

# MARIST BROTHERS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OFFICE

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It is my sad duty to confirm that a retired Marist Brother is presently before the Court in the ACT facing charges of acts of indecency which relate back to his time at Marist College Canberra in the 1980s.

The charges in question are serious and our thoughts and prayers go out to all involved including the young men in question, their families and the accused Brother.

The Brother in question has not been involved in child related work for many years.

We are very conscious of the pain and concern involved in the current proceedings for the whole of the Marist College community.

The Marist Brothers, have co-operated fully with the Authorities in respect of their investigation. For many years we have worked closely with Catholic Church and Government authorities on the development of child protection protocols and procedures which are reflected in the Safe School Policy in place at Marist College, Canberra.

We hope that the legal process can proceed quickly to a just and fair outcome for all concerned.

Any former or present student with an issue or concern of this type is encouraged to make contact with the Marist Brothers Professional Standards Office ((02) 9649 7170) or alternatively to contact the Roman Catholic Church Towards Healing Resource Group (ACT/NSW) – 1300 369 977.

Given the current legal procedures, this is all that we can say at this particular point in time.

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