



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Statement from the Brisbane Grammar School Board of Trustees

The *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* has today released its report into Case Study 34 into the response of Brisbane Grammar School and St Paul's School to allegations of child sexual abuse.

Brisbane Grammar School respects the report and the important work of the Royal Commission in examining the causes and impacts of sexual abuse of children.

Brisbane Grammar School reiterates our unreserved apology for the abuse that took place at BGS from 1976 to 1988, and the suffering and pain this caused.

We fully acknowledge this dark chapter in our history.

We acknowledge the courage shown by all those men who have come forward to tell their personal stories, both in public and in private, and the impact of that abuse on them and their families.

Their stories and the important work of the Royal Commission will help ensure that events such as these are prevented in the future.

BGS continues the important work with those who were abused by Lynch, through face to face apologies, monetary compensation and the provision of counselling as long as clinically required.

Brisbane Grammar School has learnt from our past failures and the work of the Royal Commission. We continue to be vigilant in ensuring that we provide a safe learning environment for our students.