

Media Release



Marist Brothers' Province of Australia

Statement from the Marist Brothers' Province of Australia – trial of Brother John O'Brien

25 January 2021

The Marist Brothers' Province of Australia released the following statement at the commencement of the trial of Brother John O'Brien.

"The independent judicial process has now entered the trial stage.

"It is accepted practice to refrain from public comment that could impact upon the independence of that process and consequently the Marist Brothers will not be making any comment until the conclusion of legal proceedings" - **The Marist Brothers' Province of Australia**

Ends

General information on Support, Redress and Reporting

The Marist Brothers acknowledge the importance of reiterating the support services available to any person who may have experienced abuse in any of our facilities.

These services include counselling, apology and compensation. Assistance is available through our Professional Standards Office which can be contacted by calling 02 9218 4000.

The Marist Brothers are a participating institution in the National Redress Scheme which is contactable via www.nationalredress.gov.au or by calling 1800 737 377.

Any evidence regarding alleged criminal conduct in any of our facilities – no matter how long ago it may have occurred – should be reported to the police by contacting Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or by contacting your local Police.

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