

Brisbane Grammar School (BGS) is gratified to announce that it has reached an accommodation with some 64 boys who commenced formal proceedings against the School as a consequence of (sexual mistreatment by) (misconduct by) its former school counsellor, Kevin Lynch.

The boys concerned, and the School today, are needless to say surprised and concerned that Lynch's misbehaviour occurred without detection over such a prolonged period (1975 – 1988) and sincerely hope that lessons are learned such that any repetition is made unlikely. BGS today has indeed learned from this low point in its history and believes it is now much better prepared to educate its boys, its teachers and parents about the potential for improper intrusions upon their personal rights, how such threats can best be avoided, and dealt with if they occur or threaten to occur.

BGS and the boys have reached a personal accommodation. Though far from perfect, BGS sincerely hopes that this accommodation makes a significant contribution in the difficult process of restoring normality and happiness in the boys' lives, while maintaining the fabric of the School today and its ability to contribute proudly to today's society.

As is appropriate, monetary compensation which the School can afford, has been paid, with significant but not total indemnity from its insurers. Importantly, BGS has apologised profoundly to each boy who has been affected in any way, and also promised to continue ongoing medical support which may be reasonably required.

As part of an agreed healing and learning process, representatives of the boys whose lives were affected will be invited to participate in a medical research program, funded by BGS, designed to learn whatever can be learned from the events, with the outcomes to be published in the hope that this hard earned lesson will diminish the prospects of repetition elsewhere.