



# The Salvation Army

Australia Southern Territorial Headquarters

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Dear REDAC,

## The Salvation Army – Bayswater Boys' Home

I am writing on behalf The Salvation Army to express deep regret for what you say happened to you during your stay in the Bayswater Boys' Home whilst in the care of The Salvation Army.

I have been provided with a copy of your statement.

I wish to express The Salvation Army's apology for the emotional and physical abuse which you say occurred.

Like many institutions and churches, The Salvation Army has in more recent years been dealing with victims of abuse that has occurred in institutions. We have been attempting to deal with such complaints in a caring and compassionate way. I apologise to you. You were placed in the care of The Salvation Army which was in a position of trust. Unfortunately, The Salvation Army appears to have betrayed that trust. The Salvation Army is committed to helping you and other victims.

Clearly, what you say happened should not have happened. There is no justification for mistreatment and abuse. The Salvation Army has never condoned it in the past, nor do they condone it now.

I am heartened that after so many years you have been able to tell your story and hopefully, in the telling, you may have gained some comfort. I am also pleased that you have been able to recount your story to both Mr Philip Brewin of Nevett Ford Lawyers and to Dr Brann.

I am very much aware that The Salvation Army's apology may do little to overcome the results of the tragic circumstances and events from which you say you suffered, but I do hope that in some way you have gained some satisfaction from it.

In the light of what we have learned, The Salvation Army has put in place policies and protocols to hopefully ensure that experiences that you say you suffered will not be repeated again.

Yours sincerely,

Bryce Mouchemore [Major]

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL**

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