

## Statement from the De La Salle Brothers Australia - Frank Keating

**21 April 2018**

*A former member of the De La Salle Brothers, Frank Keating, was sentenced in the Victorian County Court on Friday for crimes committed against children during his time at De La Salle Malvern between 1969 and 1977.*

*These criminal acts represent the most profound betrayal of trust of those children.*

*We recognise that the effects of the sexual abuse of children can often be lifelong and cause enormous pain and suffering for those abused, their families and loved ones.*

*The De La Salle Brothers reiterate our unreserved apology to those whose lives have been affected as a result of the criminal abuse that they suffered.*

*We hope the judicial process, which has now concluded, brings some sense of justice.*

*To all who have suffered the damaging effects of abuse, we are committed to working with you to help bring some healing to lives damaged by abuse.*

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