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Dear Dr Paterson

I appreciated your prompt response (14.2.89) to my recent letter (9.2.89) which was admittedly the ventilating of built up frustration, and anxiety for other boarder-parents. To me, the matter needed serious consideration and I hope this letter can put our correspondence to rest.

There is no denying that [ATG]'s obstinant adolescence was the major contributing factor to "our" problems, particularly in 1987 and 1988.

I accept full responsibility for a failure to pass on specific issues when they were current problems. [ATG] maintained that my intervention in "the system" would have complicated the situations mainly because of the time-lag delays and his fear of creating additional difficulties. It would serve no good purpose to continue with each case now as I am certainly not seeking either review or retribution for particular instances.

Let me clarify several points:

- * the reference to "lack of consistency by non-teaching staff" was not directed to domestics etc. but rather to the application of variable standards for boarders by the Housemaster/Disciplinarian/Chaplain.
- * "the absence of praise and adequate pastoral care" is a feeling that the recognition of general activities/problems - as opposed to "achievements/sins" - is not covered adequately by boarders (vis-avis day students with family influences).

* the important "female contact" is a reflection on the fact that in [ATG] case he received instruction from only one female classroom teacher in six years.

You and I will have to agree to hold differing views on parent involvement in determining school policy. Obviously I am coloured by my political nature and personal experiences with state primary schools and two other independent Christian schools. I trust that Knox management will always be open to influence for improvement.

Kind regards

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