

**Royal Commission into institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse  
summons to Rabbi Pinchus Feldman NSW S-300  
response to part 3 of Summons**

**Daniel Hayman**

my recollection of issues relating to Daniel Hayman is not good. It must have been about 30 years ago. I had the impression he was promiscuous and irresponsible but I do not recall being aware of any sexual activity between him and any person under 18.

AVL

AVL was a rabbinical student. As part of his training he provided leadership and tuition and general assistance within the school and at camps. In about 2002 or 2003 a parent complained to Mr Bill Conway, the headmaster, that there had been some inappropriate behaviour at a camp. This complaint may have reached Mr Conway through Rabbi Simons, a teacher who unfortunately is no longer alive. I think the behaviour complained of involved AVL fondling the boy's genitals but I am not sure.

Bill Conway consulted with the Association of Independent Schools and ascertained that this allegation was subject to compulsory notification. Mr Conway briefed me on the situation and I instructed him to make the appropriate report, and he did so and that he accordingly made a notification to the authorities - I assume this was Community Services. I recall that at the time I spoke to AVL and told him that he was no longer permitted to associate with the students.

**REDACTED**

**REDACTED** was a Jewish Studies teacher. He was brought out to teach, from the USA. He was employed, I think, in the 1990s. I never heard any outright allegations of misconduct about **REDACTE** but there was talk that he was over familiar with children and that his demeanour was disturbing in this respect. For instance it is said that he allowed boys to share his bed on camps, although there was no suggestion of touching. As a result of this talk, which I could not pin down to any allegation, I informed **REDACTE** that his contract would not be renewed at the end of the year and he duly ended his contract and returned to the USA.

**REDACTED**

This man was employed as a cook around the Yeshiva in the 1980s. It came to my notice that he had homosexual tendencies and was propositioning some of the older rabbinical students. By way of background our rabbinical students usually came to us at the age of 19, 20, or 21. Their objective was rabbinical ordination. Normally a student would spend one year here and would be ordained at the end of his stay. As to **RED** I never heard any allegations of sexual behaviour with young persons. His behaviour came to the attention of Rabbi Lesches who was in charge of the rabbinical students and if I recall coreectly Rabbi Lesches banned him from the mikveh.

**REDACTED**

This teacher was dismissed because he was having an affair with one of the female teachers. He had been recruited from the USA and on his dismissal he returned there. After he had left some rumours circulated that he had behaved inappropriately. One example was an allegation that when a girl won a prize of a lolly he might place it down her pinafore behind her neck so that she had to squirm to get it. I also heard that he put a child on top of a locker, supposedly in order to look up her skirt. I was not aware of any of these allegations until after he had left. I really do not know whether these allegations have any substance or were simply scuttlebutt engendered by the vacuum of **REDACTED** leaving under a cloud.

In addition to the men named above I am aware of two schoolboys who are said to have indulged in and or made overtures for homosexual contact with children of their own age - these would be boys of 14 or 15. So far as I am aware their conduct was in no way predatory nor oppressive. I counselled one boy and his parents as part of the normal process of running an educational establishment.