

Name [REDACTED]

Contact Details [REDACTED]

Years at BGS boarder 76 – 80

Current Details [REDACTED]

Issue Non sexual experience with Lynch

Background

Phone Call 1.6.00

[REDACTED] called to give BGS information. He said he was “not abused in anyway” and “has no intention of going to anyone else”. “I heard rumors in the middle of last years from other boarders” (about Lynch’s behaviour).

He saw Lynch 4 or 5 times when he was a boarder in Grade 11. Lynch saw boys in the early evening. He recalled that Lynch wanted information about the Grade 8 and 9 boarders and “he told me about their masturbating behaviour – he probably wanted my reaction”. Lynch apparently said ‘there were 4 or 5 boys caught masturbating together in the boarding house’ and he then asked me “do you know anyone else who does that sort of thing”.

[REDACTED] said he thought that Lynch was 50 % down his list of suspect staff at the school. He said that [REDACTED] who was the [REDACTED] and who left the school around 78 – 79 had made “strong advances to people” – “one fellow got his genitals massaged and [REDACTED] I did it to you now you do it to me”.

[REDACTED] also felt that Ron Cochrane “was less than favourable, he was very opinionated, dominating and very, very patronising” and “Max Howell didn’t do anyone any favours – there was extreme discipline”.

[REDACTED] recalled a situation with Ron Cochrane where he held a boy around his throat and a Grade 11 boy was so badly caned that he had blood blisters that resulted in his bottom bleeding. A friend of this boy took photos of the injury. [REDACTED] said he was 99% sure that it was Ron but it could have been Alec Evans. He said there was a successful search by Ron or Alec to recover the photos. He also said that at a Grammar dinner a few years ago Ron “grabbed a guy and threatened to do him – he was extremely volatile”. “I think that Ron would have ridiculed a kid if he was told about Lynch”. “There was no one in the boarding house that you could talk to and no encouragement to open up – you only saw the masters when you were in trouble”.

Recalled that Bill Stephensen was a great teacher and Alan Bromley was there for a good time not a long time”.

REDACTE said “the lines of communication were never open and this could be a problem if it ever goes to court”

Action

Send REDACT a letter thanking him for his contact when the investigation is over.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kerry Hurd".

Kerry Hurd