

Accused denies killing neighbour

ANDREW HOUGH

AN Adelaide man has been ordered to stand trial, accused of murdering his neighbour.

Scott William Kennedy, 46, can be named for the first time after he formally denied murdering Mark William Dudley, 58, at Port Adelaide, just after 4am on March 26 this year.

While authorities have not revealed a motive, the pair were neighbours and police were called to Mr Dudley's Leadenhall St home after reports his windows had been smashed.

Mr Dudley was found with facial and head injuries.

No further case details have been disclosed but other neighbours have reported hearing an argument from the victim's house the night before the attack.

Appearing via video link in the Adelaide Magistrates Court on Friday, Kennedy formally pleaded not guilty to one count of murder.

Magistrate Bob Harrap ordered him to face trial in the Supreme Court sometime next year.

The magistrate also revoked longstanding suppression orders banning publication of Kennedy's name or image.

Kennedy was remanded in custody to appear in court again next month.

High life is longer, healthier

WE all know it is no fun being at the bottom of the heap in life.

But now research suggests rising in social status could protect against disease and early death.

Scientists have known for decades that people from poorer areas die up to 10 years sooner than those from rich districts. It was assumed this was due to poor diet, smoking, lack of education and access to healthcare.

But the new research suggests rhesus monkeys of low social status were less able to fight off infections than those higher in the pecking order.

Researchers believe the findings may help explain why people with poor and deprived backgrounds have higher rates of heart disease and diabetes, both of which are linked to inflammation.

Dr Noah Snyder-Mackler of Duke University in the US, who co-led the investigation with Dr Luis Barreiro of the University of Montreal, said: "If we can help people improve their social standing and reduce some of these hierarchies, we may be able to improve people's health and wellbeing."

Subtracting boys added attraction at CBD school

TIM WILLIAMS
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AN OVERWHELMING majority of principals and many parents are calling for the new Adelaide CBD high school to be an all-girls institution.

A survey by public school parent body the SA Association of State School Organisations found almost half of more than 900 respondents want the \$100 million Frome Rd school to be exclusively for girls.

All of the 68 principals who took part favoured more all-girls schools, and more than 80 per cent of them said the new high school should be single sex when it opens in 2019.

Mitcham Girls High and the girls' campus of Roma Mitchell Secondary at Gepps Cross are currently the only all-girls public schools in South Australia.

GIRL POWER

EXCLUSIVE: Principals want more all-girls public schools for Semester 1

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More than three in five survey respondents said there should be more, citing better academic performance, higher science, maths and sport participation, reduced gender stereotyping and building girls' confidence as major benefits.

SAASSO director David Knuckey said the survey results, coupled with educational research, showed there was "an obvious need and demand for public, all-girls schools".

Mr Knuckey said there was growing evidence they boosted academic achievement as well as girls' "confidence, assertiveness... and body image".

All-girls schools may also be the "safest option" to counter "the epidemic of bullying

WHAT THE RESULTS SHOW

- More than 900 survey respondents, of which 92 per cent are parents and 25 per cent work in a school, including 120 teachers and 68 principals (many school staff are also parents)
- 61.5 per cent want more all-girls public schools
- 5.4 per cent had access to an all-girls school, while 52 per cent would choose one for their daughter if there was one in their area
- Parents of daughters are

more than twice as likely to want more all-girls schools (78 per cent versus 36 per cent of those without daughters)

- 48 per cent of all respondents want the new city high school to be all-girls.
- 83 per cent of principals and nearly 70 per cent of all school staff want this.
- All principals surveyed want more all-girls schools, as do 70 per cent of women and 44 per cent of men

and sexual victimisation of girls in schools". And while 5.4 per cent of respondents said they had access to an all-girls school in their area, more than half would enrol their daughters in a single-sex school if there was one nearby.

Mr Knuckey said making the new city high school all-girls would provide "a realistic option for at least some of those in Adelaide's western and southern suburbs" who found it impractical to send their daughters to Mitcham or

Roma Mitchell. More than 90 per cent of survey participants were parents and 25 per cent were school staff, with many being both.

Seventy per cent of women and 44 per cent of men wanted more girls' schools.

Of those who wanted all-girls options, about 20 per cent said it should be available at pre-school level compared to 60 per cent for primary and nearly 100 per cent for secondary.

Alliance of Girls Schools Australasia executive officer Loren Bridge said the State Government should listen to the "pretty clear" message the survey had delivered.

The Education Department has no plans for more single sex schools and said the new CBD school would be an "excellent" coeducational school.

EDUCATION LIFTOUT IN THE ADVERTISER ON TUESDAY



SAVINGS PLAN: John Kernahan with wife Sally and children Charlotte, 10, Ruby, 6 and Joe, 7, at their home.

Picture: SAM WUNDKE

AVERAGE COSTS

COSTS PER YEAR	
Primary school	
Tuition – public	\$1700
Tuition – Catholic	\$6300
Tuition – private	\$12,500
Secondary school	
Tuition – public	\$3500
Tuition – Catholic	\$10,700
Tuition – private	\$19,100
Extra costs for all years	
IT requirements	\$1000
Extra-curricular	\$1000
Clothing	\$800
Text books	\$400
Camps	\$300
Musical instruments	\$220

Source: Australian Unity/Lifeplan

Fee-for-all needs closer examination

ANTHONY KEANE

EDUCATION costs are rising at twice the pace of wages and inflation, and are likely to surprise most families – even those sending children to government schools.

An analysis of 10 years of cost data and thousands of education savings plan claims by Australian Unity Investments has provided a clear picture of the true cost of school,

and dispels the myth of free education.

The research found that annual costs for public education average \$1700 in primary and \$3500 in secondary school when out-of-school tuition and other charges are included. Add to that \$1000 a year for extra-curricular activities, \$1000 for technology, \$800 for clothing and \$400 for text books and even the youngest children cost house-

holds on average \$5000 a year. In Catholic primary schools, tuition costs \$6300 a year and \$12,500 in private schools. For secondary schools, the average is \$3500 for government, \$10,700 for Catholic and \$19,100 for private.

Australian Unity Investments spokesman Matt Walsh said there was "unrelenting pressure" on education costs, which Bureau of Statistics data showed had climbed 130 per

cent since 2000, compared with 70 per cent growth in overall inflation.

John and Sally Kernahan are starting an education savings plan as they put their three children aged 10, seven and six through school.

"It all adds up after a while, and if you are not planning for it, you certainly feel the pinch when it comes to paying the bills," Mr Kernahan said.