

## FAMILY UPDATE JUNE 2002

### Introduction

This is a newsletter to keep families up to date with the situation regarding the allegations of sexual abuse against students by a former employee at the school your child attended.

The alleged offences against some students occurred between the years 1986 and 1991.

As this matter is currently before the courts we are unable to name the accused so will refer to this person as the alleged perpetrator.

### Support Group

A group of parents who suspect their son or daughter may have been involved have been meeting since October 2001 to support each other and keep up to date with the information available.

These parents have been instrumental in bringing the matter to the attention of the appropriate authorities and negotiating assistance for themselves and other families.

### Counsellors

Due to the efforts of the support group and other agencies there is now a list of counsellors available who are skilled in assisting people with intellectual disability.

If you feel your son or daughter may have been involved and would benefit from seeing one of these people you must first make a statement to the Catholic Education Office detailing your reasons for concern.

#### Therapists skilled in working with people with an intellectual disability

Alan Jenkins/Maxine Joy  
1 Mary Street, Hindmarsh  
8340 2240

Brian & Barbara Matthews  
Personalised Disability Services  
83397164 or 0402088016

Malcolm Robinson  
Bower Place Level 2,  
55 Gawler Place, Adelaide  
8221 6066

Monique Gillissen  
3 Egmont Terrace, Hawthorn  
8271 2122

Angela Davis  
Roxanne Hewett  
Optima Psychologists  
164 Greenhill Road, Parkside  
8373 7300

#### Family Therapists

Catherine Sanders  
Bower Place Level 2,  
55 Gawler Place, Adelaide  
82126066

Geraldine Slattery  
373 Glynburn Rd Kensington Pk  
8431 4933

### Useful Contacts

SA Police  
Child Exploitation Unit  
84637745

Parent Advocacy Inc  
Linda Clifford  
83258109  
Karen Rogers  
83411376

Public Advocate  
John Harley  
82697575

Catholic Education  
Contact Person  
Eileen Young  
83016600

### Dates to Remember

Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Court appearance of  
alleged perpetrator.  
Magistrates Court  
Adelaide

Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:15pm  
Support Group Meeting  
Camden Community  
Centre  
7 Carlisle Street  
Camden Park