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[To: Strathallan, wherever it thinks it is]

To whom it may concern (EVERYONE):

WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH.

This violation of our rights and freedoms MUST END.

And end it will, one way or another.

Everyday, the administration add another restriction on what we can do, particularly in free periods.

First they forced us to stay in the library.

They banned us from sitting at tables with more than 2 people.

They banned use of the computers.

Most recently they have banned us from using personal music players in the library, something that does not disturb others, and does not prevent us from "studying" effectively.

Other complaints:

Vending machine prices. Boycott them! Don't negotiate!. should 330mls of Freshup cost \$2.50? its really only a glassful.

Crap food in food shop:

We are fed up with the soggy chips, revolting rat meat and foul noodles.

Not only is this food disgusting, it is extremely unhealthy, packed with fat, soy, MSG and other rubbish.

We would like to buy real food at school, from a real tuck shop.

Some suggestions:

Chicken rolls!

Ham rolls

PIES!!!

Sausage rolls

Muffins

Sandwiches

Apple pies

Decent drinks

Tomato sauce.

NEW ZEALAND FOOD!

Also: The bus service is ABSOLUTE CRAP

Get us a real Bus service and maybe we can solve the traffic congestion problems. Get something other than a big gorilla driving them.

And seeing we pay a few HUNDRED dollars a TERM! they could at least be comfortable to ride in, which they most certainly aren't. Take a public school's buses for example. Same quality service as ours; crap, yet it's free. It makes no sense.

On that note, do something about the traffic.

Also do something about the little kids in the music room playing annoying music during class and making it so we cant think.

Another Major complaint is the AWFUL, UNCOMFORTABLE, NOT DESIGNED FOR NZ CONDITIONS uniform. In the Winter it is even worse, often far too hot AND WE HAVE TO WEAR THAT BLOODY AWFUL BLAZER ALL THE TIME IT MAKES

ME SO ANGRY THAT THIS KEYBOARD IS ALMOST BROKEN FROM THE FORCE I AM APPLYING!!! NOT TO MENTION THAT THEY COST OFTEN MORE THAN \$300 DEPENDING ON THE SIZE, AND "NO SIZE FITS ANYONE". How does it help anyone by making someone roll their sleeves down on their jerseys when they are up.....it's pointless. it just makes the wearer uncomfortable and look goofy. It's not untidy at all having them up. A polo shirt for boys in summer would go down well. A few teachers like to abuse their power, play petty power games with students, dealing out detentions at their will. When a student gives a witty reply to a teacher, a lunchtime detention is on the menu. By taking action to rid the child of tendencies to answer back, the teacher is only trying in vain. who are they kidding. these days people talk like that to each other in the real world, people swear, people insult each other. it happens, there is no point in trying to deny the existence of these happenings. Another topic on power games is uniform. I was witness to an event that shocked me a few weeks into term one. Several students sat around a picnic table, one of them had about 10 cm of his shirt sticking out, of which he was unaware of. A teacher approached and gave him an instant detention then walked away. She came back a few minutes later and gave him another detention because a FEW CENTIMETERS (2 or 3) of shirt were still out, something that any NORMAL teacher wouldn't have even noticed let alone given a detention for. apparently his second detention was for directly disobeying her. this is abuse of power. who the heck does she think she is. that does no good to anybody, not the student, not anybody. he learnt nothing, he learnt only disrespect for the teacher involved. bystanders felt the same.

I know a certain foundation student who hasn't been on a single field trip in his/her entire time at Strathallan. i remember being told that in the first year or two there would be few out of class trips as the school would be establishing itself. This is his/hers 5th year at Strathallan.

this school aims to develop certain academic abilities, but not life skills. leadership etc... which is formed on camps and trips. students who leave Strathallan to join the workforce are going to leave without something that most kids at other schools have. By introducing a new rule every time some little rich pansy kid goes home and cries to their mummy, the staff of Strathallan are breeding a whole lot of little pansies who are unable to cope with the real world. rules like "no contact sports at lunch" and "no trading cards, i.e. Dragonball Z etc.". A kid who feels comfortable with his/her surroundings is more motivated to score well. instead of having to make sure their shirt is tucked in or sleeves rolled down. Ultimately these rules are for public image, to snare more people into the Strathallan trap. Not to benefit the students, how can it?. but to benefit the staff and shareholders. Strathallan is more of an enterprise in the education business than a school.

I Realise that the student council is only to appease us and that they have no real power and can only make superficial changes like the oc-

casional mufti day and a student radio station. This is more of a complaint about EVERYTHING and i AM VERY ANGRY.

There is too much wrong with this school to mention here. however maybe these problems are best solved by removing the source of ALL OF THEM, it's damned obvious with whom the fault lies.

[Anonymous, Oppressed students]