



Chevalier College

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by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I am writing to keep you informed about matters relating to the continuation of judicial proceedings against an MSC priest Fr Tony Caruana who taught at Chevalier College.

The college has been advised that the case will return to Court on the 3 December 2019. We are very conscious of the potential impact of these events on our College Community past and present.

Whilst these matters are alleged to have occurred many years ago and are unrelated to any current students, we know that this has and will continue to be a difficult period for some in our community and we extend to them our care and compassion.

The college fully supports the apology of the Provincial to any person harmed when in the charge of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. [MSC Apology Letter](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our previous messages about the support and services available for any member of our community wishing to report that they have experienced abuse or with information about historical abuse matters.

This includes:

1. Contacting the NSW Catholic Professional Standards Office via 1300 369 977
2. Making a report to their local Police; or
3. Seeking independent legal advice; or
4. Contacting the Province's Professional Standards & Safeguarding Advisor Meta Jackman on 02 9665 8999 or professionalstandards@msc.org.au ; or
5. Contacting the National Redress Scheme on 1800 737 377

Support services available in NSW can be found here.

<https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/support/explore/nsw-redress-support-services>

Any person with any evidence of criminal conduct, no matter how long ago it may have occurred, should take that to their local police.

Today at Chevalier we have in place comprehensive and regularly reviewed child protection policies and procedures, backed by staff training and mandatory reporting obligations that protect all our students.

Please feel free to contact me via the college and we will do all we can to assist you in speaking with the appropriate person or organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Chris McDermott
PRINCIPAL