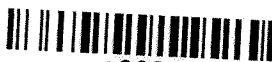


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To All Staff

I am sending this message out to keep you informed of what is happening with regard to the Lynch issues that have been recently brought to our attention.

We are continuing to conduct as full an enquiry as possible, and I would repeat my request made last Friday that if you have any relevant information you come forward and speak to me, to our Counsellor or to our solicitors, Corrs, who are handling the investigation.

The School has responded this week to further media enquiries that we shall not be making any further media statement until we are satisfied that our enquiries have been sufficiently progressed. What follows should therefore be regarded as preliminary, but we think it appropriate to give you this update.

A number of former students, not a large number, have contacted the School to discuss the matter and we are collecting their information and seeking, where appropriate, to offer some supportive advice. Where it is clear that there has been inappropriate behaviour by Lynch, we are apologising and assuring them that the School had no knowledge whatsoever. Nothing in our investigations to date suggests otherwise. We will be again inviting the media today to encourage any persons who have contacted them to come forward and contact the School.

There is considerable evidence that representatives of the media, and particularly from the *Courier-Mail*, are making widespread enquiries within the BGS community and at large. Reports have come to the School that some of these media enquiries have been quite aggressive in tone, and even in what is being said, in an apparent effort to elicit a response.

All communications with the media are being channeled through our advisers in this area, Media Link. It is essential that a consistent message be communicated and I would ask that you have no discussions with any member of the media on this issue, or, at this time, any other issue. All contacts should be immediately referred to Nicolle Jenkins at Media Link on 3875 5966.

I appreciate also that some of you who were here in the relevant period may be concerned. I am planning to provide an opportunity for those who may wish to come together and talk about these things to do so next Monday at lunchtime (12.45pm in the Woolcock Room – a light lunch will be provided). I am also very happy to discuss concerns with any of you one to one, if you would prefer, or to make either our Counsellor or one of the Deputies available if you would prefer.

I thank you all for the support that you have given to all of us who have the difficult and distressing responsibility of dealing with this matter. Your strong support for our fine school is helping our community to weather this storm. The Chairman and I wish to thank you for keeping the focus with our boys and their parents upon "business as usual".

DR P G LENNOX
HEADMASTER



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