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This is addressed to the Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse.

I speak on behalf of myself, my wife and my two sons. Both of which were students of THE SCHOOL and one of which was a victim of YJ

Although the circumstances surrounding my son's abuse has been a very traumatic and challenging experience. My family, including YA are still proud to be acknowledged, as being part of THE SCHOOL Community.

As facts have unfolded over the course of two trials and this hearing, there were individuals within the school that this family may never forgive.

My family and in particular YA, has always felt the genuine support and comfort given to us by WD. He has always left his door open to us and had given YA his personal mobile number so that he could contact him at any time. Although we acknowledge that there were some decisions made that were not in our best interests this does not retract from the fact that he has shown genuine and continued remorse for his, and the schools actions. My two sons sat down with me last night and both stated that it is sad to see WD and his family become another victim of YJ. They wish to offer him the same level of support that he has bestowed upon them.

My sons acknowledge the significant contribution and changes made to the school whilst WD was the Headmaster. WD drove THE SCHOOL forward and they do not want his legacy to be of a negative one. The changes and growth made to the school in a relatively short period of time, and the compassion shown for his students and staff is the legacy that WD should be remembered for.

As parents we have had unconditional support both professionally and personally from the new Headmaster WL particularly in relation to YA. We have found WL open and honest and he has kept us well informed at all times. He has advised us of information from the school and council and we genuinely believe that this Headmaster has pulled the school together in very trying circumstances. He displays genuine compassion and willingness to do the best for us and for YA.

I believe that THE SCHOOL has learnt some very valuable lessons in regards to student protection and with the level of support and feedback that we have received I have no doubt that current and prospective students of the school will be protected above and beyond in the future and I believe that the families will be strong and proud.

Regards

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