

FILE NOTE

Date: 4 January 2010

Ref: Disclosure re g Byrnes

Telephone conversation 29/12/2009

During the Christmas close down period the Director's mobile phone number was provided on the 'on hold' message for contact during the period.

Tuesday 29 December 2009 at 1.05pm I returned a call to a voice mail message.

The caller identified herself as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed me that she had recently learned of the sexual abuse case against G Byrnes, former teacher at the primary school [REDACTED]

Her son was a student in Mr Byrnes class in 2002. [REDACTED] is 15 years of age.

[REDACTED] informed me that her son, [REDACTED] had disclosed to his grandmother with whom he was staying in Sydney in recent days, that Byrnes had bullied him and molested him as a student.

[REDACTED] did not go into any detail as I understood that she was receiving this information from [REDACTED]'s grandmother.

In 2002 [REDACTED] was dissatisfied with Byrnes' teaching. Her son was unsettled and often in trouble. She removed her son from the school. She did not suspect harm or sexual abuse at the time.

I encouraged her to report the matter to Coff's Harbour Police.

I offered to provide counselling costs for her son.

I phone [REDACTED] on 4 January 2010 at 9.00am to seek her address and her son's date of birth – left message on voicemail.

On my return to work on 4 January 2010 I reported the matter to Senior Constable Tim Hutton CPIU Toowoomba and faxed the Report Form to CPIU for his attention.