

CQZ

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I was contacted by CQZ on 12th July 1993 and arranged an interview with him. He claimed a number of negative experiences and abuse while he was at Marist Brothers Eastwood.

In 1959 he was in a class of 84 students in Grade 5. His teacher was Brother Romanus. He found Brother Romanus very bigoted, REDAC abusive and generally unbearable. He felt that he was picked on and bullied. He experienced criticism and REDA abuse from others and as a result developed what he called his own persona to cope. He was caned and asked to stand on a painted dot in the yard for 2 to 3 hours at a time. In sixth class he found Brother Campion a very positive and helpful influence.

In 1961 in first year he was taught by a Brother Bartholomew (Peter Spratt). He found Brother Bartholomew vindictive and tended to ostracise him. He claimed he was refused permission to go on an excursion with the class. He also claimed a great bias by Bartholomew in treating the haves and the have nots among the students. He also claimed that when Bartholomew was punishing him he would hold him by the shirt with his body very close and rub his hand along his leg.

He also said a Brother Patrick that was there at the time was very touchy feely with him. Patrick did not teach him but he found him strange and weird and had a 'reputation' among the boys.

CQZ does not think that the headmaster Brother Gildas of that time knew anything of what was going on but he nevertheless considers that he was in the responsible position.

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