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Further to our phone conversation of last week I would like to identify as a researcher with a special interest in the education of boys. My work with my colleague, Associate Professor Jude Butcher, centres largely in understanding the reasons for the declining numbers of male teachers in primary schools and in the number of males entering teaching.

Whilst this is only one of many social, cultural and educational factors affecting boys education we feel that it is a factor ultimately related to the achievement of boys in the system. Boys need to encounter a variety of male role models in their education and a variety of teaching styles, by interacting with male and female teachers, especially in the early years of schooling.

I have attached a copy of our recent paper on this issue, which we presented at the AARE Conference in Melbourne in November 1999. Jude and I are happy to talk further to you about any aspects of our work. Our current efforts involve the investigations of the reasons governing teaching as a career choice of Year 12 students.

Yours sincerely
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