

Mr John Burke

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30 September, 2010

Presiding Judge
District Court of NSW
Downing Centre
Sydney NSW 2000

Re: Adrian Nisbett

Dear Sir,

My name is John James Burke and I am 60 years old.

I am writing this testimonial in support of Adrian Nisbett who I am aware has pleaded guilty to two counts of indecent assault and admitted one count of indecent assault in relation to persons under the age of 18 years.

I began teaching at Knox Grammar School in 1976 on a full-time basis and continued teaching at Knox Grammar School until I retired from full-time teaching in April, 2010. Since that time I have and continue to work as a casual teacher at the school.

During my time at the school I taught English, Geography and Ancient History.

I have known Adrian Nisbett from the commencement of my teaching at Knox Grammar and I have worked with him over a period of 27 years.

As Adrian and I both taught English at the school we constantly interacted and in many ways he was a mentor to me as he had been a student at the school and was very familiar with the school and many of its staff. Adrian had commenced teaching at the school a few years before I had arrived and he subsequently became head of the English Department.

In about 1989 I was appointed as a Boarding House Master of McNeill House. Adrian at the time was one of the Senior Boarding House Master's of the school and again he was someone I needed to refer to on a regular basis on issues to do with the running of the boarding house. Adrian was always readily available to discuss what I could describe as administrative and disciplinary issues to do with the running of the boarding house. I found him to be always supportive of myself and I know he was also supportive and helpful of other boarding house staff. Adrian was very effective in discharging his duties and was held in high regard by teachers and staff and he regularly demonstrated his commitment to the school.

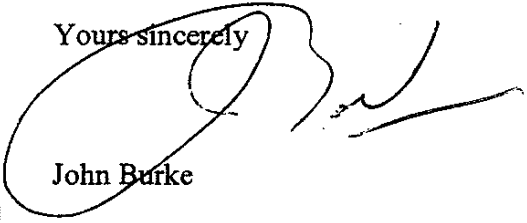
For a period of time Adrian was the Assistant to the Head Master and during this time I always found him to be professional and a person who encouraged me to further my career

and do further studies at University resulting in my being awarded a member of the Australian College of Education. I found Adrian to be very insightful and encouraging.

In the mid nineties Adrian was the year master to years 11 and 12 and the school appointed me as his assistant. This gave me the opportunity to work closely with him again in administration of the year group. I was always impressed with his professionalism and his work ethos. It was obvious that he had a great work ethic and he had the ability to inspire other teachers, myself included, to work hard and achieve great results.

I have no hesitation whatsoever providing this testimonial for Adrian Nisbett and I would be prepared to attend Court if necessary to speak to this reference.

Yours sincerely



John Burke