

PRESS RELEASE

I wish to confirm that a 75 year old Marist Brother, Kostka Chute, today pleaded guilty to charges of sexual misconduct regarding a number of minors at Marist College in the 1980's. The Brother has fully cooperated with authorities in relation to these matters.

In acknowledging his responsibility, he wants also to communicate his deep sorrow at having caused so much hurt.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the men involved and their families. We Marist Brothers wish to express deep regret for the way your lives have been damaged through your association with us and for the breakdown in trust that has resulted. Our hope is that these proceedings will assist the healing process.

The Brothers are fully committed to the healing process for victims as outlined in the Catholic Church's Towards Healing process. We cooperate fully with police and State authorities to ensure that our schools are places of safety and growth for young people.

We set ourselves the highest standards of professional integrity in our work. We are aware that there have been failings in the past and apologise to anyone who has experienced harm or abuse through association with our works.

The Catholic Church Towards Healing Resource Groups have expert systems available for such matters or to receive complaints. Anyone who has a complaint of this nature should ring one of the following:

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