

Media Release

Marist Brothers' Province of Australia



Response to ABC on litigated civil claim

5 March 2021

"This is a litigated civil claim brought against the Marist Brothers – not the School - and which is before the Courts.

"The Marist Brothers do not comment publicly on the detail of any matter which is the subject of ongoing legal processes, until after those proceedings are fully concluded.

"There are three pathways available for anyone bringing forward a claim of abuse, including civil litigation, the National Redress Scheme or engaging directly with the Professional Standards Office of the Marist Brothers.

"The Marist Brothers openly acknowledge that children have been failed by those charged with their care and protection.

"Our apology for this and the harm caused as a result, is unreserved, enduring and a matter of public record.

*"As much as we would wish to, we are unable to turn back time however we are committed to continuing to working with those who have experienced abuse in any of our facilities to bring some healing through apology, provision of counselling and compensation". – **The Marist Brothers' Province of Australia***

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