



KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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To All Members of the OKGA

Dear Old Boy

You may have received the recent email from Mr Ian MacPherson, President of the OKGA, concerning allegations against three teachers at the School (two former, one recent). I am aware, however, that many Old Boys are not on our email lists. As a consequence, I am writing to all Old Boys to bring you up to date with developments on these matters, and to offer our support and reassurance in these difficult and distressing times.

We would like you to know that all media releases and important messages to our community can be found on our website www.knox.nsw.edu.au at the "Media Statement" section which is a link on the homepage. I invite you to visit this page at any time.

I know that the alleged conduct which is the subject of the Police investigations and the publicity surrounding those allegations affects us all in different ways and I want to personally confirm my support, and that of the School, for all Old Boys.

If you would like help, please contact our School counsellors (Mr David Schofield or Dr Steve Zolezzi) on 94870164. Alternatively, if you would like to talk to someone independent of the School, we have put in place another counselling service which can be contacted at 1800 818728. This is an independent service which offers private counselling - the costs of which will be borne by the School.

I assure you that the School is doing all that it can to assist the Police in their investigation. If you have any relevant information which could also assist Police, I urge you to contact them on (02) 9456 4666.

I also want to reassure you that the safety and well-being of students at Knox is of the utmost importance to us. Our commitment to and implementation of all Child Protection Legislation is absolute and leading edge and the School regularly reviews and improves its protocols in this area. We are currently undertaking a further review to ensure that we are doing everything we can to protect Knox boys.

This letter is being sent to you by post and if possible by email. If you do not receive the letter by email, it is because you may not be currently registered for email. I invite you to sign up by emailing hitchcockp@knox.nsw.edu.au with your name, date of birth, alumni year and email address. This will ensure that you remain up to date now and in the future.

Yours sincerely

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