

Allegations of Illtreatment of Girls
in Institutions.

Details of allegations of illtreatment of girls at Hay and Parramatta are as follows :

Institution for Girls, Hay

Following statements made by the Acting Senior Instructor at the Institution for Girls, Hay, an investigation produced evidence to support allegations that the Manager (Mr. A. W. Maxwell) had assaulted the following girls in the manner described :

OL [REDACTED] (born REDACT)

- on 12.1.73 by hitting the girl across the face several times and pulling her hair.

- on 15.1.73 by pulling her around by the hair.

OM [REDACTED] (born REDACT)

- on 15.1.73 by hitting her about the face and head.

ON [REDACTED] (born REDACT)

- on 30.12.72 by pulling her off the verandah by the hair and slapping her across the face.

Yvonne Kitchener (born 30.5.55.)

- on 27.4.72 by hitting her.

RH [REDACTED] (born REDACT)

- on 14.2.73 by pulling her from the floor by the hair and kicking her.

With the exception of the matter involving Yvonne Kitchener, these incidents were witnessed by one or more members of the staff.

Mr. Maxwell was suspended from duty on 18.5.73 and the matter reported to the Public Service Board with a recommendation that an Inquiry be initiated under Section 58 of the Public Service Act, as amended.

However, prior to further action being taken, Mr. Maxwell submitted his resignation and this was accepted by the Public Service Board.

Girls' Training School, Parramatta.

Investigations were made at the Girls' Training School, Parramatta following a statement by the Deputy Superintendent (Relief Staff) that he believed girls had been hit by the Superintendent (Mr. D. Monaghan) and the Deputy Superintendent (Mr. G. Gilford).

After preliminary investigations, it appeared that there was evidence to warrant charges of assaulting girls against Mr. Monaghan, including one case of a serious assault where it is alleged Mr. Monaghan caused two black eyes and facial injuries.

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In the case of Mr. Gilford there are allegations which indicate that there was a pattern of events which suggest that Mr. Gilford has had difficult girls brought to his office at night and has slapped them around the head and has used this method of discipline to maintain his authority.

Both these officers have been suspended from duty and the facts reported to the Public Service Board for consideration of initiating action under Section 58 of the Public Service Act.

Director :

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