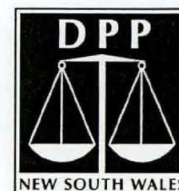


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DIRECTOR'S CHAMBERS



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DATE 22 December 2000

Headmaster  
Trinity Grammar School  
119 Prospect Road  
Summer Hill NSW 2130

Dear Sir

As you know, I have the conduct of criminal proceedings in the Children's Court against DFA, DFB, DFC and DFD i.

It has come to my attention that Mr John McDonald of Transformative Justice Australia has been engaged by the school, apparently to explore alternative dispute resolution techniques in relation to these proceedings. Police and my officers have spoken to Mr McDonald about his activities and he has been made aware of potential difficulties that may arise.

I am writing to you as Mr McDonald's principal to confirm that the proceedings presently under way in the Children's Court are not proceedings between the complainants and the defendants. They are not civil proceedings, but criminal proceedings, brought by me in my capacity as representative of the community as a whole. I represent the general public interest in the pursuit of these matters and not the interests of any individual member or section of the community.

Consequently, I must conduct these proceedings in accordance with criminal law and procedure and my Prosecution Policy and Guidelines. They cannot be resolved by "alternative" means and any actions calculated to interfere with their regular disposition may amount to interference with the course of justice and may thereby attract closer attention.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N R Cowdery'.

**N R Cowdery QC**  
**Director of Public Prosecutions**