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*by email*Dear BQP

Thank you for your letter and the information that you have provided to assist our investigations into matters relating to Kevin Lynch. It's been, as you may imagine, an extremely difficult time for all involved.

As you may know, I have been Headmaster here since 1990, after Mr Howell retired at the end of 1989. All of these matters relate to events and people before my time, many of whom I did not know. Lynch himself retired from BGS at the end of 1988.

It has been a great shock to those of us now responsible for the School to learn of these unhappy matters. We are truly aghast at what has been said in the past few weeks from former students who, like yourself, have contacted us, and we sincerely regret and apologise to those, like yourself, who may have been recipients of Lynch's inappropriate behaviour.

The School has accepted a moral responsibility for any wrongs that occurred as a result of Lynch's actions. We have established a process whereby those who wish to seek counselling may share their issues with a highly qualified and respected psychiatrist, Dr Joan Lawrence, who will then determine appropriate counselling support that will be available to those concerned at no personal cost.

We have also determined to review our current policies and procedures relating to the prevention of sexual abuse. We believe our current policies on bullying, sexual harassment etc are appropriate, but in the light of what has occurred, we want to ensure that we are doing all that we can. Therefore we have drawn together a panel of three independent experts, a senior Queen's Counsel, a Professor of Psychiatry specializing in child sex abuse and an educationalist, who will shortly lead this review. Part of their brief will be to research and advise on world's best practice in this regard.

BQP I am pleased to hear that many of your experiences and memories of Brisbane Grammar School are positive and to learn that your career is going very well. I think that you would find your old school has changed with the times. You probably find it difficult to believe it is now 20 years since you were here. We have aimed to build on the best of the past by adding a range of new initiatives in relation to, for example, values, curriculum, extracurricular options, communication channels, to produce what I think is a very friendly, and supportive community). I would be very happy to meet you and show you around if you are visiting Brisbane later this year and would like to come back to your old school.

Your letter indicates that you have things pretty well under control, although I hope that this contact has helped you in a healing process of getting off your chest something that has been with you for many years. If you feel that it may be beneficial for you to receive some

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counselling with regard to your meetings with Lynch, then please let me know and we can look at how this might be arranged. It is obviously a bit more complex due to your living overseas.

Again, I sincerely apologize and express regret for what you experienced with Mr Lynch but I am delighted to hear that you are now achieving your schoolhood dreams and would be very pleased to meet you sometime.

Yours sincerely

DR P G LENNOX
HEADMASTER

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