



VICTORIA POLICE
STATEMENT

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My full name is Keith William INGRAM. My date of birth is REDACTED 37. My occupation is a Minister of religion, currently at the Living Water Community Church.

In April of 1987 I was employed in the pastoral care field, as assistant Pastor. I did not teach in this capacity and my only role in the school was as a member of the school council.

In March of 1987 I became aware of an incident at the school. I was asked to assist with the investigation of this incident. There were three female students involved in this incident and I started by individually interviewing the three students possibly in the presence of Anne BROWN, the youth pastor's wife. These three students said they had been sent to a small equipment room in between Mr. SANDILANDS room and Miss ANDREW's room, to collect a vacuum cleaner. The three girls were from grade 5/6 and were about ten years of age. I have looked at some notes I made at the time and now see that the girls names as I recorded them are REDACTED, REDACTED and REDACTED, but I do not know their surnames. It transpired that while they were collecting the vacuum cleaner they had looked into Mr. SANDILANDS classroom. REDACTED said one of Mr SANDILANDS students AGB [REDACTED] was standing in front of him between his knees. The second one, REDACTED said she did not see anything, just sums on the board, and the third one REDACTED said there were several students waiting to see him out the front and that AGB [REDACTED] was sitting on his knee. In their initial report there was also some suggestion that SANDILANDS touched the thighs and abdomen of AGB [REDACTED] while she was sitting on his knee, but all the girls denied this when I spoke to them. I also spoke to AGB [REDACTED] who said she was sitting on his knee and that he cuddled her but that he did not touch her anywhere else. I then spoke to Ken. He couldn't recall specifically the incident but did say that occasionally he did allow children to sit on his knee. He was surprised at the report and adamantly denied doing anything wrong.

I felt that while AGB [REDACTED] was sitting on his knee, I felt the older girls embellished the rest of the story. There were too many inconsistencies in the story and the presence of other children right next to SANDILANDS and AGB [REDACTED] made me think that nothing inappropriate had occurred. I was concerned about the overall appropriateness of his behaviour, of having children sitting on his knee and so on. For that reason I drafted a set of guidelines. These are contained in the report that I submitted in relation to this incident to Pastor SMITH dated 6/4/87. Pastor SMITH implemented the guidelines and briefed Ken in relation to them and the result of my investigation.

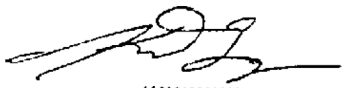
The next incident I recall was when I heard from some parents and general rumours that Ken had allowed some students to sit on his knee and that on 20 October 1987, had been seen to kiss one of his students (Emma HUGHES). Several parents had raised concerns with the principal Neil ROOKES. On 22nd October, 1987, myself and Neil ROOKES spoke to Ken SANDILANDS about these new allegations. I stressed that he had breached the guidelines previously laid down for him and that this was causing concern amongst parents and fellow teaching staff. He advised me that he had been allowing children to sit on his knee as a reward for work well done. He had also kissed Emma for the same reason. He stated he would probably do this about once a week. He denied kissing any other children in the class except for one girl on her birthday. At the conclusion of this report Neil and myself made a series of recommendations. A range of courses of action were identified and the report dated 27/10/87 was submitted to Pastor SMITH and the board of directors to finalise the most

appropriated course of action. At this time I remember being more concerned about Ken's impropriety and not having abided by the guidelines that had been laid down.

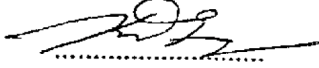
Following this report it was decided not to refer the matter to the full board of directors but that the matter be dealt with by Pastor SMITH, Neil ROOKES and myself. We arranged an interview with Ken SANDILANDS and advised him he had broken the spirit of the guidelines and warned him that any future breaches may result in the termination of his employment at the school.

I have reviewed the reports of further meetings in relation to complaints in relation to Ken SANDILANDS dated 23/08/91 and 3/9/91. While I acknowledge being present at these meetings I have no recall of what happened at the meetings or any specific role I played in these last incidents.

In the early '90's John SPINELLA replaced me on the school council and I had no further dealings in the matters relating to Ken SANDILANDS. I left the church at Northside 17 May 1992.


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(Keith INGRAM)

Statement taken and signature witnessed by **REDACTED**
at 02:31 on 6/03/2000 at Epping Police Station
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Detective **REDACTED** Constable 25439

I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of perjury.

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