

Media Release

Marist Brothers' Province of Australia



Statement from the Marist Brothers Australia – Redress funding Budget 2017/18

10 May 2017

The Marist Brothers' Province of Australia has welcomed the announcement of funding for the National Redress Scheme in the 2017/2018 Federal Budget handed down last night.

“We welcome this announcement by the Federal Government and the moves to further progress the establishment of a National Redress Scheme.

“The provision of funding of \$33.4 million for establishment costs and provision of support services is an encouraging step forward.

“The Marist Brothers support the development of a National Redress Scheme and we look forward to further detail of the proposed ‘opt in’ model being shared.

“We believe that a National Redress scheme provides another valuable alternative to civil litigation and importantly will help reduce the potential for further trauma.

“The Marist Brothers already endeavour to work with those who have brought claims in a manner that is trauma informed and consistent with the Guidelines for Church Authorities in Responding to Civil Claims for Child Sexual Abuse developed by the Truth Justice & Healing Council.

“As the model of a national scheme continues to be worked out, the Marist Brothers will continue to provide direct redress including personal apology, counselling and compensation for those who have suffered abuse at any of our facilities irrespective of when that occurred”.

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