Nick Williams 'Gillespie House'

14 November, 1998

Dr Paterson Headmaster

Dear Dr Paterson

I refer to your letter dated 9th November. Mr Cannon's initial letter suggests that I am some kind of molester. You know well that this is not the case. I cannot believe that you would go so low as to allow him to defame me in this way.

I have been in contact with the Independent Education Union and the Association of Independent Schools are well as my own legal counsel. I have forwarded to them all correspondence from Mr Cannon and yourself for the last 12 months.

I tried to make it very clear that I had been victimised over the past few months – yet you weren't really interested.

There is no doubt in my mind that my refusal to give Mr Cannon personal assistance to him and has family has lead to this continual victimisation.

When on duty I do it well. I can guarantee that when I am on duty in Gillespie the place is virtually spotless and duties are done to standard (regardless of what you may have been informed). I am professional in my dealings with all boarders at all times. I have covered for duty almost every weekend this term and last term. The boys (all houses) have been given hours of computer assistance and tutoring free of charge. I have stood in for sport when necessary. I have attended boy's sporting matches even when not on duty. I believe my level of pastoral care is excellent and I have never turned any boy away when he has needed someone to talk to (no matter what house he is in). I also covered with being asked MANY times last year when there was no adult supervision in Gilmore House.

Dr Paterson I refuse to leave under these terms. I have a clean record and have absolutely nothing to hide.

Yours sincerely

Nick Williams

Cc Mr & Mrs REDACT, Mr & Mrs REDACT, Mr & Mrs REDACTE, Sister Noach (Hospital), Mr Martin (Hospital), Mr R Ward, I.E.U.