

KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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The information was sourced from staff files and KGS Council minutes.

1986:

- Mr Peter Cribb, Housemaster of McNeil left, May 1986 and Mr. Tim Hawkes commenced
- Students with short suspensions for smoking – REDACTE A. Steer, REDACT, REDACTED
- July 1986, Dr REDACTE spoke with Stuart Pearson or made allegations about SP re his son REDAC (I forget the exact details)
- John Turnbull at Fetters for the first half of the year (He was the Deputy HM at the time – have you spoken with him?). Bill Lawson (a very close confidant of Dr Paterson) was the acting Deputy HM. He now has a winery in the Hunter valley.

In July 1985, Adrian Nisbett was in Ewan House and also a Housemaster.

Another person who knows a lot is Tony Gifford who retired at the end of Term 1, 1988.

Norrie Cannon appointed Housemaster of Gillespie as from the end of 1987.

As from the start of 1988 -

- Howard West – Housemaster at Kooyong (I think he is at the Internationa School in Hong Kong)
- Martin Gooding – appointed Head of English. He also lived in the cottage at the Prep School with responsibilities ar Kooyong, has had access to many staff files whilst Peter Crawley and John Weeks were Headmasters, appointed many teachers etc. There are a number of 'stories' freely circulating amongst current teachers concerning him in the mid 1980's and I have a number of concerns re information/favours by MG for some people and possible protection by JW
- Adrian Nisbett was moved sideways but retained some status to handle the burgeoning area of administration, computers, Grammarian, Knoxonian etc and he was located in Room 15. Several years later he was relocated to Borambil House and worked on the book "Knox in our own words" For information re this period, sources of information are Jenny Little (Munich International Grammar School), Kate Hunt (widow of John Hunt, lives at North Turramurra), Cathy Charlton (former Council member, interviewed many old boys for an oral history of the school, lives at Newport.)

Council meeting, 19th October, 1983. Headmaster's eport – Craig Treloar appointed to replace Miss Grant. 23 years old, single, OKGA 1976. Diploma of Teaching from Kuringai campus of UTS. Three years at St Aloysius. Fine prospect. Resident master at Knox. Also appointed at the same time was Bob Thomas.

Craig Treloar was appointed resident master at Gillespie House in Term 1, 1984 till June 1988 when he went on 'leave' for terms 3 and 4. (Information on payroll records and also check Council minutes – the most important source of information is generally the Headmaster's report to each Council meeting – often a separate attachment to the minutes. You must receive the complete Minutes book which contain these documents and not just a copy of the minutes) Craig Treloar

coached the Prep cricket team, 11C in 1987.

On 2nd August 2007, I collected a video from Stuart Pearson's private address concerning Craig Treloar which was given directly to John Weeks. He watched the video.

The Council minutes of August and September, 2007 should provide details about the meetings with Bob Thomas and Craig Treloar which followed. The only action which followed was that Craig Treloar would no longer coach or teach the younger boys in the Prep . As the incidents occurred 20 years previously, the Council were advised by (I think JW/RW) that no further action was necessary.

Michael Probert left - 15th October 2004 and on stress leave from 13th August 2004.

John Cameron, former member of Council, directly appointed as Finance administrator, later terminated with a large payout, I think he may still live in Wahroonga, actively involved with Rotary and the National Party, he should have information)

A student, **REDACTED** OKGA 1993 was coached by Adrian Nisbett in the Basketball thirds – I do not know if he has come forward. There was an incident involving **REDACTED** and another student (both in the Gallery Choir) under the Chapel which was not well handled by Stuart Pearson or Dr Paterson which contributed to the termination of SP.

Council minutes - 14th May 1990. Stuart Pearson has resigned (to be effective as from the end of term 3) as he has “outgrown the position” of school disciplinarian.

Council minutes - 20th September 1990. Headmaster's report on discipline. “The Chapel affair (I.e. The incident with **REDACTED** continues to be used by Knox boys and others here – reflecting a fear and hatred of homosexuals” There was a period of persistent and prolonged teasing plus a lot of bullying which continued well into the late 1990's.

Council minutes, 17th October, 1990. John Lodge appointed General Duties Master (to replace Stuart Pearson). I think he was a former Police Constable.

There used to be a teacher by the name of Jones who was a Boarding Housemaster who 'left' at the end of 1988. I think he was in McNeil at the same time as Tim Hawkes who broke a billiard cue when 'striking' a student.

I made a list of the Year 12 students in 1990 who were in McNeil and Gillespie boarding houses several years earlier to see if we could ascertain any names of interest who may have information but nothing came of that. However, three students who had blond hair and good at sport were – **ASG**, **REDACTED** and **REDACTED**

In the mid 1980's, virtually all teacher appointments were made by Dr Paterson. There was a Council staff committee (Dr Jim White, Rev Don Erickson ((Canberra)), Rev Loch Finlay and Professor Bruce Mansfield) and I understand they mainly dealt with staff allowances but I could never locate any minutes.

I think the students in relation to Vance may have been – **REDACTED**, **REDACTED**, **REDACTED**
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