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STATEMENT OF BRUCE DOUGLAS MAY

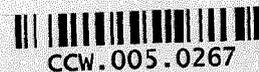
I, **BRUCE DOUGLAS MAY**, say as follows:

- 1 I am Head of Music at Brisbane Grammar School ("the school"). I have been a teacher at the school for 27 years. I knew Kevin Lynch quite well. I knew his wife and son. Lynch's son was involved in the School's music program. Before Lynch separated with his wife, we had family connections. But the main contact I had with him was in the common room.
- 2 I remember Lynch in his role as school counsellor. I understand he taught for a while before that. I remember him as a jovial fellow who had a good rapport with those with whom he came into contact. He was up-front, frank and passionate about his job and about the School. His intentions seemed genuine. He was dedicated and showed genuine interest in others.
- 3 I do not remember the mechanics of how a student got to see him in his role as counsellor. I presume students saw him as the need arose. They would probably have seen him for personal problems or for help in dealing with school work. I do not recall referring any student to him in a formal sense.
- 4 I remember that Lynch had a troubled time during the separation with his wife. Physically he did not look very well. I did not keep in touch with him after he left Brisbane Grammar School to go to St Pauls.
- 5 While Lynch worked at Brisbane Grammar School (and even after he left to go to St Pauls) no student or anybody else ever complained to me about any improper behaviour by Lynch. I heard no rumour or innuendo about any improper behaviour. If anything, my perception was that he could communicate well with the boys and help them. He knew what their problems were and where they were coming from. His work here at the School was more than just a 9 to 5 job.
- 6 I recall attending his funeral. I spoke to his son and wife. At the time I did not know the cause of his death. I assumed it was his failing health. The first I heard of the allegations against him was through the press. That was also the first time that I had heard that he had committed suicide. I was really shocked at the news. I had no inkling of any of it. I felt devastated for the School, the students and also for him. He was so passionate about his work.
- 7 I cannot remember getting into any deep conversation with him about the boys. I always thought, from a distance, that he dealt with the boys at a very professional level. I never discussed any of his techniques with him. He never brought them up, not even in jokes in "blokey" conversations that he might have engaged in.

Dated this day of 2000

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