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STATEMENT OF MR DAVID BRILLIANT

I, **DAVID BRILLIANT**, say as follows:

1. I have been a chemistry teacher at Brisbane Grammar School for 32 years. I remember Kevin Lynch as a funny, but insignificant little bloke. I had little contact with him. But occasionally I would have a few drinks with him and others on the last day of term.
2. I remember on one such occasion he told me that he had some information that the Headmaster wanted but that he wouldn't be disclosing it. I do not know what that information was.
3. Lynch started here as a teacher. He then took on a counselling roll. I think he started off with career counselling but in time went into giving more personal counselling. I never sent a kid to him. No kid I taught ever spoke to me about counselling he received from Lynch.
4. Up until the time that Lynch left Brisbane Grammar School, I had not heard a sniff from anyone about the allegations now being made against him. Usually there is some sort of talk going around the School. If the boys spoke about Lynch behaving improperly amongst themselves, you would get to hear about it by for example, overhearing a conversation or hearing some sought of joke made about it. But there was no such talk.
5. If Max Howell had heard anything of the sort he would have booted Lynch straight out. Max was very careful about things like that. Once I remember that sex education came up in a staff meeting. Max said he would not be happy about appointing someone to teach sex education if they displayed any enthusiasm about taking on that role. I also remember one occasion when we were discussing building a new boat shed for the rowers. Max insisted on teachers and students having separate showers.
6. You get to hear about things affecting the students from time to time. For example, bullying. Bullying tactics have changed over the years. Before it was more physical. Now it's more mental. If I hear of bullying I handle it myself. But word of something like this [the allegations against Lynch] would have got around very quickly. It never did. I am not the sort the teacher that students would come to if they had personal problems. I do not encourage them to talk to me about those things. Ian Howlett is probably one teacher to whom the students would go to.
7. I do not remember exactly when Lynch left. I recall the story at the time was that he wanted to get his hands on his superannuation money for some reason. I cannot remember the details. After he left I came to know that he went to work with Gilbert Case at Bald Hills. In all the time that Lynch was a teacher at the School and even while he taught at Bald Hills no student

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or any other person ever complained to me about Lynch behaving improperly. I did not even hear any rumours.

- 8. I remember hearing about his death and being told it was a suicide. I heard little more at the time. I first came to hear about the allegations against him when I was in Canberra just after Easter this year. I ran into Alex Evans at the airport on my way back to Brisbane. He told me that the police were trying to pin something on Skippy (Lynch) because of the Nigel Parode shooting. They are saying that Parode was "got at by Skippy". Then the story broke in the press. I am very surprised with the allegations that have surfaced.
- 9. I remember Lynch as a small person with a limp. He was always looking busy and shuffling about as though he was in a hurry. I was not a close friend of his. About the only social contact was when we had drinks at the end of term. I didn't see him around the place much. I assume he conducted his counselling sessions during lunch times and after hours. That would not surprise me.

Dated this day of 2000

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