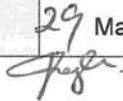


Witness Statement

Name	John Dominic Doyle
Address	REDACTED
Occupation	Teacher
Date	29 May 2014



- 1 My name is John Dominic Doyle.
- 2 Unless I state otherwise, I have set out in this statement my independent recollection of the subject of the statement.
- 3 I have been asked to provide this statement in connection with my knowledge of the response to allegations of sexual misconduct involving Marist Brother John Chute (also known as Brother Kostka) (**Br Kostka**).
- 4 This statement has been prepared with the assistance of Gilbert + Tobin lawyers in response to and in compliance with a Summons or Notice issued by the Royal Commission in connection with a hearing into Case Study 13. It is produced to the Royal Commission on the basis that it will be tendered and received in evidence by the Royal Commission pursuant to that Summons or Notice, and on the basis that the statement will be treated as evidence pursuant to the Commonwealth or State legislation applicable to this Royal Commission case study.

Teaching History

- 5 I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics at Canberra University (then called Canberra College of Advanced Education) in 1975. I completed a Diploma of Education at the same institution in 1976, and qualified as a teacher in that year. My first teaching position was at Marist College Canberra (**Marist College**) in 1977. I taught at Marist College for 12 years.
- 6 From 1977 until around 1983 or 1984, I was a member of the teaching staff in the Mathematics Department of the College. In about 1983 or 1984, I was appointed as the Form Master for Year 12 students. This was a leadership role, which involved pastoral care of year 12 students and weekly meetings with the Principal, in addition to my responsibilities as a Mathematics teacher.
- 7 About a year or two after I was appointed as a Form Master, the school pastoral care structure changed from a horizontal form structure to a vertical house structure. The old form structure placed students in a certain grade in the various forms. The new house structure introduced about eight "houses", and students from different years in the College were placed together within one of the various houses. Once the structure changed, I was no longer a Form Master but became a House

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Master (also known as a Dean). I was House Master/Dean of the Darlinghurst House. I remained a House Master/Dean until I left the school at the end of 1988.

- 8 At the end of 1988, I took a year of leave from Marist College. I worked as an instructor at Outward Bound for three months.
- 9 After my period with Outward Bound, I was offered a three month teaching position at Nudgee College in Brisbane. I enjoyed my time at Nudgee College and, at the end of that period, I resigned from Marist College to take up a permanent position at Nudgee College. I taught at Nudgee College from July 1989 to December 2004.
- 10 In early 2005 my wife and I moved to the United Kingdom and I have been in teaching roles in the United Kingdom since that time.



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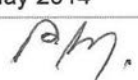
- 11 Br Kostka was already a teacher at Marist College when I arrived there in 1977. He was considerably more senior as a teacher than I was. My recollection is that Br Kostka taught English and Religious Studies. However, I quickly came to know him primarily through his role as Form Master of Year 7, as well as through my involvement in school sports (in particular, rugby). Br Kostka was a gregarious teacher with a big personality. He was popular with staff and students.
- 12 When I first arrived, I mainly taught Years 7, 8 and 9. I found it challenging to keep control over classes of this age group. Br Kostka also taught students in those years and was very good at maintaining discipline in a class of this age group. Br Kostka provided me with support at this time and I was very grateful for his assistance.
- 13 After I was at the school a little longer I settled into teaching mostly Years 10, 11 and 12. Once I transitioned to teaching the older students I no longer had much to do with Br Kostka in school hours, but I did still see him at rugby games and other events. I was a rugby coach at the school. Br Kostka was passionate about rugby, and was also a rugby coach.
- 14 I had no knowledge of Br Kostka abusing any student while I was at Marist College Canberra. It was not until about 2006 or 2007 that I first heard that Br Kostka had sexually abused children at Marist College. I was shocked. I had never seen anything in Br Kostka's behaviour that alerted me at the time to the possibility that he might be abusing any of the students. Nor do I recall ever having received any complaint from a student or parent in respect of Br Kostka, either generally or specifically in respect of sexual abuse.

Damian De Marco

- 15 I have been asked to provide any recollections I have concerning a complaint being made to me by Damian De Marco in respect of Br Kostka.

- 16 I can recall two brothers named **REDACT** who were students at Marist College when I was a teacher at the College. I cannot recall if they were in Darlinghurst House or not.
- 17 In 2008 or 2009 I became aware that Damian De Marco had alleged that in 1986 he told me he had been sexually abused by Br Kostka in the early 1980s, and that a day or so later I had told him that nothing was going to be done regarding his allegations.
- 18 I have no recollection of Mr De Marco ever making such a complaint to me. I have thought hard about this and I do not recall anything like that. I also do not believe that I would forget a complaint of such significance.
- 19 If I had received such a complaint at that time, I would have immediately taken it to the Principal or Deputy Principal of the College.
- 20 In February 2009 I was asked by Ian Whitehead of Arrow Insurance Adjusting if I remembered a complaint from Mr De Marco about Br Kostka. I told him I could not. On 24 March 2009 I made a written declaration to that effect, which I sent to Mr Whitehead. (CCI.0071.00011.0087)
- 21 I have been asked whether I have any recollection of ever having discussed or raised any issue regarding Br Kostka's behaviour with Br Terrence Heinrich, the Marist College Headmaster for part of my time there. I have thought about this, and I have no recollection of ever having discussed or raised such a matter with Br Heinrich.

Signature 
 Name John Dominic Doyle
 Date 29 May 2014


Witness P. Mullins
 Name PATRICIA MULLINS
 Date 29 May 2014


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