



KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of New South Wales and the ACT

22nd December 2009

Mr G. Lamond
C/- Hardinlaw
Genesis Offices
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Dear Mr Lamond

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

We are writing on behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of New South Wales and the ACT and Knox Grammar School to express our deepest regret to you for the abuse you were subjected to by Mr Treloar in the 1980s while you were enrolled as a student at Knox.

We are sincerely sorry for the abuse you suffered. We acknowledge that such an ordeal can have an immeasurable impact. We are deeply saddened by this knowledge and we offer our apology unreservedly.

The Church encourages moral, social and ethical integrity and provides direction to the moral compass underpinning that duty. The conduct to which you have been subjected is abhorrent and runs contrary to the ethos of the Uniting Church and everything that Knox stands for.

The School has, first and foremost, a paramount duty for the safety and wellbeing of its students.

We acknowledge that you have carried a heavy burden. We commend you for your courage in reporting the matter. We offer our assistance to you and your family at any time.

If you would like to talk to someone independent of the School we have in place an independent service which offers private counselling. They can be contacted on 1800 818 728. Alternatively, you may wish to talk to a Counsellor of your own choice. The costs of counselling will be borne by the School.

Should you wish to discuss any matter, or if there is any other way we can assist you, we invite you to contact the Headmaster, either by telephone on (02) 9487 0122 or email weeksj@knox.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

John W. Weeks
Headmaster
Knox Grammar School

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The Rev. Niall Reid
Moderator, Uniting Church in Australia
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