board's notice at the time of his resignation which was some years after Mr AOA left Hutchins. The Board made extensive and unprecedented enquiries at the time to ensure the welfare of the boys of the school had not been compromised. Nothing came to the Board's attention which gave it any cause for concern about this until Mr AOA contacted the school to indicate that this had occurred.

The Board confirms that it remains committed to providing counselling and assistance to any old boy if the need for such counselling and the assistance arises from any events occurring during that persons period at the school.