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Note to File

Telephone conversation with REDACTED
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REDACTED phoned after receiving Howard Stack's article in the Grammar News.

He said he was concerned that people are trying to get money out of the School for compensation for alleged abuse by Lynch.

He was one who was affected by Lynch in 1978.

He said that, at the time, he thought he was the only one that it had happened to. Because of the way "society" was at that time (i.e. he felt he would not be taken seriously if he had reported it), he told no one at school and no one in his family, including his parents.

He said that last year (or whenever the Lynch article appeared in the newspaper) he came to Brisbane for his mother's birthday and his brother said "Did you see what happened to Skippy". (meaning the article written after Lynch had suicided). He did not know about any of the Lynch accusations and when he realised that other boys had been affected and had come forward that it would be okay to tell his family that he had also been a victim.

He wants to let the School know that if this matter goes to Court, the School might be looking for boys who would be prepared to act as witnesses and he prepared to speak up on the positive side.

He said that even though he had been affected by Lynch he could not deny that there were wonderful role models at the School and very good teachers and his attitude is one of support for the School.

He is more than happy for anyone to call him back on REDACTED. He is a REDACTED REDACT so if he does not answer the phone, chances are that he is at work. He also offered his mobile phone number REDACTED.

Lou Ruddle



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