

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HELD IN THE WOOLCOCK ROOM, BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, ON THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2000.

1. PRESENT Dr J M Fenwick (Acting Chairman), Mrs J A Bell, Professor D J Nicklin, Ms D J Davis,
2. APOLOGIES Mr H L Stack, Professor J A Hay, Mr T B I Crommelin (late arrival).
3. IN ATTENDANCE
Dr P G Lennox (Headmaster)
Mr B R Short (Deputy Headmaster – Curriculum)
Mr M Brusasco (Deputy Headmaster – Admin & Staffing)
Mr D Gee (Deputy Headmaster – Students)
Mr S W Tyrrell (Secretary)
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.2 LYNCH

The Headmaster reported that he had received a letter from Shine Roche McGowan, Solicitors, advising that they were acting on behalf of a number of past students of the School in relation to the Lynch matter. The letter requested that various records in relation to this matter should be secured in order that they may be made available to Shine Roche McGowan in due course. The Headmaster advised that he had referred the letter to our solicitors, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, for advice.

9. HEADMASTER'S
REPORT

I. ALLEGATIONS OF STAFF MISCONDUCT – LYNCH

Since last meeting the School has made contact in writing with all Old Boys who contacted the School regarding knowledge or experience of inappropriate counselling practices of Kevin Lynch. Where appropriate, access to independent counselling at the School's expense has been offered, with Dr Joan Lawrence acting as the arbitrator of levels of need and appropriate counselling references. The process has been fully endorsed by the School's solicitors and our insurance brokers advised. To date only two have taken up the offer to contact Dr Lawrence.

Other than a letter inquiring about counselling opportunity from the School for their clients, nothing further has been heard from the solicitors who are representing potential litigants.

The expert independent panel, comprised of psychiatrist Professor Barry Nurcombe, QC Mr Syd Williams and former Education Queensland administrator Mr John Burge, has met with the Headmaster, the Chairman and Mr Abernethy from Corrs to discuss the terms of reference, the issue and processes. Another meeting is to be scheduled for late August after the School has gathered current documentation and information about existing practices that relate to ensuring the protection of students from sexual abuse.

