

IN THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

CASE STUDY 12

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF WD

1. My full name is WD (see relevant legend).
2. Further to my statement dated 5 May 2014 (initial statement), I have now had the opportunity of re-reading my statement in preparation of the Royal Commission hearing on 19 May 2014.
3. I wish to file a supplementary statement which will allow me to make some further comments which I failed to include in my initial statement.
4. Further to the comments I made in paragraph 46 of my initial statement, I also wish to acknowledge that if I could roll-back time and with the benefit of hindsight, I would have done things differently.
5. I deeply regret that I did not conduct a more comprehensive investigation into the actions of YJ when the staff member first raised her concerns with me in 2004. I failed to do this and this was an error of judgment on my part.
6. My decision making at that time was not casual or lightly arrived at. Rather, it was based on my conclusion that while YJ's actions were completely unprofessional, I had no evidence suggesting that those actions were criminal and amounted to sexual misconduct. Hindsight has shown my decision to be incorrect and this is a remorse that I will carry for the rest of my days.
7. Further to the comments made in paragraph 157 of my initial statement, I would like to restate my heart-felt apologies to the five victims for the abuse which took place at the school at which I was the headmaster. Ultimately, two of the five students who suffered abuse, did so within the tenure year of my period as headmaster of the school. The fact that three other victims suffered abuse under a different administration gives me little solace. I wish to unreservedly apologise to all of the five victims and also to their parents and associated family members.
8. All five of those young people remain in my thoughts and prayers and I hope with support and care from many sources, they will be able to move on to enjoy lives which are both peaceful, happy and fulfilling.

Signed by WD

Signature of witness
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Fully name of witness: (please print)
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Date 13.5.2014