

## **Statement from the De La Salle Brothers**

15 December 2017

The De La Salle Brothers welcome the final report of the Royal Commission and recognise the important work it has undertaken to help ensure the protection of children now and in the future.

The searing examination of events by the Commission has given a voice to those who have suffered so greatly and has ensured that the abuses they have suffered are not forgotten, rather they are a lesson which will contribute to safer institutions for children.

The De La Salle Brothers accept the tragic legacy of abuse, which is a dark and shameful part of our history.

That any child in our care suffered abuse is a shocking and profound breach of their trust and that of their loved ones.

To those who have suffered abuse whilst at any of our facilities, we reiterate our unreserved apology.

We acknowledge that children in our care have been failed and for that we are profoundly sorry.

The De La Salle Brothers are committed to continuing to work to bring healing to these lives through personal apology, counselling and redress and we will continue to work with those who have suffered abuse with care and compassion.

We gently encourage any person who has suffered abuse and who has who has not come forward, to consider doing so. We are ready to work with you when you choose to do so.

The De La Salle Brothers are committed to carefully considering the final report and its recommendations relevant to us.

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**“for nothing is impossible to God.” (Luke 1: 37)**