



KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of New South Wales and the ACT

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ATG

c/- Carroll & O'Dea Solicitors
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SYDNEY NSW

Dear ATG

This letter is written on behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of New South Wales and the ACT, the Council of Knox Grammar School and the Headmaster of Knox Grammar School.

We acknowledge your claim that while attending Knox, Mr Treloar a former teacher at Knox, sexually assaulted you. We also acknowledge your claim that while attending Knox you were subjected to unwanted and unwelcome attention from Mr Nisbett, a former teacher at Knox, and that attention was abhorrent and repugnant. In acknowledging your claim, we also acknowledge the devastating impact that the conduct that is the subject of your claim has had on you and your family.

We sincerely and unreservedly apologise.

The Uniting Church is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment in all its schools and supports the School Council and Headmaster of Knox Grammar School in their determination to provide the safest possible environment for students. The Church deeply regrets that as a student in your formative years at Knox, you did not experience the security and protection ordinarily afforded by such an environment, and to which you were entitled.

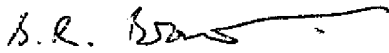
Knox acknowledges that it was at all times and continues to be responsible for the welfare and protection of students in its care. Parents entrust their children to a school believing that they will be educated in a safe environment. Abuse of a student by a teacher is abhorrent to everything that Knox stands for. Knox expresses its most profound regret in respect of the matters you disclose.

We hope that as you move forward you can, in some way, draw strength from the veracity you have displayed in dealing with this matter. We commend you for your strength and thank you for your patience and perseverance. You have not only stood up for yourself, but you have ensured a heightened level of awareness and vigilance amongst students, members of Knox staff and the broader Knox community. We thank you for this.

Finally, we would like to express our best wishes for your future, both vocationally and personally.

The Headmaster's door will remain open to you and you are invited to contact him as you wish.

Yours sincerely



Brian Brown

Moderator
Synod of New South Wales and ACT



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Knox Grammar School Council



John W. Weeks

Headmaster
Knox Grammar School

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