

RUNNING NOTES.

Re: CIB

17/7/91 P/call to Sue Dixon, Principal, Mater Dei Special School. Advised District Officer would be coming to interview her re CIB 's notification. Appointment was made for Tuesday 23/7/91 at 10.00 a.m.

23/7/91 A visit was made by Isabel Stepanik, District Officer to Mater Dei Special School, Macquarie Grove Rd., Camden, at 10.00 a.m. The following people were present:

Sue Dixon,	School Principal
Carol Putney	Residential Co-ordinator
Sister Marie	Student Welfare

District Officer was friendly greeted by staff at Mater Dei. Ms Sue Dixon stated her willingness to have FACS involved in this situation and hoped the matter would be cleared and resolved for CIB 's sake.

Sue Dixon stated CIB is fine, settled, chirpy and happy and quite comfortable with current arrangements of the house. We had a number of changes in the house. We had put another girl in the cottage, now are three boys and two girls. CID is not here now and a new couple, Merlyn Chapman and her husband, Social Educator, are in charge of the Cottage.

When CIB first came to the school there was only one place available and it just happened that in the Cottage CIB was placed there were four boys, in that time CIB was quite happy for CIB to be placed there. However, we felt with all these incidents we had to do something.

In regard to REDACTED, Sue Dixon stated she could not imagine REDACTED to be capable of doing anything like that (sexually) as there is no indicator that he is atune with that - "I even think he (REDACTED) would be incapable of even finding the anal passage."

Carol Putney - Residential Co-ordinator stated: 'REDACTED is very babyish, still playing at the toys level. He spent his free time playing with little trucks, with dolls, playing tennis.' That is really the level that he is functioning at and since he has been attending school he has never had any inappropriate behaviour recorded either at the school or in play groups.

"Actually I was once at a student camp, and saw one of the girls come to REDACTED and said that she liked him, REDACTED just slid away." "I don't think it is REDACTED's realms to think of doing anything like that unless someone is showing him how to do it", Sister Marie commented. I perceived REDACTED to be very slow, quiet and babyish boy and as I have been here only for six months, I could not comment very much about him.

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What about CID :

Sue Dixon stated CID began working at Mater Dei as a School Educator on 20.7.86. She said that there was an attempt by previous School Principal to do something about CID but was not acted upon. Sue believed that it would be some evidence that made them suspicious. CID could have been involved in some kind of inappropriate behaviour with the child, i.e., special treatment given to some students. During the time CID was in charge of the cottage there were five incidences that were brought to their attention. CID has now left, he didn't leave because of CIB 's incidence but there was another lad CIL REDACTED, that CID had an obsession with him. So in co-operation with FACS at Campbelltown I wrote this letter for CID not to have any contact with CIL. During this time we have CIB 's incidence going on, we do believe CID was having contact with this boy on different occasions, i.e., soccer match, and with consultation with our Solicitor we sought his opinion on this matter and it was felt that there were reasonable grounds for CID to be dismissed.

Carol Putney stated "speaking from a personal point of view, I was aware that a number of staff working with CID were concerned CID was favouring a particular student. The different treatment given to this particular student was very obvious". "Since I became co-ordinator I felt uncomfortable about CID, especially because concerns of sexual behaviour only happened in children that were in CID 's Cottage."

Sister Marie stated: "I didn't have very much to do with him, I only encountered him (CID) at Social Educator's Meeting. He had a warm rapport with the children". "I have only been here for 6 months, I couldn't comment much on him."

Whilst interviewing the staff at Mater Dei Sue Dixon drew my attention to a boy who was happily talking to his friends in the school playground and said: "that's REDACTED". Indeed REDACTED appeared as how staff had previously described babyish face, slight build. I requested to have a few words with REDACTED. Ms Dixon agreed with the condition. I saw REDACTED in the company of his best friend and not to alarm him, both Carol and Sister Marie left the room, a few minutes later Ms Dixon appeared with three boys and introduced to Dist. Officer. REDACTED and REDACTED appeared friendly with big smiles on their face. They told me their name and their ages. When it was REDACTED's turn he told me his name, but could not remember his age. REDACTED had some sweet biscuits in his hands, I noticed his hands (keeping in mind what CIB had said about REDACTED's fingernails - "he (REDACTED) stick one of his nails up my bottom, it hurt"). His fingernails were very short, he had small, slim hands.

REDACTED appeared as a frail, shy skinny looking boy, after a few words with the boys they left.

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Carol Putney and sister Marie then joined us in the interviewing room and commented that everyone is much happier since CID **REDACT** is gone, that "people have noticed and commented favourably about the new Social Educator and children seem much happier at school."

Interview concluded about 11.15 a.m.

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Sutherland D.C.
25/7/91.

Report noted - please forward reminder letters to Nepean Hospital re outcome of the medical examination

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12/8/91

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