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**From:** Moderator  
**To:** wblack@nsw.gadens.com.au [wblack@nsw.gadens.com.au]  
**Sent:** 23/08/2011 9:08:36 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Knox Headmaster's reply to our letter re lies in your combined press release of 13th December 2009

Dear Wendy.

This was the response to Rob Wannan's letter of yesterday. What is not entirely clear to me is what the Lamonds want. Is it some sort of apology that they were not contacted or offered counseling when they believe should have been? Do any of their assertions have any weight? Did the school do all that was reasonable in the circumstances?

Rev Niall Reid  
 Moderator,  
 Uniting Church in Australia (Synod of NSW & the ACT)

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**From:** Bob Lamond [mailto:REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2011 6:19 PM  
**To:** GUY LAMOND; Renee Lamond; Sarah Lamond; craig lamond; Andrew Lamond  
**Cc:** wannanr@kempstrang.com.au; Moderator  
**Subject:** Fwd: Knox Headmaster's reply to our letter re lies in your combined press release of 13th December 2009

Would have been acting improperly ! typical legal response - Remember Alison and I said in our letter "We are left with the opinion we expressed in our letter that Knox's failure to assist the victims and their parents at that critical time, in our opinion, was cowardly and dishonorable conduct which shames both the College and the Church - **and we sincerely hope that if such tragic events occur in the future you will not hide behind the excuse of the law/police but will see your students and their parents needs as your first priority.**"

Sadly in future tragic situations Knox will again do nothing, as Mr. Wannan thinks that for the College to see to students and their parents needs as their first priority." would be "acting improperly" !!!!!!! Where is humanity, where the Christian Spirit ??

So endeth the correspondence ! ? Lots of love Bob

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rob Wannan <[wannanr@kempstrang.com.au](mailto:wannanr@kempstrang.com.au)>  
**Date:** 22 August 2011 12:09:01 PM  
**To:** REDACTED; REDACTED " REDACTED; REDACTED  
**Subject:** Knox Headmaster's reply to our letter re lies in your combined press release of 13th December 2009

Dear Mr and Mrs Lamond

I regret that you do not believe that John Weeks' letter dated 10 August 2011 responds satisfactorily to the issues raised by you. That letter, although it does not say so on its face, was also intended to be a response by me on behalf of the School Council and the Moderator on behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia (Synod of NSW and the ACT).

Let me state categorically that there was never any intention to lie or mislead anyone by anything said by the School or the Church in its or their Media Statements or other communications. We would have, as I hope you realise, been acting improperly had we approached any victim who was represented by a solicitor or where the proceedings, taken by the Police as a result of that victim's allegations, had not been finally determined by the Court.

I acknowledge that in retrospect it may have been better in the circumstances to say in the Media Statement dated 13 December 2009 that "WHERE POSSIBLE, counseling has been offered on a confidential basis to the victims and their families".

We acknowledge that Guy has carried a heavy burden and the effect of that on you and your family. On behalf of the Headmaster and the School Council, I would again like to reiterate our deepest regret and our sincerest sorrow for what occurred and offer our apology unreservedly.

Yours sincerely

Rob Wannan

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Lamond [mailto:[REDACTED@REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@REDACTED)]

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 9:18 PM

To: [mod@nsw.uca.org.au](mailto:mod@nsw.uca.org.au); Rob Wannan

Subject: Knox Headmaster's reply to our letter re lies in your combined press release of 13th December 2009

To the Moderator UCA and Chairman of Knox - Today 17th we received a letter from Mr. Weeks dated 10th - we have had nothing from you two gentlemen, you, together with all of your fellow Synod committee members and Knox Councilors, have not even favored us with the courtesy of an acknowledgement of our letters to each of you !

Sadly Knox apparently believes in snail mail, unlike UCA, and does not publish its or its Councillors emails addresses so please excuse us Mr. Wannan for using your office address.

Weeks response in no way excuses the lie " Counseling, has been offered on a confidential basis, to the victims and their families" in your Media Statement of 15th December 2009.

In essence he acknowledges the lie - stating that the police/law prevented you from ascertaining/contacting any of the victims nor any of their parents at that time - nor did you ever contact my wife and I.

He acknowledges that you became aware of the criminal acts in February 2009 and offers the excuse that the police would not inform Knox of the victims - and offers a pathetic ill-informed statement that they wrote to every Old boy on Knox data base ! And their parents - No !

Pathetic, as many old boys including my sons are not on that data base. Why not to every past student, and their parents, who had been involved with those criminals ? Knox must have had this information available.

In effect Knox, as we have said, did nothing and lied to the Media, the public, the Knox community, its past students and parents and presumably mislead the Monitor of the UCA into signing that lying Media release.

In the 10 months from February 2009, and ever since, Knox, hiding behind the excuse of the law/police, apparently did nothing to ascertain and help the students involved whilst the Knox community seethed with fear, facts, misinformation and rumors.. A few simple enquiries within the Knox community would have readily identified the victims and their families.

We are left with the opinion we expressed in our letter that Knox's failure to assist the victims and their parents at that critical time, in our opinion, was cowardly and dishonorable conduct which shames both the College and the Church - and we sincerely hope that if such tragic events occur in the future you will not hide behind the excuse of the law/police but will see your students and their parents needs as your first priority.

Alison and Bob Lamond

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