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MEDIA STATEMENT
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College staff successfully resolve superannuation negotiations

Superannuation contributions will rise for staff at Marist College Ashgrove after lengthy negotiations between staff representatives and the Marist Brothers leadership was resolved yesterday.

Under the terms of the settlement reached the College will put into effect an additional 1% superannuation contribution from 1 January, 2003. Staff and College representatives will meet later in the year to discuss the process of implementation.

The dispute earlier saw staff at the College vote 80-8 to withhold their voluntary involvement in co-curricular activities unless the College entered into meaningful negotiations to enhance its superannuation contribution to employees.

Staff have now agreed to resume their voluntary contribution to co-curricular activities on the basis of the negotiated outcome.

Queensland Independent Education Union (QIEU) General Secretary Terry Burke welcomed the employee negotiated outcome.

"The Marist Brothers and their employees have been able to negotiate an outcome which reaffirms their close relationship and shared commitments," Mr Burke said.

A staff member involved in the dispute said *"The staff and administration are now looking forward to an uninterrupted school year."*

Mr Burke said he was aware of a number of other Catholic schools where QIEU members had sought a similar enhancement to employer superannuation contributions.

"This is ultimately an issue of fairness with employees in state schools and a number of other Catholic schools having a more generous employer superannuation arrangements," he said.

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