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Thursday, 15 July 2010

Mr John Weeks  
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Dear Mr Weeks,

I refer to your letter dated 16 December 2009 in relation to Mr Craig Tréloar, Mr Damien Vance, Mr Roger James and Mr Adrian Nisbett all former teachers at Knox Grammar School.

Sir, I was a student at Knox between 1970 and 1973 having to leave Knox after suffering behavioural problems after being sexually assaulted by Mr Adrian Nisbett for the three years I was at Knox.

Mr Nisbett was my Cadet Captain and on many occasions inappropriately interfered with me in the change rooms across the walkway from the gymnasium and Mr Jock O'Connell's office.

This was usually when I was preparing for Cadets on a Monday afternoon or on a sports afternoon.

I was a gifted sportsman playing in "A" football teams, the athletics and swimming teams and enjoyed representing the school at the Associated Sports Carnivals.

During the time I was being touched, I told our school Chaplain, Reverend Jim Donaldson and several Prefects but was not believed and was ostracised for my utterances.

Sadly, I was removed from Knox and sent to a local high school after my parents had scraped and sacrificed to send me there. I have carried the burden and shame of those assaults through my whole life.

A few years ago I heard through the media that these teachers had been arrested and charged with a raft of sexual offences. I finally felt that they would receive their just punishment for their degrading deeds of deception and for misusing their trust and position. I contacted one of my old Masters who still has a lot to do with the school, and confided in him that I had suffered such acts but swore him to secrecy as I now have a life far away from those days, and didn't want to be dragged through the court process.

In fairness, I can definitely confirm that I had nothing to do with the other teachers but my serious allegations against Mr Nisbett are true. He *certainly* did *not* do the manly thing, the sacred words of our school motto, "Virile Agiter" (sorry about my spelling)

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Mr John Weeks  
Headmaster Knox Grammar School

The reason for my letter to you today is to try and find closure from this nightmare as I thought by trying to block it out of my mind and getting on with my life would work.

However, this has not happened. I have tried everything to put this period of my life behind me even working through the issues with various counsellors over the years.

As I now live in Victoria certainly I don't wish to bring this news to the front page of the daily newspapers or to the 6 o'clock news.

I must disclose to you that I was part of some legal action in the Supreme Court of Victoria last year and my QC informed His Honour hearing my case of this situation I was involved in all those years ago. However, as the matters were still before Hornsby Court nothing else happened at the time.

I also want to confirm that I was not the only boy these teachers interfered with during my time at Knox. In fact, there were several other boys in my classes (from 1D4 onwards – First year - REDACTED  
REDACTED Maths Master) who suffered similar problems as I did.

Having written this letter to you I now feel relieved that I have at least spoken out. I sincerely hope that the awareness created as a result of these disgusting circumstances will help the next innocent boy who has high hopes of a wonderful education from Knox and not a soul destroying one such as mine was.

In closing, I request that you please keep this letter confidential in relation to my name and address but if there is a way I can further assist you in the conviction of Mr Nisbett then I am willing to consider it under the most confidential of conditions.

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