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To our Chevalier Community,

I am writing to our past and present community at Chevalier College – ahead of the expected commencement of the trial of Fr. Tony Caruana in Sydney in the next few weeks.

As we understand, the trial is likely to be conducted over an extensive period of time in respect of charges of sexual assault alleged to have occurred at the College in the 1970s.

This will be a difficult time for many, and I extend to them our care and compassion as well as our prayers.

Our system of justice underpins our society and out of respect for that process, the MSC will not be making any public comment on these specific matters until after the current judicial process has concluded.

I want to remind all our community – past and present – of the services available to support any person who may need help.

- The National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Service is available by calling 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)
- The National Redress Scheme also has a wide range of support services in NSW and nationally available [here](#).
- The MSC Professional Standards & Safeguarding Office is ready to assist by contacting 02 9665 8999 or professionalstandards@misacor.org.au

Any allegation of criminal conduct should be reported immediately to your local police on 1800 333 000.

I want to reiterate the MSC's open acceptance that in the past children in our care at Chevalier have been failed.

We are profoundly sorry that this has occurred and our apology to those who have endured great pain and suffering as a result, is a matter of public record. You can read that apology [here](#). You can also read how we are responding to what has happened at Chevalier [here](#).

Today our schools have in place extensive policies and procedures that have as their single priority the safety, protection, and care of all our students including mandatory reporting, compulsory working with children checks and staff training.

Should you have any question about the safety or wellbeing of any child, please contact the Chevalier Principal Mr Chris McDermott on 02 4861 1488.

If you have any immediate concern about the safety of any child, call 000 without delay.

I will keep you informed as appropriate on any further developments.

Yours sincerely,



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Provincial – MSC Australia
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