

Gilbert Case

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I have finally been contacted by Mr Callinan. I confirmed to him that:

1. The Diocese as the owner of the School was handling this matter and it was entirely appropriate that it did.
2. The Council had received regular reports from the Head about issues/concerns that had been raised regarding the behaviour of the past Counsellor and progress towards resolving those matters through the Diocese.
3. Council had been assured by the Head that no complaint or information about Lynch's alleged behaviour had been received by the School prior to Lynch's death .
4. Any settlement that may/may not have been reached with any person was handled by the Diocese and not the School. Hence I could make no comment on the existence or otherwise of confidentiality arrangements.
5. If any allegation had been made with apparent substance to the Diocese that existing staff had notice prior to 1997 I would expect to have heard about it from the Diocese regardless of confidentiality as we had been making public statements to the contrary for some time now with the Diocese's consent and knowledge.
6. He returned to this issue a number of times and I concluded by indicating that I was aware that some people had been pushing the conspiracy theory line that the School and/or the Diocese must have known about it and that nothing had been done, but that I had every confidence that this was not so.

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