



12 October 2017

Revs D Baker and G Watt

Delivery via email

Dear Reverend Baker and Reverend Watt

The undersigned are the respective presidents and chair of the Somerville House Parents & Friends Association, Somerville House Old Girls Association and Somerville House Foundation.

As you will appreciate we have the long term interests of Somerville House School at heart.

We are very concerned about the governance practices of the PMSA as the legal entity responsible for the functioning of the School. Without going into specific detail it is now obvious to us that matters have escalated to an untenable state where we understand a very effective principal in Mrs Kearney has been forced to resign, and each of us have been contacted by various members of the press for comment.

Surely our daughters deserve a stable learning environment, and sound leadership.

We have no confidence that this will happen under the current administration of the PMSA.

We beseech you on behalf of our community and urge the Churches to act in the best interest of our daughters, and for the 120 year proud history of our school in seeking a thorough independent investigation to provide more clarity to determine the most appropriate action for the School and particularly our daughters, the students.

Each of our organizations support the advancement of the School and collectively we represent over 11,000 people in our Somerville House Community.

Yours faithfully

David Orchard

President - Somerville House Parent & Friends Association

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