

Statement of Robert Chandler

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1. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I have been employed at The King's School (TKS) since January 1982 and have been the Director of Staff since 1996.
3. In this role I am responsible for staff professional development, staff appraisal, staff reviews and a range of academic human resource issues including staff recruitment. I act as Deputy Headmaster when Dr Andrew Parry is out of the school.
4. In or around mid August 2013 I was aware of the allegations made by ^{CLC} that one night during the Cadet Corp camp ^{DFE} had masturbated and ejaculated on ^{CLC} sleeping bag. I did not have responsibility for investigating this matter but from time to time I discussed it with Dr Parry and provided assistance or advice.
5. On 22 August 2013 I attended an interview between Dr Andrew Parry and ^{DFE}. The interview was for the purpose of obtaining ^{DFE}'s response to allegations that had been made by ^{CLC} about his conduct. Following this meeting I prepared a file note of the matters discussed. Document NPF.074.002.0051_R is a copy of this file note.
6. After this meeting I had a discussion with Dr Parry about the investigation and whether the matter should be reported to the police.
7. Dr Parry advised me that after interviewing all of the boys he did not know whether ^{DFE} had masturbated and ejaculated on ^{CLC} sleeping bag or whether it was condensed milk.
8. I advised Dr Parry that he should report it to the police and we discussed calling the Youth Liaison Officer at Castle Hill Police station. While I was in the room Dr Parry telephoned Senior Constable Robert Paterson at Castle Hill police station. Dr Parry had the call on speaker phone

and I could hear Senior Constable Paterson. To the best of my recollection, Dr Parry advised Senior Constable Paterson that I was on the call.

9. During the call Dr Parry said words to the effect of:
 - (a) there had been an allegation made by a boy that one night at the Cadet Corps camp another boy in his hoochie had masturbated and ejaculated on his sleeping bag;
 - (b) the allegation was made some months after the incident; and
 - (c) he had spoken to the other boy and he denied doing it and said he only pretended and squirted condensed milk on the sleeping bag.
10. In response Senior Constable Paterson said that it did not make a lot of difference at law whether he had done it or not - the fact he said he did it makes it just as bad as if he actually did it. Senior Constable Paterson said that he would send some information to Dr Parry that might clarify things.
11. Dr Parry and I discussed this advice at the end of the conversation. I was surprised by Senior Constable Paterson's advice that pretending to masturbate and ejaculate was as bad as actually doing it as I had not been aware of this.
12. After this I was confident that Dr Parry would finalise the investigation in an appropriate manner.
13. I am aware that Senior Constable Paterson sent an email to Dr Parry on 22 August 2013. In the course of preparing this statement I also became aware that Dr Parry forwarded that email to me and others on 22 August 2013. I have no recollection of reading the email.
14. I have had experience reporting child protection matters to the police but these issues have largely related to staff on child matters since I am an Association of Independent Schools trained child protection investigator.

Signed: *R. G. Chandler*
 Date: *21/10/16*
 Witness: *St Owen*
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