

April 16th, 1962.

The Chief Nursing Officer,
Victorian Nursing Council,
431 St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Miss Avery,

Your letter of 26th March to hand and advices noted.

With regard to Bendigo Base Hospital's request to withdraw from the circular training scheme. - Although the School Committee strongly disapproves of the proposed withdrawal, it realizes that it is powerless to prevent it and therefore must reluctantly accept the situation, but suggests that the whole position should again be reviewed in two years time.

In order to adjust matters and assist the small hospitals, my Committee wish to submit the following recommendations for variation of the present scheme after making allowance for no transfers from the Base Hospitals :-

1. Students commencing training before July 1962 will complete their course of training under the present scheme.
2. Students from Group B. hospitals commencing after July 1962 will transfer to a Base Hospital for 12 months as soon as possible after the 1st, year of training.
3. Students from Base Hospitals will complete 3 years training without exchange to Group B. hospitals, except in special cases where it is considered by the School Education Committee to be an advantage to the student to be transferred to a Group B. Hospital for a minimum period of 3 months and not exceeding a period of 12 months.
4. The Dean will direct the Base Hospitals as to the practical experience required and length of time to be spent in each department by students transferring from Group B. Hospitals.
5. The Dean of the School is to inform herself upon the standard of training within the associated hospitals, inspect all training in progress, the teaching departments and interview student nurses on educational matters. The Dean shall forward to the Victorian Nursing Council a confidential report following official visits to the associated hospitals.

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For your convenience, I am enclosing copy of plan implemented by the Board in 1957. Subject to your approval of the above this should now be amended as follows.

Plan of Training.

Group C. Nurses from Mildura and Bendigo Base Hospitals will complete three years training without exchange except in special cases where it is considered by the School Education Committee to be an advantage to the Student to be transferred to a Group B. hospital for a minimum period of three months and not exceeding a period of 12 months.

Conditions of approval.

1. deleted.
7. add "The Dean shall forward to the Victorian Nursing Council a confidential report following official visits to the associated hospitals".
13. delete first sentence "Except discontinued".

Yours faithfully,

(E.M. TREDINNICK)

Secretary.

26/3/1962

GENERAL BUSINESS: Re Furnishings:

Sister Turner submitted quotes for reconditioning Rust Room Suite:-

- £4.5.0 each for 8 chairs.
- £28.0.0. for settee.

These were approved.

Re. R.V.C.N. Study Day:

Sister Turner conveyed to the Committee the thanks and appreciation of members of the Royal Victorian College of Nursing for the use of the School and the facilities for the recent Study Day.

Re Circular Training:

Before this matter was discussed Mr. McClelland and Miss Baker asked to be excused in view of their association with Bendigo Base Hospital.

A further letter was received from Bendigo Base Hospital requesting that no further transfers of their students be made after 30th June, 1962. Miss Kirk advised that this matter is not one for individual hospitals which are all part of the School nor for the Victorian Nursing Council to decide, the approved school being the Northern District School of Nursing and it is for the school to make any recommendations as to the alteration of conditions of training to the Victorian Nursing Council.

Mr. Walters reported that Miss Avery of the Victorian Nursing Council had contacted him and also advised that any request must come from the school. A letter from the Council was en route to the School at present. It was decided that after receipt of this letter the Victorian Nursing Council be advised that although the school strongly disapproves of the proposed withdrawal by Bendigo Base Hospital from circular training it realizes that it is powerless to prevent it and therefore feels that it must reluctantly accept the situation, but suggests that the position be again reviewed in two years time.

The council also to be advised that as the scheme which commenced on 1st July 1957 was to operate for a period of 5 years it is understood that all students who commence training prior to 1st July 1962 must complete their training under the circular scheme.

After some discussion Committee members were asked to give serious consideration to some alternative method of training for smaller hospitals for submission to the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Mr. Coulson expressed appreciation of the efforts made by Mr. Walters to arrive at some solution of the problem which would be a satisfactory and fair one to all concerned.

CONFIRMED..... *S. W. Walters*

(Chairman)

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