



19 May 2000

Dr P Lennox
Headmaster
Brisbane Grammar School

Dear Sir

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss the nature of our impending article in The Courier-Mail. I understand that dealing with matters affecting the school, particularly where the issues extend some years back, is always difficult. However it is my intention to work fully with you to resolve any matters that have been raised with me.

In the course of investigations into a range of other matters, numerous allegations concerning former BGS student counsellor Kevin Lynch have been made. These allegations have been supported by corroborative accounts by a large number of past students and teachers. As you may also be aware, police became involved in a series of strikingly similar allegations with Mr Lynch at his subsequent school, St Pauls, prior to his death.

It is the view of the newspaper, my superiors and myself that strong public benefit exists in exploring these issues. In particular, in understanding how a man who, it now appears, was alleged to have been involved in inappropriate activity was able to elude detection for so many years. There is both a wider community benefit, as well as a narrower benefit to be gained by the BGS community, in considering all aspects of Mr Lynch's school life. Additionally, I believe there is an onus on the school to state its position with regards to how any issues regarding Mr Lynch, if they arose, were dealt with.

Please be aware that former students and their parents have made clear they brought some of these allegations to the attention of a number of people at the school. However it is unclear whether those allegations were ever raised at an appropriate level. Clarifying this is evidently in the public benefit and would avoid any inaccuracies.

To this end, the information I seek touches upon the following areas:

1. Are you aware of whether any allegations about Mr Lynch inappropriately dealing with the boys was ever raised with the school?
2. If any matters of any kind were raised, what was the school's response and what action, if deemed necessary, was taken?
3. Notwithstanding the above questions, it has been alleged that at least one teacher, one coach and a member of the board of trustees were made aware of the allegations. How do you respond to this information?
4. Why did Kevin Lynch leave the school? Did his departure have any connection with any complaints made about him?
5. Why was Lynch allowed to conduct his counselling sessions behind locked doors?
6. Was Nigel Parodi ever counselled by Kevin Lynch?
7. We are in possession of a letter from Dr Lennox dated May 3 alerting parents of Grammar students to the fact that Grammar had been in "contact with police to cover general safety issues" in relation to Nigel Parodi. What are these safety issues?

We can be contacted on **REDACTED** or by fax on **REDACTED**

Yours Sincerely,

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