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From the Headmaster

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Dear David

I refer to our various discussions following upon the article in last Saturday's (27 May 2000) *Courier-Mail* that made serious allegations of child abuse at some of Brisbane's private schools. The article made particular reference to this School and one of its former counsellors, Kevin Lynch. The School employed Lynch from 1973 until 1988

I met last Friday with John Story for preliminary discussions about the allegations which we understood were to be made.

I am extremely concerned that the law firm Shine Roche McGowan are said to be representing former Brisbane Grammar students in relation to Lynch's activities. The School anticipates that it will be involved in litigation in relation to Mr Lynch's activities. With the publication of the article, other potential plaintiff's may well come forward.

I confirm your instructions to protect the School's interests in relation to potential legal action and to provide us with detailed advice about the School's potential liability if it is found that the *Courier-Mail's* allegations have any truth.

The allegations against Lynch may date back to 1977. You will no doubt need to interview quite a number of people who worked at the School during Lynch's period of employment. You have authority to interview all persons and inspect all documents that you may consider relevant. My office will assist you in making documents available for inspection and coordinating interviews.

I would appreciate your detailed report once you have completed all your investigations.

Yours faithfully

Peter Lennox

DR P G LENNOX
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