

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF MALCOLM JOHN

I, Malcolm John,
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 Occupation: Retired

make oath and say:

1. On or about 25 August 2015, I sent to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse "the Commission" a letter dated 25 August 2015. At the time, I did not have legal representation or advice. Having reviewed my letter to the Commission, I now wish to make this further statement in order to clarify matters and more fully address the allegations made by Ms. BKL
2. I was born in 1935 and am currently 80 years of age. I spent my professional life teaching music to children.
3. I was employed by the Geelong Grammar School at the commencement of the 1975 academic year, as the head of music. When I was appointed, Max Guzelian was already a full time member of staff.
4. Decisions as to the hiring or dismissal of staff were made by the Headmaster. As head of music, I was able to make recommendations, however I did not have the authority to make any final decisions.
5. I have been shown paragraphs 1 to 34 (inclusive) of the statement made to the Commission by Ms. BKL. In response, I deny:
 - (a) Being told by Ms. BKL or her mother during a meeting or at all of the abuse that Ms. BKL had suffered.
 - (b) Ever having told Ms. BKL that the abuse was partly her fault.
 - (c) Discussing the employment of Max Guzelian or his departure from the school with Ms. BKL
 - (d) Excluding Ms. BKL from activities as a result of any disclosure.

- 6. At the relevant time Ms. BKL was at the school, Jenny Brash was a full time member of staff in the music department.

- 7. To the best of my recollection, Max Guzelian resigned from the school because he wanted to access his superannuation to fund a business venture for his son. He later applied to be reemployed but this was not approved. He did return for a period of time as a 'visiting' teacher. Had I known of the abuse, I would not have supported ~~to his return.~~

- 8. I am sorry for the abuse suffered by Ms. BKL and indeed any student at the school. Had I known of the abuse of Ms. BKL it is a matter that I would have immediately reported to the Principal.

SWORN AT GEELONG)
 In the State of Victoria)
 this 1st day of September)
 2015

Before me:

G. Taylor
 G. TAYLOR Sgr 25792
 [name, address and title of person taking affidavit who is duly authorized under Section 123c of the Evidence Act 1958]

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