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Inquiry into the Education of Boys

Dear James

I enjoyed talking to you at the recent symposium on Boys' Education. During our conversation you mentioned that the Committee would not be visiting Perth until the New Year. Given that I mentioned Christ Church Grammar School (Perth) in my evidence when asked to name a school with a good vertical pastoral care system, and that the present Head, Jeremy Madin, will move to Cranbrook (NSW) in January, I thought I might send to you the enclosed documents to give you an idea of how well the system works. I know that you may not be able to visit the school. (I do understand that you have to be seen to be even-handed about the types of schools you visit, but the fact is that there aren't any government all boys' schools in Perth.)

My first-hand knowledge of Christ Church is as a neighbouring Principal of an all girls' School (PLC), with a daughter who taught there for 19 years (and was Head of House until 1997 when she left to become Deputy of a school in Hobart) and a grandson who was a student there for 12 years.

In the matter of the convergence of boys and girls re communication literacy, I can find no research on this topic. I think it is a matter of different stages of development of maturity in each case. The concept of readiness also comes into it.

During the Inquiry hearing, Dr Nelson asked AHISA to consider the topic of mature-aged people entering the teaching profession. I enclose a summary of the comments made by our members. I hope these are helpful. I also enclose an excerpt from a US newspaper to do with people entering teaching as a second career stage.

Yours sincerely

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