



KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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MEDIA STATEMENT

During the appearance by a man in Hornsby Local Court yesterday reference was made to an internal investigation by the School in 2004.

The School has been distressed to see media reports critical of the fact it did not make Police aware of this investigation at the time.

The Office of the NSW Ombudsman has a set of guidelines for dealing with certain allegations against employees.

In early 2004, the School sought advice from the Ombudsman's Office about its responsibilities in conducting an investigation into matters relating to this person.

On advice from the Ombudsman's Office, a qualified investigator from outside the School, conducted an investigation.

The investigator's report was sent to the Ombudsman's Office.

In 2004, the School received a letter from the Principal Investigator in the Ombudsman's Office acknowledging receipt of the final report and advising that:

"No further action is required of Knox Grammar School in relation to this matter, and I will now proceed to close the Ombudsman's child protection file."

The person has not taught in the School from the time of the commencement of the investigation in February 2004.

The School notes the comments on radio yesterday by Hornsby Local Area Commander, Superintendent Shane White, who said he could not speak highly enough of the cooperation Police had received from the current school administration.

The Police appreciation for this level of cooperation was confirmed in further discussions with them today.

The School is continuing to work with Police.

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