

**STATEMENT OF JOHN GALTON**

I, **JOHN GALTON** say as follows:

- 1 I am the director of activities at Brisbane Grammar School ("the school"). I began working here as a mathematics teacher in 1983.
- 2 I remember Kevin Lynch. He was a friend. When I was married in 1986/87, Lynch was the only staff member invited to my wedding. He subsequently helped me through my marriage break down. When his marriage broke up later, I helped him as a friend.
- 3 When I arrived at the school, Lynch was the student counsellor. Students would get to see Lynch in a number of ways. A teacher might recommend that the student see a counsellor. Or the head of school or the head of year, if they thought it necessary, would ask Lynch to see one of the students. If a student needed help, he could approach Lynch directly. I cannot remember referring any students to Lynch for counselling.
- 4 I know of one student who had a very close relationship with Lynch. That student had difficulties at home with his father who was a police inspector. I understand that that student lived with Lynch for some time after the student left school. I too worked closely with that student. I gave him extra tuition in mathematics. That student gave me nothing but positive feedback about Lynch.
- 5 I recall the time when Lynch left Brisbane Grammar in 1988. Up until that time no student had ever complained to me about Lynch's behaviour. I had never heard any rumour or any suggestion of him behaving in the way that is now alleged in the media.
- 6 I remember why he left. He needed the money. He had just gone through a marriage break up and his wife got the house. He needed to access his super which was \$74,000.00. He needed this to buy a home to live in.
- 7 I kept in touch with Lynch after he left Brisbane Grammar. Between the time of his leaving the school and the time of his death, I did not have any student, former student or anybody else, say anything to me about Lynch behaving in the ways now alleged by the media. I had no reason up till the time of his death to suspect that Lynch had behaved in any improper way.

