

**TRANSCRIPTION OF NOTES TAKEN BY PETER GREEN AT VARIOUS MEETINGS.**

*Meeting Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2000:*

Head Master, Rob Scott and Peter Green.

Discussed the matter of <sup>DFB</sup> and <sup>DFA</sup>. Since the matter was brought to the attention of Rob Scott there have been no further incidents according to <sup>CLA</sup>.

Rob Scott was reminded about having the MOD to be physically present in the Boarding House when on duty.

Will call a meeting of Boarding House Staff to inform them briefly of the incident and to explain what they need to ensure no further problems. Head Master will chair; Paull Mayne to be present, as well as Peter Green.

Phone conversation with Paull Mayne, Head Master, Rob Scott and Peter Green:

- Joint Investigation Team to investigate more than likely.
- A reasonable allegation has been made. DoCS have been informed. This does not mean that the boys are guilty. DoCS will investigate.
- Advice from DoCS: in case the allegations are true, DoCS feels the boys should be suspended from the Boarding House to protect the others.
- A number of different scenarios of removing the boys from the Boarding House was discussed.
- Who contacts parents? Paull Mayne advised that DoCS will do this.
- Paull Mayne will discuss with DoCS as to whether Paull Mayne can contact the alleged victims parents.
- Bishop Chambers House would be a better alternative than sending the boys home.
- Paull Mayne will speak with <sup>DFB</sup> & <sup>DFA</sup>.
- We will need to have Paull Mayne present when there are any investigations taking place.
- We must be careful that we do not cause damage to both alleged perpetrators or victims.
- Acting on Mr Sweeney's (DoCS) advice, we will need to suspend the boys from the Boarding House and move them to Bishop Chambers House. The boys will not go to class until Paull Mayne speaks to Sweeney.
- Daniel Brown to help look after the boys at Bishop Chambers for the night.
- Paull Mayne to have classes covered on Friday.
- Paull Mayne to inform parents of the suspension but not to give specific details. This is the role of DoCS.

*Meeting held 7.05pm, Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2000:*

John Arton-Powell, Daniel Brown, Head Master, Robert Scott, Peter Green

- The Head Master explained the need for DFB and DFA to move to Bishop Chambers without explaining the details.
- The boys will stay in the bedroom next to Daniel Brown.
- Daniel Brown will not discuss this matter with the boys.
- Paull Mayne and Rob Scott will take the boys to Bishop Chambers House.

*Meeting held with Boarding House Staff:*

Peter Wilkins, Michael Spratt, Robert Scott, Simon Bootle, Steve Heanly, Paull Mayne, Peter Green, Head Master.

The Head Master informed the staff that an allegation of inappropriate behaviour had been made and that this had been referred to DoCS. Staff were told not to discuss the matter with the boys or with each other or any other staff.

Paull Mayne indicated that there was a need to protect all parties involved. Staff must not assume guilt of the boys removed from the Boarding House.

Head Master advised that staff must be in the Boarding House when on duty. A board to indicate the whereabouts of the MoD will be put in the Boarding House. The Senior on Duty must report to the MoD regularly.

Paull Mayne indicated that the training programme for the dorm monitors will be reviewed.

Head Master: There will be a daily report sheet handed in by the MoD at the end of his duty. The Housemaster will keep the report sheet and the next MoD will be given the sheets the following day.

*Phone call from Ms C McDuff to P Green Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 00*

Ms McDuff asked about the arrangements for the alleged perpetrators. When told that the boys had been removed from the Boarding House and placed in Bishop Chambers and were allowed to attend school she indicated that these arrangements were not acceptable. Her strong advice was that the boys should be suspended from the School – both day and boarding until the investigation was complete. She was of the opinion that DFB and DFA might pressure the boys either directly or through their friends if DFB and DFA continued at the School. If the alleged victims withdrew their allegations while DFA and DFB were still present in the school, it could seem that the allegations were withdrawn because of influence from DFA and DFB and therefore DFA and DFB case would not be helped.

*Meeting: 12.20pm, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2000*

Kate Pearce, Peter Green, Paull Mayne, re telephone conversations with Joint Investigation Team.

- As these are allegations of sexual assault, she feels that we would be leaving ourselves open to further allegations. Advised that the alleged perpetrators

should be suspended from the school and campus pending the outcome of the inquiry.

- Suggested the School obtains legal advice and informs the School Council Chairman.
- At 12.30pm by telephone, in the presence of Kate Pearce and Paull Mayne, Ms McDuff reiterated to Peter Green that the boys should be removed from the campus, as they might influence the boys who had made the allegations. She informed Peter Green that he should contact the parents and indicate to them that there had been allegations made of a sexual nature and that DFB and DFA were the alleged perpetrators. Peter Green asked for this permission to be faxed to the School.
- It was decided to ask the parents of DFB and DFA to take their children home and wait until they were contacted by either the School or the JIT.
- Paull Mayne and Peter Green are to briefly state to the boys that they would be going home until further notice.
- Ms McDuff indicated that the boys (alleged victims) would be interviewed on Monday and that we should not discuss the matter with the boys.
- It was decided that all staff involved would write a report including dates and events so that a complete chronology of the incident could be made. Deborah Xuereb to collate the information.

*Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2000*

2.20pm: Peter Green phoned RED and EAC (02) 4959 6541

Spoke to REDACTED who was at work REDACTED. Informed her that there had been an allegation of a sexual nature and that DFB was the alleged perpetrator. She said that she would be there at the School in two hours.

2.40pm: Peter Green phoned REDACTED on her REDACTED (REDACTED). No answer). Checked number with Rob Scott. Tried again on REDACTED, left School number.

3.15pm: Peter Green rang REDACTED: spoke with receptionist who said REDACTED REDACTED was returning from Spain tonight at 19.40 to Sydney.

3.15pm: Peter Green discussed with Paull Mayne the need to tell the boys that they were going to be suspended during the investigations of the alleged incidents. It was decided that Peter Green and Paull Mayne should go to Bishop Chambers House at 4.30pm before REDACTED arrived.

5.00pm: Peter Green and Paull Mayne arrived at Bishop Chambers House. EAC REDACTED arrived at the same time. Both DFB and DFA were on shop leave. Paull Mayne and Peter Green spoke to EAC REDACTED and informed them that an allegation of a sexual nature had been made and that DFB was an alleged perpetrator.

We waited for DFB and DFA; however the boys went to the Dining Hall for dinner. Peter Green, Paull Mayne and EAC REDACTED went to Peter Green's office. Paull Mayne met briefly with DFB and then came to Peter Green's office. We informed the parents that either the JIT or the School would be in contact with them.

6.45pm: Peter Green asked DFA to call him when DFA returned from Spain later in the night. P Green gave him Peter's mobile number. Paull Mayne was present at this time. Spoke briefly with DFA regarding the need to go home with his parents. Told him he wasn't to go to his grandmother's until his mother could take him after Peter Green and Paull Mayne had spoken to her.

10.00pm: Peter Green met with Dr. Nuthall and DFA in his office. Conference with Paull Mayne via speaker phone system. Told DFA and Dr. Nuthall the same as DFB and his parents.

*Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October:*

Peter Green tried many times during the day to contact the Head Master, unsuccessfully.

*Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October:*

Peter Green contacted the Head Master. Explained the need for the boys to be out of the School and the events of Friday.

Head Master advised Peter Green to contact the School's solicitor, David Ford.

*Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October:*

9.10am: Peter Green spoke to David Ford.

- Informed him of the situation
- Peter Green to send copies of the boys' statements, etc. to David Ford.

*Afternoon:*

REDACTED rang Peter Green. Advised that DFA is stressed at times, wants to give up, though at other times wants to be back at School. REDACTED has sought legal advice. Peter Green will have Rob Scott get texts, exercise books and work for boys for a week.

*Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2000:*

8.40am: REDACTED rang to speak to Peter Green

- Has had legal advice
- Facsimile on its way
- Wants the School to discuss the contents of the fax with JIT

10.00am: Chris Bonaventura informed Peter Green (at Prep School) of the contents of the fax.

12:30 p.m. 10/10/00 Meeting with Kate Pearce and Peter Green:  
Discussed – request from C McDuff to Kate for further names – possibly another 6 names on top of the original number. Kate had not heard much else other than the names of the boys who had been interviewed. Kate had collected <sup>CLB</sup> from the IB conference Monday morning and taken him to the first interview on Monday. It is likely that the interviews will be going on for a number of days yet.

1:00 p.m. Phone Call to C McDuff by Peter Green – returning her call.  
Discuss the problem with the alleged victim being out of School. Ms McDuff suggested that I get legal advice. I said we had and that our solicitor would be present for when any of our staff were interviewed. Ms McDuff indicated that PG, RS, KP, PM & MC are likely to be interviewed over the next few days. She indicated that things were serious.

Approx 3:30 pm – Meeting with <sup>EAD</sup> <sup>CLB</sup>  
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<sup>EAD</sup> seemed in a state of shock and appeared dazed and tired. She had just come from a JIT meeting where she had been told in brief some of the details of the interview that <sup>CLB</sup> had had with the JIT. <sup>CLB</sup> had indicated that he did not want to return to the School either as a boarder or a day student. She did not know whether she should take <sup>CLB</sup> home however she decide to take him home and to wait to find out the result of the investigations.

4:00 pm – Phone call between P Green and K Pearce  
Kate has been asked to go to Suite 2 208 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield on Wednesday morning to be interviewed by the JIT.

4:15 pm – Meeting with Rob Scott & P Green  
A number of options in regard to changes to Boarding House routine were discussed. Rob indicated that the Boarding House staff were in the vicinity of the Boarding House when on duty and that they were ensuring a closer supervision of boys. The notice board would be put up within a week. This will be used by the MOD to indicate where he is if he is not within the Boarding House.

The daily report sheet would be put into action on the return of the Head Master who is going to give a sample of a sheet that was used at BBC.

Rob has also spoken to the Dorm Monitors to indicate their role in reporting problems to the Housemaster.