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Dear John,

Now that I have had time to reflect on what has happened I am obviously very low and depressed about it all, and you rightly would be very disappointed.

I did not tell you about learning of my father having a stroke on Thursday 29/8, the evening of our first XI hockey get together; some of the students had arrived and it was very difficult and it was important that the evening went well. I thought I may need to have left in a hurry for N.Z. - Sue, our Biology technician was the only person I fully briefed so that she would know what to do in a hurry should I need to be covered.

I would ask you to reconsider, based on my gaining medical/psychological assistance - in other words I'm taking positive action to come to terms with what I am finding difficult. I would seek out the best help in Geelong - explain the events (parent/student confidentiality being protected) and gain the assistance I'm seeking. I would keep you briefed on the progress of things.

I'm very shaken-up and miserable - I really mean well, but seem to get it so wrong. I'm aware of your concerns with respect to the reputation of this institution. I hope my contribution in most areas I'm involved in is of a high knowledgeable standard. I would just ask that you allow me this opportunity to sort out this one area by seeking outside professional assistance, as mentioned above.

Also enclosed is a copy of the letter written to Mrs REDACTED concerning recent events.

I do hope you will consider this request favourably,

Andrew MacAlloch.