

24 June 2000

Dear Sir,

We refer to the article in Courier Mail dated 21 June 2000 "School says sorry for abuse" (St Paul's School) and wish to advise Archbishop Peter Hollingworth had said a "worrying aspect" was that none of the children had come forward to complain while Lynch was alive. Another quote "In the letter to former students, St Paul's School authorities said **they had received no information or complaints about improper behaviour by Lynch until the time of his death.**"

**This is incorrect.**

The day that Lynch took his life, Lynch was to appear in Court relating to charges of sexual abuse of a St Paul's student and there are many more cases where families contacted the Headmaster, Mr Gilbert Case about improper behaviour by their Counsellor Mr Lynch. All these complaints were never investigated by St Pauls and families just left the school.

A former victim St Pauls who has received compensation (out of court settlement), advised that there have been several compensation claims and the Anglican Archbishop and Headmaster of St Pauls are just covering up and do not want this exposed.

The Courier Mail should contact some of the former students and just see how many sexual abused students have actually been paid compensation by St Pauls and also when these families contacted the Headmaster, HOW WAS IT HANDLED? **THE SCHOOL WAS WELL AWARE OF COMPLAINTS OF "IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR BY LYNCH"** and yet Lynch still remained at the school in the capacity of the School Counsellor and the school just ignored these allegations made by these boys' families.

The funeral for Mr Lynch was held at the Chapel of St Pauls and all students and teachers attended during school hours.

It is sickening, just the thought of it!

Mr Gilbert Case (Headmaster) has a lot to answer for.

Also, at present St Pauls employs The Rev. Stephen Lake, Head of Middle School (Primary), a former Counsellor from the Remand Centre. He is the most VIOLENT, ABUSIVE, ARROGANT AND FRIGHTENING TEACHER. His Violent Temper is out of control. Parents have continually spoken to Mr Case, Headmaster about his actions as children and parents are verbally abused. Mr Lake has undergone counselling because of his behaviour but the school still ignores any complaints and the verbal abuse still goes on. Families have also contact the St Paul's Counsellors and many families have left the school.

This is just a fine example of how St Paul's Headmaster, Mr Gilbert Case handles complaints. He pretends that it is not happening, is not prepared to do anything about the situation. It is exactly how LYNCH'S IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR WAS HANDLED.

It should be a school of excellence in teaching and learning, a community that acknowledges the worth of each person and we should work together as a team.

We are parents of St Pauls and are not proud of our School. Mr Case should be held responsible for his actions in the handling of these affairs and we also call for Mr. Lake's resignation and replacement. It is within the interest of St Pauls.

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Our belief is that we live in a genuine community and the teachers should strive in their teachings and the teacher-pupil relationships are achieved.

St Paul's staff should endorse behaviour, attitudes and values in their pupils. Values of love, compassion, honesty, integrity, tolerance, co-operation and other spiritual values to permeate their school.

We should be proud of St Paul's vision and we want our children to share that pride. There is not much point in having a school that pupils have trouble coming to. St. Pauls should strive hard to prepare them for the future. It should be a school that pupils love attending.

St Pauls should be a welcoming inclusive community where people are encouraged in their diversity to be open to each other and to the wider issues of social justice within our world. There is a creative tension between the desire for down-to-earth honest relationships and the energy to reach for high ideals and goals - both individual and school.

We look forward to new leadership changes within St Pauls which will be mutually beneficial with a commitment of understanding, to communicate effectively and provide an honest, secure and safe environment for our children.

We are a large group of parents at St Pauls school. Our vision is to provide a Christian community -for students, staff, parents and friends to grow in strength and be a good example to all.

Yours faithfully

**PARENTS OF ST. PAULS**