



STATEMENT OF FRANK MEEKING

I, FRANK MEEKING, say as follows:

- 1 I began teaching at Brisbane Grammar School in 1969. I am now the Head of Physics and have held this position for the last 10 years. I knew Kevin Lynch. I do not remember him coming to the school but remember him being here in his role as school counsellor. I had little to do with him professionally. I only knew him socially around the School. I would see him in the staff common room. I knew him well enough to like him. He was a pleasant and happy man who was never down or depressed.
- 2 I knew nothing about his job as counsellor and no interest in what he did. I thought that having a school counsellor was a bit of an "add-on" that we did not really need but I did not feel strongly about that either way. I did not refer any students to him for counselling services. I never referred any kid to counselling. I had a pretty negative about counselling and its benefits. If I perceived a problem I would try and deal with it myself. I cannot clearly recollect where his office was. We have moved around so much over the years that it is difficult to remember exactly where everyone's offices have been over time.
- 3 In all the years that he was a counsellor here I did not once hear any complaints from any students or former students or any other person about his behaviour. There was no talk or gossip amongst the staff and I overheard no talk amongst the students about anything improper.
- 4 In my view there would be not many teachers at that time that kids could approach with this sort of problem even if they had things to tell. Teaching has changed over the years. In the old days we used to stand at the blackboard and not interact much with the kids. But now we move around the classroom more and kids know us much better now. I was not the sought of teacher that kids would come to to discuss personal problems. I get to hear of some bullying that goes on but most of it is of a minor nature. It is a bit hard to say but Bill Stephenson might be one teacher in whom the kids would confide. He would take kids on excursions and got to know them quite well.
- 5 Had I come across any information that Lynch or anybody else was behaving improperly I would never have let it go by without doing something about it. Max Howe, the former Headmaster, was a strong disciplinarian. The kids were scared of him and so were most staff members. If Max had known anything about this he would never have let it continue. Max would have dealt with it in a very swift and public way.
- 6 I recall that Lynch left Brisbane Grammar School. I do not independently remember the reasons for his departure. I have since heard that he needed his superannuation money. He went to St Pauls. Gilbert Case was the Headmaster there. Case was the head of English

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here at Brisbane Grammar before he took on that role. He would have known Lynch quite well. Case must have liked Lynch otherwise he would not have employed him.

7 The first I heard about Lynch behaving improperly was a rumour (while Lynch was still alive) that he had behaved improperly at Bald Hills. I do not know remember whether I heard the rumour in the staff room or some other place. I did not know any detail, just that there was some scandal involving Lynch.

Dated this day of 2000

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