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A Statement from the Provincial of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Australia re: Fr Caruana

We, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, who own and operate Chevalier College, recognise the deep hurt, and pain these crimes have caused and the lifelong suffering that results. We wrote to all in our community following the victim impact statements read to the court in August 2021. [link](#)

The Provincial, Deputy Provincial, Director of Professional Standards and Safeguarding and the Director of MSC Education were present and listened to each of the accounts read in court.

No one who heard them could be left unmoved by the courage displayed nor the raw and heartfelt accounts of how these events have impacted the lives of those who were abused.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart has and will always continue to acknowledge that children in our institutions have been failed in the past; failed by the crimes committed against them and failed again when such matters were not responded to as they should have been.

Our apology for these failures is profound and without reservation.

We wish that these events of the past and the damage they have caused to innocent children then and in later life, could be undone. However, they cannot be.

What is in our power is to accept openly what has happened; the effect of that on the lives of these men and their families, partners, and friends, to all these we are profoundly sorry.

Listening to the deep hurt, pain, sadness, and the life stories of these past students of ours, is as real today and it was when it happened. We also realise that saying sorry, is not enough, in fact, it is never ever enough. We, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, want to reiterate that our schools today are a very different place to what they were 30-40 years ago, especially Chevalier College. We invite you to look at what is happening today in our schools with respect to safeguarding and the policies and the procedures we have in place to ensure the protection of children.

We firmly stand by our messages about the [pathways](#) available to any person who might have experienced abuse in any MSC Colleges to come forward and to note the [support services](#) available which can be found on the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart website.



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