

**Cameron John**

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**Subject:** For your information

Dear Mr Cameron

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**Subject:** Knox Boarding

Dear Rex

I hope you had a great Christmas and a have a safe new year.

I have now moved out of Gillespie House and into alternative accommodation with great regret. I was the only resident ask to leave at the end of year and I now know this was based on statements made to Dr Paterson by Norrie Cannon. This included defamatory remarks in regards to my care for the boarders. I can only say that I am pleased to be out of the supervision of Norrie Cannon - even though I will miss boarding.

Towards the end of the year I gave you information on incidents in regards to Mr Norrie Cannon in the hope that changes would be made allowing some of these things to never happen again. It seems that the opposite has happened and Mr Cannon has been given a higher position of power. Furthermore, I have been in contact with some exBoarders, exResident Staff and current parents and boarders since leaving (involuntarily) and have been told of other incidents in regards to boarding and Mr Cannon - some which have really concerned me.

It seems that Norrie became agitated that I had attempted to pass information on to higher management (in regard to these incidents) and I know this led to my "good bye thanks for coming" letter. Whilst I am not really concerned about my own situation (even though it has been stressful) - I am more concerned about future boarders and resident staff being affected. I have hired the services of the solicitor and have had many meetings with the Independent Education Union.

Let me please stress that I DO NOT wish to go public with this information and would prefer to be able to settle these matters internally and discreetly - without the further need for outside third parties. I realise the damage that could come to Knox's reputation if some of this information was to be released to the public. I have nothing to gain or loose from this - other than my conscience if I don't act. Hence the reason for the e-mail to you.

My aim in persuing this issues is;

1. To get an apology for the letter sent to me on Knox letterhead by Norrie Cannon (insinuating certain things).
2. That the school FULLY investigate Knox boarding (in particular the information I have given you already) and that boarding staff are fully investigated.
3. To make sure honesty and integrity is brought into Knox boarding through the staff (I know that this is not the case at the moment as I had calls from several parents in Term 4, 1998 alleging they had been lied to).
4. To make sure that some Knox boarding management staff are NEVER allowed to manage and manipulate boarding staff and boarders again (preventing incidents like these from ever happening again).
5. That I am given the option of my position at Knox boarding back.

I will do whatever necessary to try and achieve these aims and will go public if necessary (if this is what I have to do to get the Management at Knox to listen). Like I mentioned earlier, I would prefer not to do this and settle these issues quietly and internally.

So before I officially go any further I am bringing this to you in the hope we can a find a solution and put it behind us.

I look forward to hearing from you Rex,

Many thanks

NICK WILLIAMS.

ps. I would be happy for you to pass this on to the appropriate people if necessary.