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Dunedin Police Station

[REDACTED] STATES

My full name is [REDACTED]
I reside in Mosgiel and am aged 38 years.

I am making this statement to Detective Sergeant Malcolm INGLIS, about going to Bayfield High School in the early 1980's and having BENSON-POPE as a teacher.

I attended Tahuna Intermediate before going to Bayfield High School.

I started at Bayfield High School in 1981 and was in form 3H.
I have obtained this from a copy of the class list that I have been shown.
Also from those lists I see that I was in 4F in the 4th form.

I was a small boy at school and got bullied regularly.
The bullying started at Bayfield in the 3rd form.
The worst bullies would have been [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but I was picked on by a lot of others because of my size.

Sometimes Phil WEAVER did pick on me, but it is 20 odd years ago and I remember the things that happened, but not who did it all the times.

I would get hung on the clothes pegs in the locker area, teachers would need to help me find my belongings from my school bags as it would have been spread around the locker room, my school bag would get kicked around and my glasses being broken.

I would get hit and chased.

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On one occasion I got hung out a second floor window, I think it could have been out of BP's window.

I think that could have been [REDACTED] who did that to me.

I enjoyed class time at school, but it was lunch time and after school that I didn't like because of the bullying.

I was at school from 1981 until the 7th form and would have left school at the end of 1985.

At the time before Mr [REDACTED] took over the school not much was done about bullying at the school.

It started to change once Mr [REDACTED] took over at school.

I think I had Mr BENSON-POPE in the 3rd and 4th form for Social Studies, my class was more academic than some of the other class, so we didn't really have any troublemakers in the class.

I had numerous teachers at school through my five years, Mrs [REDACTED] for English, Mrs [REDACTED], Mr [REDACTED] for science.

I found Mr BENSON-POPE to be a good teacher who was very fair; and like most of the teachers at school did not like the kids stepping out of line.

I do not remember him ever raising a hand against another pupil.

He did have a tennis ball on the end of a pole or something and if you were doing something in class that was out of line you would get a bonk on the head, it wasn't hard or anything.

I didn't get caned or anything, I don't remember any other discipline that occurred.

After school I went onto teacher's college and have also done a lot of other things.

I did go on the 4th form camp to Tautuka in the Catlins.

I could not remember who I bunked with at camp, I remember getting toothpaste in my sleeping bag, and having my clothes run up the flag pole, Mr BENSON-POPE got it down from there for me.

I don't remember any incident occurring where [REDACTED] got hit in the nose by BENSON-POPE in the hallway.

I don't remember being gotten out of bed for talking by Mr BENSON-POPE on that camp and having to stand in the hallway.

I think I would have remembered someone being hit in the nose.

I don't really remember much about that school camp.

I also went on a cadet camp to the Scout Camp off Three Mile Hill, I think in the 3rd or 4th form, it was winter.

I remember having to stand outside one night in the freezing cold, I don't remember really what it was for, but most probably talking at night.

I can't recall who did that, but it would have been teachers, I don't remember which teachers it would have been.

There would have been limited numbers on that camp.

I have supported BENSON-POPE over these allegations and have sent him an email of support.

I haven't really seen him to talk to since school.

I have been approached by some media, but have not spoken to any of them, except two newspapers.

I saw no bad discipline at Bayfield, or on school camp that stood out to me.

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT AND FIND IT TRUE AND CORRECT

[REDACTED]

STATEMENT TAKEN BY & WITNESSED:

"M N T INGLIS"

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