

STATEMENT

NATIONAL (AUSTRALIAN) REDRESS SCHEME

The Commonwealth is commencing to accept applications to the National Redress Scheme from the 1st July 2018.

In February 2017 the Christian Brothers publicly stated at the Royal Commission our commitment to a national redress scheme that involved every state and territory. This has not changed.

Under the rules of the scheme, those seeking to make an application are only permitted to do so directly with the National Redress Scheme.

The scheme can be contacted through the Hotline on **1800 737 377** and more information about the scheme can be found on the dedicated website www.nationalredress.gov.au

For more than 20 years the Christian Brothers have been committed to providing avenues of acknowledgement, reconciliation and redress for those who have suffered abuse whilst in our care. Such assistance has included a direct personal apology, counselling and monetary payments.

These avenues will continue.

Our Professional Standards Office, which can provide expert advice and help, is contactable on 03 8359 0134.