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FILE NOTE

Discussion with Michael Probert – 27.1.2004

1. Michael Probert is the current Purchasing Office for Knox Grammar School
2. Amongst other things of a nature similar to those raised in this file note, we discussed Adrian Nisbett and behavioural issues that might give rise to concern.
3. Michael recalls an incident in Ewan House that related to a boy named ARO [redacted]
4. ARO [redacted] Co-incidentally ARO [redacted] was in Michael's year at school.
5. When Michael left school, after a time he came to work at Knox as a Boarding House Resident Master.
6. During his time in the Boarding House and part of the period of employment of the then General Duties Master, Stuart Pearson, Michael became a confidant of Pearson. In fact, Michael actually worked for Pearson for several hours a week.
7. Pearson became "very interested" in the Boarding House "murmurings" relating to Nisbett.
8. Pearson was an ex policeman and had been discharged on medical grounds.
9. Pearson took it upon himself to investigate Nisbett. He was able to gain Nisbett's confidence and in fact minded his flat on occasion when Nisbett was away from Knox.
10. During the periods of "flat minding" he dismantled filing cabinets in his search for incriminating evidence on Nisbett.
11. At the end of his investigation he wrote a report on the matter. Michael Probert believes (perhaps understands) that the then Headmaster, Ian Paterson, instructed Pearson to proceed no further in his pursuit of Nisbett as Nisbett was a friend and valued employee.
12. Michael has informed me that Pearson lives in [REDACTED]
13. Michael has also informed me that Nisbett was removed from Ewan Boarding House and given a fresh set of duties at or about the time of the alleged incident. Some time later Nisbett became a House Master in Kooyong House and "murmurings" in relation to his behaviour there also surfaced.