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29<sup>TH</sup> May, 2000.

Mr. Peter Crawley  
Headmaster,  
Knox Grammar School,  
Pacific Hwy.,  
WAHROONGA. 2076.

Dear Mr. Crawley,

My son [REDACTED] is in Year 10 at Knox and enjoying school. One of the reasons he is so comfortable and happy is due to the personal commitment the teachers there give our children. This is why I am writing to tell you that of all the teachers, [ARH] would have to be one of the finest examples to our boy.

Cam and myself are well aware of the friendship that Mr. [ARH] and [REDACTED] share. [REDACTED] always has someone he can talk to at school, (other than his peers who, in the past have not always been forthcoming with the best advice!) and when we were going through a rough "teenage patch" last year, [ARH] was there for us keeping an eye on him. [ARH] was frequently rejected himself when offering some support, but still unconditionally hung in there to show [REDACTED] the right choices. We will always be grateful to him for his help and encouragement.

As a result, they are good mates, and if you ask [REDACTED] what he thinks about Mr. [ARH], he will tell you he's a "really good bloke." Their friendship goes back to year 7 when [ARH] was coaching the under 13's Rugby team. He always supported [REDACTED] in his Rugby because he saw how much he loved the game. With [ARH]'s encouragement, he found the position that suited him and now, after many years of hard work and training, he has realised his goal of playing in the A's.

It is sad when the personal commitment of a teacher to a student is examined and criticised in the way that [ARH] has. In a smaller community, in the

country for example, the local Rugby Coach, Headmaster, Policeman, or Minister is very involved with the local families and kids and in some ways, the children belong to all of them. I think we have lost sight of the concept of all men being mentors and examples to our boys, and as Steve Biddulph says in his books on raising boys, all these men are so important for our sons to take examples from and base their good values on. We now look on someone who gets in "boots and all" as AR does with curiosity because so many of us just don't want to get involved personally – especially if it's going to be a rough road as AR's involvement with REDACTED was. I know that the REDACTED will always be grateful for his unconditional support, as REDACTED was and I also know that if ARH had known REDACTED when he was so sick in the Prep School, we would have also had his support.

I just wanted to say, again, that we are very grateful for the friendship these two share and are pleased that REDACTED has such a loyal supporter and mentor in AR. I would hope that their friendship continues past school and into the future so ARH can know REDACTED as an adult. This is something that is possible at Knox because of the strong and lasting ties the boys forge with their school.

Thankyou for your time and consideration,

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