

Sharing your Confidential Statement

You can provide the Inquiry with a confidential written statement of your experience at Dilworth School. This can be prepared using the “Sharing your confidential statement” booklet as a guide and the notes below. You can write the statement yourself or with the support of an Inquiry staff member. The booklet is available for download from our website at www.dilworthinquiry.org.nz . Alternatively, you can call us and have the booklet posted or emailed to you.

Your statement can be typed or handwritten and can be sent to the Inquiry to Dilworth Independent Inquiry, PO Box 32-473 Devonport Auckland 0744, or by email contact@dilworthinquiry.org.nz.

Some survivors may already have their own lawyer(s). However you do not have to have a lawyer to participate in the Inquiry.

If you have made a written statement already this may be sufficient, but please provide it to us.

If you would like assistance to prepare your confidential written statement, an experienced Inquiry staff member is available to meet with you to discuss your experiences and prepare the statement for you to approve and sign. That meeting can be in person, over the phone, or via video conferencing platforms such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams. We welcome survivors attending any meeting with a support person. .

For those living outside of Auckland who wish to travel to Auckland to prepare their confidential written statement, reasonable travel and accommodation costs can be met (see below).

For assistance with your statement please email the Inquiry at contact@dilworthinquiry.org.nz or call us on 0800 888 743 between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday Friday.

Please Note: Inquiry staff cannot give legal advice to survivors on any claims they have against Dilworth School.

If you have previously prepared a written account about your time at Dilworth School to the Police, the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care, or for any other purpose, you may provide this to the Inquiry or your consent to the Inquiry to obtain a copy.

You are welcome to send us your statement anonymously, however including your name and contact details will assist us in contacting you to confirm whether you would like access to the Wellness support provided by the Inquiry. It will also help should we require further information.

How we will manage the personal information you provide

Your Confidential Statement may contain sensitive personal information about abuse at Dilworth School. We are committed to managing this information in accordance with

principles of sensitivity, confidentiality, and privacy, and will collect and use personal information only in ways that clearly support the objectives of the Inquiry. A consent form is included with this booklet.

You can find more information about how we will manage and protect your personal information in our privacy statement.

Meeting with the Inquirers

Our Inquirers, Dame Silvia Cartwright and Frances Joychild QC will be reading all statements that are provided by Survivors. They may wish to meet with some Survivors personally to discuss their statements further or to gather more information.

If the Inquirers do wish to meet with you and you are agreeable to that, the meeting can be held a number of ways. It can be at a place of your choosing, such as your home (in or outside of Auckland), at the Inquiry's Auckland office, or it can be held via a video conferencing platform such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

For those living outside of Auckland who wish to travel to Auckland to meet the Inquiry, reasonable travel and accommodation costs can be met (see below).

We welcome survivors attending an Inquiry meeting with a support person or people, which can include whānau or whānau members or your own lawyer.

The meeting will be an opportunity for you to speak about your experiences, including any abuse at Dilworth School, the impact this has had on you and recommendations you have on how any abuse at Dilworth School can be prevented in the future.

Travel and Accommodation

We will provide and fund support services for, and the reasonable expenses of, Survivors, as required to assist them with their participation in the Inquiry process. This may include reasonable expenses for travel, accommodation for a Survivor and one support person. It may also include funding for counselling; and where we consider it necessary, legal costs associated with participation in the Inquiry.

If you require funding for Travel and Accommodation please complete the Travel and Accommodation form enclosed with this booklet. In order to arrange a meeting, you must first register with us.

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Wellness Support

Writing a statement involving abuse that has happened to you can be challenging and distressing. We therefore encourage Survivors to write their statement in the presence of a trusted family/ whānau member or friend who can provide support.

The Inquiry is committed to maintaining the wellness of all those who choose to participate in the process. Everyone involved in the Inquiry will have access to the Wellness Unit and its team of trained professionals who have experience working with survivors of abuse and trauma.

Wellness Navigators will assist those registering to participate in the Inquiry, provide support, and make referrals to counselling and other support services. The Unit is using a care coordination and facilitation model. This means navigators will connect survivors, whānau and all participants to support whilst managing the flow of information between the Inquiry, survivors, and any necessary supports. Wellness Navigators will strive to uphold the principles of trauma informed care based on the tikanga Māori of aroha (love), manaakitanga (care), whanaungatanga (maintaining relationships) and kaitiakitanga (ensuring necessary protection and care is in place in our processes). Whatever the background of participants, the Wellness Unit will work with you, your whānau or support people to ensure your needs are met.

To contact The Wellness team please email the Inquiry at contact@dilworthinquiry.org.nz or call us on 0800 888 743 between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday Friday.

Your Confidential Statement

To the extent you feel comfortable, please tell us about your experiences before attending Dilworth School, your time at the School, and what life has been like since you left the School.

We have listed some questions you may consider useful to cover in your statement. You do not have answer any of these, they are just intended as a guide.

We have been asked to find out whether or not Dilworth School responded appropriately to complaints it received of abuse. This includes the acts and omissions of the School, its trustees, officers and staff in responding to, or addressing, complaints of abuse;

Therefore we would be interested in your view on any steps or changes the School should take to ensure the prevention of abuse and safety of Dilworth School Students in the future.

Please also tell us anything else you feel it is important for us to know.

Everyone's memories fade over time so do not worry if there are dates or information you cannot remember. If there are things you can't recall just say this in your statement.

Instead of providing a Confidential Written Statement, you may prefer to send us a poem, drawing or video about your time at Dilworth School. We welcome any input you would like to offer.

Suggested Questions

Your answers to these questions can be provided on the blank pages in this booklet. Please use as many pages as you need.

- 1. Life before attending Dilworth School.** (You might like to tell us about your family/whānau, where you lived before going to Dilworth School, what your home life was like)
- 2. Going to Dilworth School** (You might like to tell us how old you were when you started Dilworth School, why you or your family/ whānau chose Dilworth School, what were your first impressions of the School)
- 3. Education, sports and other activities** (You might like to tell us about the quality of the education you received, the teachers you can recall together with any sport or activities you participated in at the School.)
- 4. Any abuse you experienced at Dilworth School.** (We understand it can be traumatising for survivors to recall abuse they experienced. Therefore only tell us as much as you feel comfortable sharing. You might like to tell us about the nature of the abuse, when the abuse took place, where it occurred, how it started, your age, how often it occurred.)
- 5. Who abused you?** (If you feel comfortable doing so, please tell us about anyone who abused you, their role at the School and how you came into contact with them,)
- 6. Knowledge of the abuse** (You might like to tell us if you told anyone (including family members or other boys) about the abuse you experienced, what were their names and/or role and what was their response, the names of anyone who you felt may have known about the abuse even if you didn't tell them about it, why you believe they may have known of the abuse).
- 7. Complaints of Abuse** (You might like to tell us about any complaints of abuse you have made to agencies such as the School, Police, the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care, or the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand. When did you make this complaint and what was the outcome.)

- 8. Impact of any abuse/life after Dilworth School** (You might like to tell us about the effect any abuse Dilworth School has had on your life. This could include the effect it has had on your education and ability to gain qualifications, ability to achieve at work. You may also like to tell us about your relationships (i.e. partner, child, parent and other family relationships), your culture, your physical, spiritual and mental health. how you have coped with these effects since the abuse occurred.)

- 9. Improvements to protecting Dilworth School students** (You might like to tell us how Dilworth School and/or its staff may have failed to keep you safe from abuse. What do you think should or could have been done to prevent your abuse. What protections do you think Dilworth School introduce to ensure future students are kept safe.)

- 10. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?**

Dilworth Independent Inquiry Consent Form

The Dilworth Independent Inquiry has been established to examine and make findings on abuse which occurred at Dilworth School and why it happened. For further information please read the Inquiry’s [Terms of Reference](#) on our website www.dilworthinquiry.org.nz.

This consent form relates to information the Inquiry needs to meet its objectives. Wherever possible, we will collect personal information about you from you. However, to ensure that we have all the information we need to meet the objectives of the Inquiry, we may need to collect personal information about you from other people or organisations. Remember, we will protect this information and use it only in accordance with our privacy statement. Our [privacy statement](#) can be viewed on our website www.dilworthinquiry.org.nz.

Your personal details

Full name	
Age	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	

Your consent

Please select below the sources of information that you feel comfortable for us to contact in order to collect information about you that will assist with the Inquiry:

1. Dilworth School

Dilworth holds historical information that will be highly relevant to the Inquiry. Please note, we will need to disclose to Dilworth your identity and dates you attended Dilworth in order to request information about you, but will not disclose any other information about you. This information will be provided confidentially only to the small number of Dilworth employees directly involved in responding to the Inquiry’s information requests.

Consent to collect information	YES	NO
Dates at Dilworth	From:	To:
Name at enrolment		

2. Your lawyer or representative

You may already have provided your account to a lawyer or representative for the purposes of another process or complaint.

Consent to collect information	YES	NO	N/A
Name of lawyer or representative			

3 The Police or Crown Prosecutor

You may already have provided your account to the Police or Crown Prosecutor, for example as a complainant or witness in Operation Beverly.

Consent to collect information	YES	NO	N/A
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4. New Zealand Courts

If you were involved in Operation Beverly and a prosecution you may have permanent name suppression. We may need to contact the Court to confirm if you have name suppression.

Consent to collect information	YES	NO	N/A
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Signature:

Date:

Travel, accommodation, meal allowance application for survivor and support person to attend interview

Applicant details

Preferred Title	First Name	Middle Name(s)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Last Name

Other Names Used (First/Middle/Last)

Date of Birth

Postal Address

Unit/Apartment/Flat Number	Street Number and Name or P O Box Details	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Suburb	Town/City	Post Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Phone and Email

Landline	Mobile Number	Email
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

My preferred contact method is (Tick ✓)

Mail Email Landline Mobile

Support person details

Preferred Title	First Name	Middle Name(s)
Last Name		

How do you intend to travel to Auckland?

Air, train, bus or private vehicle?

Estimated cost of flights, fares or petrol

Accommodation

Number of rooms required	
Number of nights	
Any special requests re access or similar	

Disability

Do you have a disability that would mean you need special facilities or assistance to travel?

Yes

No

Application Submission

Please either

Email to: contact@dilworthinquiry.org.nz

Post to: Dilworth Independent Inquiry
P O Box 32-473
Devonport
Auckland 0744