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Dear Mr Stack

I refer to recent correspondence I have received from a former student of the Brisbane Grammar School regarding the investigation of matters in relation to Mr Kevin Lynch.

The letter received states that although the school is conducting an investigation into the matter, the school has declined to provide this former student with information regarding the matter. The former student formally seeks my assistance in ensuring "*that a thorough and pro-active investigation ... involving contact with all past students and staff*" will occur.

Section 143 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 1989* states that the Minister may authorise a person to inspect a non-State school upon receipt of a complaint about a matter which is likely to threaten or interfere with the education of students at the school. Before authorising such an inspection, the Minister must consult with and have regard to the views of the principal and the relevant authority of the school. The person authorised by the Minister to conduct the inspection is required to provide a report to the Minister, the principal and the relevant authority in respect of the school.

Before considering whether to authorise such an inspection I now formally seek the views of the principal and the Board of Trustees as to the conduct of such an investigation in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely

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