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Form 27B – Appellant’s chronology

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

AA
Appellant

and

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOR THE DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE
ABN 79469343054**
Respondent

APPELLANT’S CHRONOLOGY

Part I: Certification

This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II: Chronology

Date	Event	Reference
31 May 1933	Fr Pickin’s date of birth	CAB 141; CA[62]
November 1955	Appellant’s date of birth	CAB 43; SC[156] CAB 130; CA[25]
18 July 1964	Fr Pickin ordained to priesthood	CAB 141; CA[62]
22 December 1964	Fr Pickin arrives in Diocese of Maitland	CAB 141; CA[62]
1965	Mr McClung sexually abused by Fr Pickin	CAB 28; SC[82] CAB 152; CA[93]
1966	Mr McClung complained to Fr Doran, a priest within the Diocese, that he was sexually abused by Fr Pickin	CAB 62; SC[240]
1966	Mr McClung told Fr Timms in confession that he had been sexually abused by Fr Pickin	CAB 62; SC[240]
1968	Appellant commences year 7 as a student at Wallsend High School	CAB 130; CA[25]

Date	Event	Reference
15 January 1969	Father Pickin appointed to Wallsend parish	CAB 11; SC[10.5]
1969	Father Pickin attended Wallsend High School to provide religious education classes to students	CAB 11; SC[10.5]
1969	The appellant, aged 13, is in year 8 (second form) at Wallsend High School, and is taught religious education by Fr Pickin	CAB 11; SC[10.6], [10.7]
1969	A friend of the appellant, Mr Alan Perry, is also taught religious education by Fr Pickin	CAB 38; SC[137]
1969	Fr Pickin invites both the appellant and Mr Perry to the Presbytery of St Patrick's Church on multiple occasions	CAB 11; SC[10.7]
1969	The appellant and Mr Perry attend the Presbytery of St Patrick's Church with Fr Pickin on Friday nights on multiple occasions	CAB 11; SC[10.7], [10.8]
1969	While at the Presbytery, Fr Pickin gave both the appellant and Mr Perry beer and cigarettes	CAB 11; SC[10.9]
Mid 1969	The appellant was sexually abused on multiple occasions by Fr Ronald Pickin in the bedroom of the presbytery of St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wallsend	CAB 42; SC[154] CAB 48; SC[182] CAB 56; SC[213]
Late 1970s	BB sexually abused by Father Pickin	CAB 28; SC[84] CAB 154; CA[100]
15 March 2024	Appellant commences proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales	
4 June 2024	Appellant files Amended Statement of Claim	ABFM 10
12 June 2024	Appellant gives evidence on commission	CAB 10; SC[7]
23-29 August 2024	Trial heard before Primary Judge (Schmidt AJ)	CAB 5
20 September 2024	Primary Judge (Schmidt AJ) delivers judgment on liability	CAB 5
18 October 2024	Primary Judge (Schmidt AJ) enters judgment for the applicant in the amount of \$636,480.00	CAB 91

Date	Event	Reference
4 November 2024	Respondent files a Notice of Appeal against the decision of the Primary Judge	CAB 105
26 November 2024	Appellant files Notice of Contention in the New South Wales Court of Appeal	CAB 111
27 February 2025	Hearing in the New South Wales Court of Appeal (Bell CJ, Leeming JA and Ball JA)	CAB 114
15 April 2025	The New South Wales Court of Appeal (Bell CJ, Leeming JA and Ball JA) deliver reasons and orders, in respect of proceedings 2024/00406824 allowing the appeal	CAB 114
7 May 2025	The New South Wales Court of Appeal (Bell CJ, Leeming JA and Ball JA) makes supplementary orders	CAB 114
17 June 2025	Special leave granted	CAB 254

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