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Statement from the Christian Brothers Oceania – ABC 730 Report

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The allegations are part of a civil claim lodged in NSW and which will be managed in accordance with the Christian Brothers Guiding Principles on Civil Litigation.

The allegations are yet to be tested before the courts and without prejudicing that process, the claim made that the complaint was ignored by the then Principal of Waverley College in 1991 is strenuously denied by that person.

A complaint that pornography had been given to the student was made to the then Principal in 1991, which he says was acted upon, and the volunteer against whom the complaint was made, was removed.

It was not until recent months, late 2015, that the full extent of the allegations of what occurred has been made known to us.

The Christian Brothers encourage any person with any evidence of criminal conduct to take that to the police for the appropriate investigation.

We will work with any person who has suffered past abuse to help address their complaints with compassion, and will continue to provide redress built on personal apology, counselling and monetary payments in line with the recommendations of the Royal Commission.

The Christian Brothers provide plaintiff lawyers with entities to sue and necessary information for the progress of civil claims to be made efficiently.

Our approach to civil litigation has seen significant progress in the last year with more than 200 matters settled for amounts totalling \$20 million.

Note:

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