

Media Release

Marist Brothers' Australia



Statement from the Marist Brothers, Australia – Civil claim

15 April 2024

This matter is a civil claim against the Trustees of the Marist Brothers and involves an allegation against a former brother, Michael Newman, during his time at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill.

This matter is currently the subject of civil litigation and out of respect for all parties, and the independence of the Court, the Marist Brothers will be making no public comment at this time on the detail of it.

The Marist Brothers undertook all necessary actions upon receipt of this civil claim, including notifying the NSW Police who subsequently confirmed it is not the subject of a criminal investigation.

We also advised Marist Schools Australia, which is a separate entity, and which has responsibility for Marist schools and managing all related employment matters, given Mr Newman's current role as Head of College at Marist College Ashgrove.

We are advised Mr Newman has returned to his role at Marist College Ashgrove. The Marist Brothers have total confidence in MSA's capacity and leadership to manage all school and employment related matters in the most competent and professional manner.

The Marist Brothers openly acknowledge that children have been harmed at Marist facilities in the past and our apology is unreserved and enduring.

We urge any person who has any evidence of criminal behaviour to report that to the Police.

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