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**From:** Weeks, John  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2013 10:06 PM  
**To:** Maher, Jan  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting with the headmaster of Knox

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**From:** Weeks, John  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2013 10:04 PM  
**To:** ATN  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the headmaster of Knox

Hi ATN

I am glad you have contacted me tonight and I want to assure you that I remain ready to help you in any way I can. I have spoken with a number of the boys who were abused during the 1980s and have a fair understanding of how they feel. I can only imagine your personal pain. What has been remarkable is that through processes they have found some sense of closure and I would hope that this would be the case for you.

Over the past few years I have worked very closely with the police and others to ensure that any boys who were abused at Knox have been fully supported by me and the school. I am here to help you if you wish and would like to meet with you personally if this would help you.

If you would like to meet informally in the near future I would be happy to arrange this just say so and I will get some times for you to consider

Yours sincerely,

John

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**From:** ATN [mailto:REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2013 9:47 PM  
**To:** Weeks, John  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with the headmaster of Knox

Hi John,

I have been taking hours and hours of my life to dwell more and more on the sexual abuse that i encountered at Knox - i am only know feeling empowered to speak of this abuse and how this exposure will achieve some value and strength for myself. I now know i must expose this serial abuse that occurred and effected so many innocent children whilst in the care of a "premium" caretaker that was essentially out of scope of criticism.

I was exposed to not one abuser but several and was seen as "normal" withi the Knox Culture that was held so close to the apparent tradition that existed.

I have almost lost my way as i cannot escape my fears and memories that haunt and disturb me daily.

I recently purchased a house at Smiths Lake only to find the "snake" Dr Patt living within 50M of my. I daily feel the need to disrupt his life as he was so aware of everything that was happening even though he had his own children being destroyed with such a destructive learning environment - the ojnly person that was constructively trying to chance

thing was my hero Mr Turnbull - he knew the change that was needed and i truly believe died with a pain of not exposing the real truth of "Knox".

Abuse from Mt Barratt, Mt Steward, Mr Vance and manipulation from Mr Lee and others.

I ask for assistance as i am nearing departure - i can only state my own father cannot even see the pain - he now has a new son at Knox in second grade - the same age as i was when i was taken to NZ be Mr Stewart and never returned the same .

Is Know prepared to take some responsibility for what happened and the constructively remove my guilt before i take my own action...

I hurt everyday and cannot move forward in my life, due entirely to the "privileged" upbringing that i had - and my ass bleeds almost daily because of this.

Dark and angry but its not always this way

Regards

ATN

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How can you help me

On Fri, Jun 14, 2013 at 11:03 AM, Weeks, John <[WeeksJ@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:WeeksJ@knox.nsw.edu.au)> wrote:

Dear

ATN

I had indicated to my staff that I would be pleased to meet you at Knox at a time that suits us both to discuss the issues that you have raised.

I had thought that this was being organised but if this is not the case then I apologise.

I think that it would be best if we communicated directly and we can get together as soon as you are available

All the best,



John W. Weeks

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