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Statement from the Patrician Brothers Australia – Michael Stanton

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The Patrician Brothers apologise to those affected by the conduct of a former brother who today pleaded guilty to serious child sexual abuse charges.

Michael Stanton admitted to the allegations of abuse dating back to 1980/81 when he was teaching at Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown.

“The Patrician Brothers deplore the actions of any person including our own in positions of responsibility, exploiting the trust of families and engaging in the abuse of children.

“Michael Stanton betrayed the children he was meant to protect and for that we apologise without reservation.

“These young children, now men, have had to endure the pain of the abuse committed by this man and we are deeply concerned at the effect this has had on their lives.

“We apologise that we did not detect the signs of this before it occurred.

“We encourage anyone affected by this, or any other matter of abuse to come forward to the police.”

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