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Kia ora fellow Old Boys

In a recent communication, the Dilworth Old Boys' Association discussed efforts underway to support a group of former students who were abused with the design of a collaboration process between former students who were abused, their families, and the wider Dilworth community.

The purpose of the collaboration process will be to heal relationships in the Dilworth community, to identify what steps are needed to supplement the current Dilworth Redress Programme, and to assist the wider Dilworth community to heal and move forward. This is described more fully in recommendations 3 and 4 of the Dilworth Independent Inquiry report.

The Dilworth Trust Board welcomes and is supportive of this initiative and thanks those who are giving their time to undertake this important māhi. We support recommendations 3 and 4 of the Inquiry and welcome collaboration with Old Boys to help respond to this recommendation.

We acknowledge this process cannot and should not be rushed and needs to be inclusive. We are committed to taking whatever steps are necessary to listen and learn, as part of a shared approach to building a positive future for the whole of the Dilworth community.

Yours sincerely

**DILWORTH TRUST BOARD** 

Aaron Snodgrass

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