



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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Apology to Professor Sarah Nuttall

Dear St John's Community

I wish to apologise unreservedly to Professor Sarah Nuttall for completely and inappropriately invoking her name in the interview I had with 702 last week.

The truth is that Professor Nuttall had nothing whatsoever to do with the case surrounding Mr Arlow and his racist behaviour.

Professor Nuttall was never at any point informed of the case, nor the specifics of it, by this school. Quite the opposite. She has, since October last year, been approaching a range of senior managers at the school to report incidents of racism she had encountered and to express her concern; to insist that we draw lessons from the student movements on University campuses and take racism very seriously; to ask for an anti-racism policy to be drafted, a policy she has been drafting over some months in her private capacity with several other parents; an anti-racism office to be established where complaints could be lodged; a review of all school structures with a view to establishing far greater diversity for this school; and finally to hold the Parent Conversations event set for Wednesday night.

I repeat: she did not know, and was not included in, any discussion of the Arlow case. I apologise to Professor Nuttall and on her behalf to all of you for this complete mischaracterisation of her role in attempting to build an anti-racism agenda at St Johns College.

Yours sincerely

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