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Lavalla, the name given to this magazine is taken from the village in France where St Marcellin Champagnat established the world's first Marist school in 1817. There are now Marist schools in 80 countries.

Cover: A group of participants at the recent Marist Youth Festival pictured L to R: Br Justin Golding, Daniel Royals, Juliana Kittel, Will Kent, Llywellyn O'Brien, Hendrika Duivenvoorden, Jack Stammers, Courtney Redden, Jasmine Santamaria, and Hollie Hockley



Editorial



Dear Brothers, colleagues and friends

It could be a confusing moment for our young people over these weeks as we celebrate Easter-time with them at the same time that we are marking the centenary of the ill-executed Gallipoli campaign and the horrendous carnage that then awaited the Australian soldiers in the trenches of Belgium and northern France. It can be confusing also for us.

In the sixteen centuries since St Augustine famously preached that "we are Easter people and *Alleluia!* is our song", it has never become an easy thing to reconcile, in the here and now, the impact of evil and wrongness in our lives with the primary *evangelion* that a God whose essence is love is at the heart of our world, a God who brings us life in its fullness. We all have had the experience of the emptiness of words and the absence of explanation when faced with an untimely death or an undeserved hurt. The very moments where we should be singing 'Alleluia!' are those where it can be hardest to do so.

The Marist way, like all paths of Christian spirituality, seeks to give people accessible and inspiring means for allowing the Gospel to shape their lives, for helping them to never to lose the melody of 'Alleluia'. It does so, like all others, by interplaying three elements: guiding people in their personal faith journeys, providing them with a Christian community context for doing this, and giving them concrete opportunities for serving one another – especially those most in need of faith, hope and love. Aligned with the intuitions of Saint Marcellin, we Marists look especially to the context of the Catholic school for doing that.

A flick through the pages that follow, as through those of our schools' annual magazines, reveals lots of happy faces, students and teachers engaged in productive learning, and many interesting projects and activities. We need, however, to look behind those faces and to plumb more deeply into those activities if we are to appreciate what is really happening. From the time of Marcellin, the project of the Marist school, was always about something more profound than only academic teaching and learning, although it was certainly that as well. It was about evangelisation. It remains so.

We teach young people that to make 'Alleluia!' the song of their lives, is not to foster some happy-clappy, cruisey or shallowly emotive approach to life. That will not carry them through the inevitable buffeting, betrayals and battles that will punctuate their years. Nor will it give a purpose and a vision that is sustaining and life-giving. We show them how to take up a song of the heart, and we do that most powerfully through our own singing of it.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS
National Director, Marist Schools Australia



Blessing and Opening of the New College

A large crowd of invited guests, parents and students enjoyed a very family-oriented celebration of the latest chapter of Marist presence in Bendigo that began in 1893. Br. Michael Green opened the building while Bishop Les Tomlinson blessed the site. Guests were treated to various presentations by Principal Mr Darren McGregor and student reflections on the beginnings.

Right: The official party from L to R: Denis Higgins (Chair of Advisory Council), Br. Michael Green, Mr. Darren McGregor (Principal), Bishop Les Tomlinson, Fr. Jun Jun (Administrator of St. Liborius Parish, Br. Jeff Crowe and Br. Julian Casey.



Left: Bishop Les Tomlinson and Br Michael Green unveiling the plaque to officially declare the college open.



A Student's Perspective

A New Way of Learning

The first day of school at Marist College Bendigo was nervous for everyone. Students, parents and even teachers. Our principal, Mr. McGregor, led an opening assembly and taught us about the Marist values of Humility, Simplicity and Modesty. We celebrated our new Marist beginnings and were welcomed to our new school. However, the first day flew by and so did the first week. It was a bit chaotic not knowing where all the learning spaces were and what subject we had next, but after three weeks everything was calm.

Marist has a new learning style which is very cool. It allows you to work at your own pace independently and within a group. Importantly it gives us choices about what we learn and how we learn. We can work in different areas and different spaces, such as the tall white board tables, the thinking cave or the

conference rooms. It gives us a bit of freedom but we still get work done.

Learning at Marist College Bendigo is different but exciting. Australian Curriculum Projects 1 and 2 are a vital part of our learning. For instance, rather

than going to a science class, we learn about science through our projects. The projects combine many subjects. The year 8 topic this term in ACP2 is Renaissance Italy. Within this topic we are learning about the history, geography, art, science and culture of that period. As students we have found this





are shared with the both year levels and even though we may be in small or large groups. This allows us to get to know other students better as well as having different people in our groups to our 1:14.

In the coming years the college will introduce a new year level each year until in 2017 when we will have students from prep to year 10. In 2019 our first year 12 students will graduate. We are creating a new Marist Community based on those core values that Mr. McGregor taught us on our first day. It will be exciting as students to be part of all of these new beginnings and the future of Marist College Bendigo.

way of learning more interesting as it provides us with the responsibility of choosing the parts of the project that interests us the most.

Another difference at Marist College Bendigo is that instead of separate classes we have small groups such as our 1:14 as well as triads and clusters. In our 1:14 group we have one teacher, or as we like to say educator, and fourteen students. Our 1:14 educator helps us learn, organise ourselves and our timetables and looks after our wellbeing. We meet every morning and at the end of the week to ensure that we're keeping on top of things. We can learn in triads (three 1:14 groups) or clusters (four 1:14 groups) if needed. Our learning spaces



MARIST YOUTH FESTIVAL 2015

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (h

In January we experienced the first national Marist Youth Festival (MYF) in the Marist Brothers Province of Australia. MYF took place from 12 to 15 January with the theme: 'JUST Living: Hearts without Borders'. It brought together 180 young people from every state and territory, including 89 Marist senior students from 25 different schools and 75 young adults. Participants stayed at Sancta Sophia College, Camperdown; with main events held at the Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh.

In our evaluation survey, 72% of participants rated the overall experience as 'Excellent' (with a further 23% rating as 'Good'). 90% rated the atmosphere as 'Excellent', 94% rated the music as 'Excellent', and 90% would want to attend another MYF within the next two years! This overwhelming response simply matches the enthusiastic, buzzing atmosphere that we could feel so many times during the Festival.

Keynote addresses were a source of inspiration and new perspectives. Br Emili Turu, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, challenged the participants to adopt a Marial approach to life, through service, sorority and silence: *"To be Marist today is to be grounded in prayer and action. Contemplation and a spirit of interiority are the foundations of any Christian life which nurtures our desire for service and justice"*. Keynotes were also

given by Sr Brigid Arthur, educator and refugee advocate; Laura John, Australian youth ambassador to the United Nations; Fr Peter Day, founder of "HOME" in Queanbeyan, a home for people with chronic mental illness; and Kate Fogarty, Principal of Assumption College, Kilmore.

Workshops held during MYF invited participants to delve deeper into issues of faith and social justice, including healthy relationships, justice for developing nations and the poor, justice for young people at risk, advocacy, and environmental justice. Workshops also introduced opportunities for volunteering, overseas immersions, and to connect with the broader Marist community.

MYF was also a celebration of our faith and offered a range of dynamic worship experiences throughout. Highlights



included "Evening Prayer with Songs from Taizé", when we gathered in prayer, song and silence around the Taizé Cross, the Icon of Mary and the Marist heart, calling on God to renew our hearts in love. The transformative theme of MYF climaxed on the final evening, with the Festival Eucharist, celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham from Wollongong Diocese. This mass was followed by a vibrant praise and worship session, led by Fr Rob Galea, his band, and Genevieve Bryant. So many participants commented on how they were deeply moved on this spirit-filled night.

These are only highlights from a hugely significant time in our Marist family. A time where young people have felt that they have a home in the Church. It's been a time where young people have nourished their relationship with God, in both heart and mind, and opened up new possibilities for their lives, communities and the world.







Making the impossible possible...

Project Managers in the Pacific Islands receive a boost!

The humidity of the Pacific Islands beckoned as Marist Solidarity embarked on the first steps toward a more formal partnership with Marist projects in the District of the Pacific. Over two days Br Allen Sherry, Executive Director of Marist Solidarity, and Ashley Bulgarelli, Volunteering and Projects Coordinator, worked closely with eleven of Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa and New Zealand's development project managers on "Effective Funding for Mission".

The two-day workshop started with an introduction to Marist Solidarity and to the newly developing arm – Marist Volunteers Australia, which included school immersions. Fiji currently hosts four immersion groups each year whilst Kiribati and Samoa are working towards immersions later in the year.

The workshop then moved onto types of funders, project cycle management and then onto the 14 step project proposal writing methodology. Each countries'

representatives were grouped together as they focused on a real-life project in their school and how to write a strong proposal for this project. St Louis High School in Kiribati highlighted their need for a new computer lab and the rebuild of a two-storey building, which was destroyed in a fire last year. Through the workshop they received one-on-one support and now feel that the project is achievable.

There were many positive outcomes to arise from the workshop and it has given these project managers the tools to access funding and develop their projects. It was especially useful for many of the younger Brothers who were new to these processes and to services offered by Marist Solidarity.

Fijian, Br Luke Fong, has plans to build a small patio area at his community house, which is located next to Marist Brothers High School, Suva. The project has been on hold for some time as he did not know how to access funding. Now that

he has the tools to do so, Br Luke is planning how he and Br Borerei can engage the Marist youth in a relaxed, community setting.

The Samoan representatives from St Joseph's College and Marist Brothers Primary School have very similar needs. They both have poorly equipped science labs and both spend large amounts of money purchasing water for the school. Through the workshop they identified these two issues and are currently planning a first submission for water tanks and guttering for their buildings so they can harvest the abundance of rainfall and reduce costs.

The seemingly unachievable ideas that these project managers have had can now be realised and we are very thankful for the opportunity to be involved in the development of the District of the Pacific.

Ashley Bulgarelli
Volunteers & Projects Coordinator

Working for the eradication of Leprosy, Timor-Leste

In a country where leprosy has supposedly been eradicated we are supporting the CIJ (Congregation of the Imitation of Jesus) Sisters working with 21 leprosy patients on a regular basis at the St Damian Clinic. These patients are from the Newtown, Baucau region alone so it is difficult to know the true extent of the disease. The CIJ Sisters also provide education for the local community on health, hygiene and prevention and treatment of leprosy. Though they carry out much needed work for the region the clinic has been

forced to relocate and rebuild.

This year we are calling upon Marist Schools across Australia to support the St Damian Clinic as one of four key initiatives this year. Sister Yohana is grateful for the support that Marists across Australia are providing for the redevelopment of the clinic. To donate, contact us or visit our website:

www.australianmaristsolidarity.com.au

Michael Coleman
Communications & Project
Coordinator



Contact us to support this project today!

Marist Volunteers Australia

Marist Volunteers Australia (MVA) continues to grow with nine opportunities currently available across Asia and the Pacific.

Most recently Max Aichinger, 2014 graduate of Marist College Canberra, has just returned to Australia after spending two months living and volunteering at

the Marist Homework Centre in Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka. Max writes:

"The experience of working at the Marist Niwasa Homework Centre opened my eyes to how valued and sought after the resource of education is. In a challenged society, where access to a good

education is difficult, it was incredible to see the enthusiasm and passion of the kids to learn and realise their goal of university and break out of a life of fishing which strongly dominates the lifestyle of Kalpitiya. Having also had the opportunity to visit and experience the local schools, I saw firsthand the challenges faced in this pursuit of education. The Marist Niwasa Homework Centre does some great work in offering these kids a great level of extra education that tremendously benefits the children and the hopes and dreams they have for their future."

If you or someone you know wants to put in the hard work with our Marist partners across Asia and the Pacific we'd love to hear from you!

For more information please visit:

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or email mva@marists.org.au.



Contact us to join our network of supporters that make education possible in Asia and the Pacific.

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ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

Hall of Excellence

Around 700 people gathered at the Palladium at Crown for the big night.

Assumption College, Kilmore honoured some of its outstanding former students, from the 1930s to the 2000s at a gala dinner in Melbourne on February 28.

Nearly 700 people gathered at the Palladium at Crown Casino for the dinner where 20 alumni from various walks of life were inducted into the college's Hall of Excellence. Assumption's greatest ever VFL/AFL team was also named. MC for the night was media personality Brian Taylor and awards were presented by Victoria's Deputy Premier and Education Minister James Merlino.

Among those named in the Hall of Excellence were Shane Crawford, Francis Bourke, Simon O'Donnell, filmmaker Fred Schepisi, Bishop Emeritus of Ballarat Peter Connors, National basketballer Gabrielle Richards and Collingwood vice-president Dr Jack Kennedy. Philosopher Max Charlesworth received a posthumous award.

Neale Daniher (Essendon), Francis Bourke (Richmond), Billy Brownless (Geelong) Peter McCormack (Collingwood), Michael Barlow (Freemantle) and Dion Prestia (Gold Coast) were among the 26 names in the VFL/AFL team.

Four members of ACK's Hall of Excellence – Bishop Peter Connors, NT Entrepreneur Michael Burns, gastroenterologist Dr Kerry Breen and former footballer Francis Bourke.



ACK's long-time football and cricket coach Ray Carroll, who retired in 2011, received a standing ovation. He described Neale Daniher, who is suffering from motor neurone disease, as the finest player the college has produced.



Principal Kate Fogarty and Hall of Excellence inductee, film-maker Fred Schepisi.

Neale Daniher being interviewed by Billy Brownless.

Hall of Excellence inductees – Simon O'Donnell & Shane Crawford.

Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life - Wake Up the World!

QLD Year 12 Vocations
Forum with Guest Panelists

One could easily get the feeling that every time Pope Francis prepares to pen a pastoral letter, he starts with a couple of double-shot espressos and a few Hail Mary's. At least that's what it feels like in reading the passion and zing behind some of his spiritual reflections!

The Pope's recent Apostolic letter to Religious women and men at the outset of the Year of Consecrated Life, which the Church is celebrating during 2015, is a classic case in point: *"Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living! It is possible to live differently in this world!"*



Year 12 Presentation at Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon



Year 12 Presentation at Marist College Ashgrove

This bold 'game plan' from our life coach and Chief Shepherd seems to hold three invitations: Firstly, for religious men and women to not just look back on the past with gratitude but to live the present with passion and embrace the future with hope; Secondly, for each of us to reflect on how we are called to be a disciple of Christ and find our vocation by walking a unique path of holiness; Thirdly, for young people to seriously consider taking up the invitation to a radical way of following Jesus in Religious Life; through prayer, community and service to people on the margins, especially the young.

As we celebrate this special year in the Church, the Marist Vocations Team has hit the road again, visiting Marist Schools across Australia, attending regional Contact and Exchange Nights and conducting Marist Forums for students in Years 11 and 12. We gladly accept those schools who welcome us, to share with students and staff a little of the 'Good News' about Marist life and vocation, in all its richness and diversity. We look forward to visiting a Marist school near you and help support you in educating and nurturing the future Marists of tomorrow.

Br Greg McDonald and Br Rod Thomson
Marist Vocations Team

Anniversaries at Newman

As part of the College's 50th Anniversary celebrations, 85 men who were foundation students at Marist Senior College when it opened its doors at Churchlands in 1965 were invited back to the College for a 50th reunion. Many of these had not been back to the campus for 50 years and were overjoyed to reconnect and reminisce with their former classmates over drinks and canapés in the Newman Sports Complex.

The evening began with former students taking the opportunity to tour the campus. Many were stunned at the changes that have occurred over the 50 years, for the school was originally one four storey building (the current C Block). In 1965 the top floor was mainly dormitory areas; the middle two floors

were all classrooms; and the bottom floor was the kitchen, laundry and refectory.

To complete this special evening three former teachers also attended – Des Tuck (formerly known as Brother Bernardine), Peter Collins and Peter McGowan. Fascinating stories were fondly recalled, including planting of the grass on the football field, playing pranks on the boarders, hiding "grog" in the creek so the Brothers wouldn't find it and having to wear moccasins to minimise wear and tear on the school's brand-new linoleum floors.

The sense of pride and admiration people had for their time at Marist Senior College was overwhelming. Relationships were rekindled, with

many promising to catch-up on a more regular basis – not leaving it 50 years between gatherings!

While we were celebrating a mere 50 years on the Churchlands Campus, a





member of our Newman College Community, Br Noel Hickey, was celebrating his 90th birthday.

Br Noel is a remarkable man, an inspiration to us all, both physically and spiritually. He was born in Boulder in 1925. Later in that year the family moved to Perth. Noel grew up in the area where Newman College is now situated. In 1936 he commenced five years of Secondary education at St Ildephonsus College New Norcia which was conducted by the Marist Brothers. During this time he was inspired by his Marist teachers, one of whom was Br Cletus Read, Founding Principal of Newman College at Churchlands. He later joined the Brothers. The young Noel was a very fine athlete, particularly as a middle distance runner where he set records which stood for many years. In 1942 he embarked on a five day train trip from Perth to Sydney and entered the Marist training centre in Mittagong in the Southern Highlands of NSW. This was the beginning of over 70 years of service as a Marist Brother.

A teacher of physics and chemistry, Br Noel has taught in metropolitan and rural schools in Western Australia and Victoria, worked as Novice Master at Macedon and served in various centres in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, both as a teacher and administrator.

In later years he has been a member of the Brothers community at Newman College in Perth where he continues to assist with the activities of students in our Education Support Centre.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NORTHAM



Starfish in Northam!

Students at St Joseph's School have committed to a new Christian Service Learning program-. This program called MaJEC reflects the values of the school's patrons St Marcellin Champagnat, St Joseph and St Emilie deVialar.

This year the students will use the story of Jesus restoring sight and the

contemporary story of the little boy who made a difference in the life of a single starfish by throwing it back into the water, to remind them that all individuals can make a positive difference in the lives of others. Students will be proudly wearing their 'starfish' badges as an outward sign of their commitment to making a difference to those around them.

From the Province Archives

Brother Christopher Wade of the Randwick Community kindly forwarded some photographs to the Province Archives. The selection below may be of interest to all readers.



Brothers Community House



The first photograph is of three visitors to Randwick: (left to right) Brothers John Luttrell, Mark Farrelly (RIP) and Michael Green. The second photograph is of the Brothers Community House in Alison Road prior to renovation. The car out the front is a mystery! The photograph (right) of the then Governor General, and former Marist student, Sir William Deane, visiting the Brothers at Randwick. At the



PROFILE: recalling past leaders



Brother Ignatius O'Connor

"...this man of God led the school to remarkable achievements".

Brother Ignatius joined the Marist Brothers in 1908. After his novitiate he spent more than ten years teaching first at the novitiate, and then at the juniorate in Mittagong. He was then posted to St Joseph's College in Hunter's Hill where he completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Economics while teaching full-time and supervising boarders. He was appointed Principal of Marcellin College in Randwick from 1932 to 37. Following a year back at Hunter's

Hill where he was commissioned to raise funds for the building of St Joseph's Chapel, he undertook the Second Novitiate in Europe and was then appointed the first Principal of Ashgrove. Shortly afterwards he suffered a major heart attack and was confined to bed for the last five years of his life. He was only 53 when he died on 19th March 1949. Archbishop Duhig of Brisbane presided at his funeral.

'Those who knew him well admired him as a teacher, revered him as a religious, and loved him as a friend'.

MARIST EDUCATION PROJECT: MITTAGONG

Down on the Farm

In March we began a great teaching relationship with TAFE NSW. 20 students from TAFE in Goulburn and Moss Vale came to our farm today for work with the beef herd for credit towards a Certificate III in Agriculture. The photos show Craig Thomas our Agent from Landmark Moss Vale instructing on how to vaccinate cows and calves. 2 TAFE teachers, Craig and Br Anthony Robertson conducted the teaching program. TAFE are keen to continue working with us and we are very happy

to oblige them. Our farm continues to educate a broad range of students in a variety of ways.

We also had great success with the Marist La Valla Limousin Stud recently. Our prize bull, La Valla Jerome won Grand Champion Limousin Bull and Champion overall Beef Bull at the Castle Hill Show. Jerome now heads to Sydney Royal Show. He is seen pictured here being judged and then with a proud owners representatives!

Br Kevin Blyth in cadet uniform

time the photograph was taken, Br Robert was the Deputy Principal at Marcellin College, and Br Ken was visiting from the District of Melanesia. Pictured left to right are: Brothers Michael Green, Montanus (RIP), Patrick Howlett, Frederick, Mark Farrelly (RIP), Paul Hough and John Luttrell. The photograph above is of Brother Kevin Blyth in cadet uniform at Marcellin College. Remember those days? The photograph below is of Brothers Ken McDonald (left) with Robert Sutton (right).



Joeys breaks 42-year Head of the River drought

After a 42-year drought St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill made a mighty come back at Head of the River on 7 March with a total of six wins, three second placed crews and one third placed crew.

The premier event of the day, the School First VIII, had not been won by St Joseph's since 1973. In recent years the college has focused on building depth within its rowing program, increasing the numbers of strong and skilled rowers across the year groups. The results of this work were clearly evident at the conclusion of the Head of the River, with Joeys finishing on the podium in 10 of the 11 events.

Supporting the crews at the Sydney International Regatta Centre were a large and enthusiastic contingent of family, friends, staff and Old Boys as well as the entire student body of St Joseph's College.

Headmaster of St Joseph's, Mr Ross Tarlinton, said the school community was incredibly proud of all the crews. "This is a tremendous achievement for the College and a very proud moment for us all," he said. "Every student at the College was present to support the rowers and acknowledge their incredible hard work and commitment to this demanding sport."

"I congratulate the competitors and their coaches on their success at Head of the River and thank them for their dedication throughout the rowing season," Mr Tarlinton said.

The coach of the First VIII, Mr Michael Lane, is an Old Boy of St Joseph's, finishing in 1986. "Michael has certainly set a mark in the history of the College," said Mr Tarlinton. "I have no doubt he has been waiting for this moment since he was a student at Joeys."



Photos: John Flitcroft.

SUMMARY OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE RESULTS

First place: School First VIII, School First IV, School Second IV, School Third VIII, Year 10 Second VIII, Year 10 Fourth VIII

Second place: School Third IV, School Fourth IV, Year 10 First VIII

Third place: Year 10 Third VIII

Fifth place: School Second VIII



MYSTICS AND PROPHETS

Recently a group of Marists participated in a three-day seminar held in the undercroft at St Patrick's in Church Hill – the original parish church for the Marist Brothers who came to Australia in 1872. The church

is still administered by the Marist Fathers. The original St Patrick's School that the Brothers taught in until the 1960s was relocated to Dundas and is now known as St Patrick's College. The seminar was

conducted by Brother David Hall from the Australian Catholic University and Br Michael Green from Marist Schools Australia. The photograph shows the participants in the courtyard of the church grounds.



NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OF THE PACIFIC...



Marist Charism Workshop at Kiribati Teachers College

A number of Catholic Teacher Trainees recently attended a session on our Marist charism. The aims of the session were:

1. To make teacher trainees aware of St Marcellin Champagnat's charism.
2. To relate some aspects of the five pillars to their daily lives
3. To localise the charism and pillars by identifying its proper Kiribati word.

The annual student leaders gathering was held recently with a vibrant group from around New Zealand meeting at Sacred Heart College on Thursday 26 February for three nights. The theme for this camp was 'Servant Leadership.'

Participating Schools in 2015 were:

- Hato Petera, Sacred Heart, Marcellin, St. Paul's (Auckland)
- St John's (Hamilton), Chanel (Masterton), St Bernard's (Lower Hutt)
- Catholic Cathedral (Christchurch), John Paul II (Greymouth), Verdon (Invercargill)



Immersion experiences



The Fiji Team Back Row: Chelsea Davis, Emma Thorne, Emmeline Ogilvie, Ruby Healy, Tom Sladic, Georgie Egerton, Scott Smelter (staff) and Millie Head (staff)
Front Row: Timo Ingle, Jasmine Carver, Corey Fordham, Tea Gross

On 22 November 2014, a group of excited but scared Sacred Heart College Year 11 students boarded planes to India, Fiji and the Philippines to embark on an Immersion Experience. Having fund-raised for the past year, the students could not be prepared for what would be one of the most confronting, emotional and incredible experiences they've undertaken in their lives so far.

The summary from the Philippines Team is indicative of the experiences of all three groups:

To put it simply, it was amazing. We were immersed in culture, people and a lot of rice and bananas (not kidding, breakfast, lunch and tea). The majority of our time was spent with children and although we were supposed to be there to teach them about



Australian culture, they had a lot more to teach us, showing us their way of life and their unconditional love for their families and us as their guests. We visited orphanages, street centres, participated in a homestay and went to several schools and engulfed ourselves in the Filipino ways. We stayed with the Marist brothers and were accompanied by Brother Des on majority of our trips to various places around the Philippines.

While it was confronting witnessing extreme poverty and being amongst people with little to nothing, the people we came across were what made the experience so enriching, they were the happiest people we've ever met despite their living conditions. Our values and perspectives were completely redefined by the time we reached home base back in Australia. We are all so grateful for the people who made this experience possible and those who made it so memorable and fulfilling, and certainly recommend applying if you are a year eleven student.

A key focus of the event is having students understand that they are part of a wider, global Marist family, and that the Marist Mission of 'making Jesus Christ known and loved' is not an ancient Mission of 200 years ago, but is a real, living mission that all Marists are called to live.



The Philippines Team (in uniform) from L to R:
Back Row: Craig Bailey, Jack McKay, Joshua Galpin, Emma Hackett, Claire Holland, Lani Maier, Ella Pietropaia, Tori Le Cornu, Tayla Klomp, Sarah Baber, Siena Hackett, Karen Bailey and Adriana Cvorkov Absent: Br Des Howard.



India Team Front Row (L to R): Imogen Scott, Zoe Russell-Von Bujdoss, Paul Morgan, Chelsea Learhinan, Middle and Back Rows (L to R): Braden McNerney, Esther Hurley, Kate Roberts, Monique Nolan, Gracie Waugh, Eliza De Silva, Harry Nelson, Ashley Curtis.

NEW PROVINCIAL OF AUSTRALIA



Br Peter Carroll (left) with Br Emili Turu, the Superior General of the Marist Brothers, and Br Jeffrey Crowe, the present Provincial of the Australian Marist Province.

On January 15, the Superior General, Brother Emili Turu and his Council, appointed Br Peter Carroll as the new Provincial of Australia. He will take up his post during the Provincial Chapter to be held in October.

Br Peter was born in 1958, he completed his secondary education at Marist College

Ashgrove and joined the Marist Brothers in 1977. His post-novitiate studies were completed at Macquarie University in Sydney, and his post-graduate studies were taken at the

Australian Catholic University. Between 1984 and 2012, Br Peter was a teacher in a number of schools, and spent fifteen years as a Principal of three of our colleges: two in New South Wales and one in his native Queensland.

Since 2003, Br Peter has been a member of the Provincial Council, and more recently he has been the Vice-Provincial, assisting the current Provincial, Br Jeffrey Crowe.

We congratulate Br Peter, we thank him for his generosity and availability, and we wish him well as he prepares to move into this important role.

MASTER TEACHER

Brother Patrick Howlett, Principal at Parramatta Marist High School in Westmead, New South Wales, has earned the internationally recognized distinction of *Kappa Delta Pi Master Teacher of Honor*.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) is an International Honor Society in Education. Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, USA, KDP aims to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. For over a century, KDP has grown to become an international organization with a membership that exceeds 1.2 million educators.

Master Teacher of Honor recipients are practicing educators who have 15 or more years of professional experience. The award is judged upon specific criteria including evidence of professional growth; leadership; a record of community service; and outstanding contributions to the education profession. The designation also requires reaffirmation of the educator's commitment to integrity and high standards in the classroom.

Brother Pat's full citation for this prestigious award reads:



Kappa Delta Pi is pleased to have Br. Patrick among its winners and congratulates him as one means of encouraging recognition, honor, and appreciation for educators who excel daily in their profession and, most of all, are dedicated to advancing student learning.

Brother Patrick Howlett has 50 years of experience in education, the last 25 of which as a principal in Catholic Schools in Sydney. He joined the staff at Parramatta Marist as Principal in 2002. In 2005, concerned with his students' engagement in curriculum, Br. Patrick took sabbatical leave to find the best educational practices domestically and abroad. This research

and consultation lead to the introduction of Project-Based Learning in 2008 for Year 9 (later extended to Years 7, 8, and 10), Problem-Based Learning in 2010 called One-Five-One for Year 11, and Flipped Learning in 2013 for Year 12 at Parramatta Marist, the success of which garnered local, national, and international media attention. In 2012, Br. Howlett was awarded a Papal Honor, the Croce Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, by Pope Benedict XVI. It is the highest recognition awarded to a member of a religious order.

I am sure all Australian Marists will join in congratulating Brother Pat in receiving this deserved honor and recognition.

MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION

FOOTSTEPS1 – MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN & LOVED 14-17 SEPTEMBER 2014



Participants: Alyce Deeley & Gwen Manzie (Marist College Ashgrove), Mary Monaghan (Trinity Catholic College, Auburn), Robert Aston & Lou D'Amico (Marcellin College, Bulleen), Paul Mead & Rohit Bhatnagar (Marist College Canberra), James Clanfield & Barry Graham (St Gregory's College, Campbelltown), Lynne Falzon & Merle Stirling (Assumption College Kilmore), Monique Cowled & Bianca Fonte (St Francis de Sales Regional College, Leeton), Justin Fitzgerald & Karen

Hickling (St Peter's Maitland), Annette Murray & Barbara Wortley (Mt Maria College Mitchelton), Gregory Cran & Richard Boles (St Joseph's Primary School, Murgon), Carmel O'Brien & Jenelle Davis (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville), Sian Welch & Stephen Versteegh (Marist College North Shore), Deborah Rheumer & Andree Batson (Mt Maria College Petrie), Todd Proud (Catholic College Sale), Belinda Pinfold & Jessica Marshall (St Thomas More Sunshine Beach), Michelle Linkenbagh & Jennifer Wood (Mt Carmel Catholic High School, Varroville), Stephen Rosicka, Rebecca Hernandez (Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta).

Team: Ryan Gato (Coordinator), Elizabeth Falconer, Br Hubert Williams, Br Michael Akers, Paul Harris, Ed Doyle.

FOOTSTEPS1 – MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN & LOVED 1-4 MARCH 2015



Participants: Alexander Langdon & Joe Pannuzzo (Assumption College, Kilmore), Peter Edwards & Krystyna Baldwin (Carmel College, Thornlands), Santina Keenan & Gabrielle Doolan (Good Counsel College, Innisfail), Brett Van Berkel, Claire Couling & Birgit Sim (Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon), David

Bellis & Luke Getson (Marcellin College, Bulleen), Katrina Rodriguez & Sonia Curtis (Marcellin College, Randwick), Karen Manthey & Glenda Hutchins (Marist College Ashgrove), Maree Rolfe & Katherine Dickson (Marist College Canberra), James Doyle (Mt Carmel Catholic College, Varroville), Kayla Wilson & Michael Ku (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton), Lorraine Paige (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College - Alice Springs) Simon Martino & Steve McDonough (St Augustine's College, Cairns), Jane Hill (St Francis de Sales Regional College, Leeton), Michael Cossettini & Dianne Kibble (St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton), Cara Angelino (St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill), Sophie Cox & Wendy Mexon (All Saints College - St Peter's, Maitland), Aaron Heffernan & Sarah McNamara (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville), Wendy Hoffman & Petra Taylor-Smith (St Thomas More, Sunshine Beach), & Lada Elias & Michelle Hughey (Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/Regents Park).

Team: Br Michael Akers (Coordinator), Br Neville Solomon, Ryan Gato, Paul Harris, & Julia Lederwasch.

justLOVE: hearts without borders program – Mt Maria College, PETRIE

The objective of the Province justLOVE: hearts without borders program is to help staff grow in their awareness and understanding of how Jesus' evangelising ministry reached out to people beyond the peripheries including the poor, marginalised and excluded. As Marists we are called to be witnesses of a different way of living; to reach beyond what is familiar and comfortable; to be disciples in our world of a love that is just and relevant.

FOOTSTEPS2 – MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN & LOVED 15-18 MARCH 2015

Participants: Josephine Geer & Carol Griffin (John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow), Melo Conti & Matthew Thomas (Marcellin College, Bulleen), Doug Walsh (Marist Brothers, Fitzroy), Benedict Tooming (Marist Brothers, Port Moresby), Michele Skvorc (Marist Canberra), Michael Druce & James Couper (Marist College, Ashgrove), Joanne Evans (Marist College, Canberra), Kaye Beattie & Desley Murphy (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton), Markus Ebeling (Mt Maria College, Petrie), Vincent Williams (Sacred Heart College, Adelaide), Alicia Sampson (Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park), Seb Spina (St Francis



De Sales Regional College, Leeton), Jason Scanlon (St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas), Vicki Grogan & Debbie Scott (St Peter's, Maitland), Luke Zeremes & Robin Smith (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville), Kim Brady (The John Berne School, Lewisham), Luke Miller & Tony Flood (Trinity Catholic college, Lismore), Anne Stephens (Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/ Regent Park), Melissa Arne-Umstad & Stephen Czapracki (Trinity College, Beenleigh)

Team: Liz Falconer (Coordinator), Br Michael Akers, Br Bill Sullivan, Br Hubert Williams, Paul Harris, & Br Michael Green

MARIST NURSES AND CARERS CONFERENCE 16-18 FEBRUARY 2015



From 16-18 February, a group of nurses and carers from the Brothers' communities at Ashgrove, Randwick, Hunters Hill and Campbelltown gathered at the Hermitage, Mittagong, to reflect upon their shared Marist mission of care and health

support. During these three days they were given input and time to reflect upon the Marist context that they find themselves in their care of the Brothers. The Hermitage 'walking tour' including a visit to the Brothers' cemetery provided a wonderful opportunity for shared reflections and prayers for deceased brothers that were known to them. The remainder of the conference addressed the professional issues of Depression and Anxiety (Felicity Meehan) and Dementia (Pam Davis, Alzheimer's Australia). While most were familiar with these areas of care, the input provided a great 'refresher' in how best to handle these issues. In the words of three of the participants: *The Conference is our oxygen. It is a chance to share, laugh and to be reaffirmed in the work we do ... A great learning experience for me in the Marist way and understanding of the Brothers I assist. New ways of thinking about clinical issues. Reaffirming care needs of listening and taking time. A strong sense of family and working together with a common purpose ... The insight into the Brothers way of life. Gave good understanding to the background and formation of the Marist Brothers.*



Janelle Doohan & Leah Keating



Peter Mant, Lachlan Parker & Bev Flint

ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE, CAIRNS

Official Opening of Lavalla & Francois

St. Augustine's College's new buildings were officially opened by the new State Minister for Education Kate Jones MP and blessed by The Episcopal Vicar for Education, Cairns Diocese Father Neil Muir on Friday 13 March. Also present was member for Cairns Rob Pyne MP.

Lavalla is a three story complex incorporating 14 general learning areas, 4 science laboratories and a hospitality kitchen. Francois is the new boarding residence for senior male students. "The project drew funding from three major sources and was the culmination of seven years of planning under the leadership of three College Principals," said John Doolan, the Deputy Principal.

There is \$7.4 million invested by the State government in the two buildings, part of which came about as a result of



Lavalla Building


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Annual Berne Luncheon
Friday 29 May 2015

Doltone House,
Darling Island Wharf
(opposite The Star)

The John Berne School, a mission of Marist Schools Australia, is a specialist secondary school for years 7–10. It specialises in up-skilling students who struggle to function effectively in mainstream school environments due to social, emotional or mental health difficulties.

Keynote Speaker: The Hon. Kristina Keneally, first female Premier of New South Wales, Host of *Keneally & Cameron*, Sky News Australia & Ambassador for The John Berne School

MC: Joe Hildebrand, Presenter of *Studio 10*, Columnist, The Daily Telegraph

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the Flying Start funding that the Queensland Government was putting towards the arrival of the Year 7 students and the rest as a result of a Block Grant Application to Queensland Catholic Education Commission. The regular flooding of J Block helped to gain the second dimension of the State funding. In addition to this, the Federal

Government contributed \$1.1 million for the trade training kitchen and facilities. The College has contributed \$750,000 dollars, which is a loan over a ten-year period.

The Trade Training funding resulted from the college joining a consortium of schools: St Mary's Catholic College (Lead School), St Stephen's Catholic College,



Student leaders with L-R: Mr Czek Kersevani, College Promotions; Kate Jones, Queensland Minister for Education; Br Darren Burge Principal; Br Neville Solomon Regional Executive Director of Marist Schools Australia.

Buildings

Mount St Bernard College and Good Counsel College. The official opening of these facilities will occur at the lead school (St Mary's) during Term Two.

The initial conceptual ideas began in 2007, under Principal Brother Michael Green, as part of the College strategic plan to provide a flood proof contemporary teaching block for the College. This vision expanded in 2009 to take in the option for the College to be involved in the Diocesan Trade Training Centre project.

It continued under Brother Bill Sullivan, where again the vision was expanded to take in the need for additional facilities to cater for Year 7 joining the College in 2015, in both the day school and boarding.

Final design and construction began in term 4 2013 after the demolition of J-block along Scott St and was completed in 2014 under the current College Principal, Brother Darren Burge, with classes and boarders moving into the new facilities in January this year. The end result is an impressive addition to the College landscape that caters for an additional 130 students in the school with cutting edge facilities and space.



Kate Jones, Minister for Education, and School Captain George Druery unveil the plaques.

Mr Czek Kersevani, Head of College Promotions, said that "the new 3 story Lavalla Building houses state of the art technology with touch interactive projectors and wireless in all classrooms and the latest design in science laboratories." It is now a flood free building something of a novelty given that previous buildings on the site were subject to annual flooding. Lifts to each floors allow easy access for students with disabilities."



Francois Residence

The Francois Residence caters for 36 senior students each with their own room and study area. It really sets the benchmark for future boarding school residences.

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OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TRAEGER CAMPUS



Artist's Impression of the New Open Learning Centre

New Professional Learning Community

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College in Alice Springs is following modern educational practice to bring teaching and learning into the 21st century. The traditional classroom is giving way to open spaces, digital learning hubs, sliding glass walls and a plant filled open Atrium.

The school has implemented an enquiry based learning method modelled on similar education programs in the United States and operational in Sydney and Adelaide where students work in groups of five or six and use technology to connect with the world and online learning resources. OLSH Staff visited Parramatta Marist High School and Adelaide schools to see the programs in action.

This modern teaching method is possible thanks to the school's multi-million dollar refurbishing of classrooms and a new open learning building at the OLSH Traeger Campus.

Construction of the new building consisting of four new classrooms, two

learning commons and a breakout Atrium for the Year 8 students plus the refurbishment of four classrooms for the Year 7 students, will integrate technology as a focal point of the students' learning. The Infrastructure will be set up for digital, mobile learning workstations plus planned and designed for the future expansion.

Alongside this development is the construction of a new car park and staff facilities.

The new dynamic learning space will be the foundation for a Personal Learning Community with learners working in small groups communicating and collaborating in self-directed enquiry learning.

The friendly openness of the design and the break out area of an internal garden will foster a safe and encouraging environment and nurture the whole person.

The program teaches students to think and to adapt into the information age environment.

A project topic leads into many different curriculum areas such as geography, environmental science, religious education, mathematics and English.

It is also an important step towards allowing learners to engage with their peers and a variety of teachers. Studies have found that when students are engaged and happy that they learn at

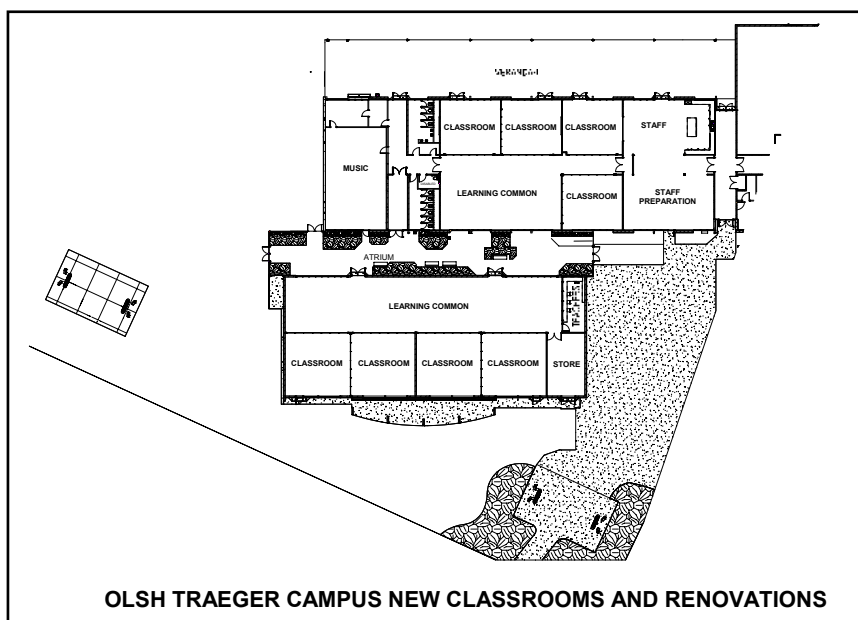
their optimal capacity.

The focus of the Personal Learning Community program is on these 5 C's: creativity; critical thinking; collaboration, communication; community

The four teachers, one inclusion support teacher and two ISAS involved, are already working as a collaborative teaching team for the Year 7 students, meeting weekly for three hours to discuss how they can progress students to the best of their ability and to plan and evaluate the facilitation of the program. The program is already kicking goals at the Traeger Campus.

The essential skills of literacy and numeracy continue to be taught separately and they are also practically integrated into the students project work.

Now that every student at OLSH from Year 7 to 12 has a digital device it is essential to accommodate this into the teaching practice. The device roll out will be extended to Year 5 and that has implications for new learning spaces for Year 5 and 6 going into the future.



OLSH TRAEGER CAMPUS NEW CLASSROOMS AND RENOVATIONS

Head of Campus Mr Tony Healey says, "We are creating a collaborative learning environment where high expectations are set for all learners. We are teaching them to be critical thinkers in their real world".

Construction is due to be completed in December this year.

Forgot to say that students in the class

photos are Year 7's. The Building contractor is Scope Building NT (Peter Walsh) and the Architect is Steve Adler.

Ian Clarke (with hat on) Property Manager at OLSH is in group of three with Br Matthew and Peter Walsh from Scope Building NT.

Steve Adler is the fourth person in the photo of the signing at the desk.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Traeger Campus New Professional Learning Community



College Principal, Br Matthew Green assists a group of Year 7 students with their enquiry based learning.



An artists impressions of the new Open Learning Building.

- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College is thrilled to announce Stage 1 construction works have commenced on our new Learning Centre at the Traeger Campus for Years 5 - 8.
- Central to these works will be the new Open Learning Building.
- The multi-million dollar project will ensure educational excellence for years to come, delivered right here in Alice Springs.
- This forward thinking, technically advanced building will be the foundation for our Personal Learning Community.

- Personal Learning is an enquiry based learning method modelled on best practice from around the world.
- The friendly and open design will foster a safe and encouraging environment.
- We look forward to bringing you further updates throughout the construction process.

For further details contact OLSH Administration on 8950 6400.

Commercial Kitchen Now Open

Trinity's new Commercial Kitchen was completed on 27th February.

This fantastic modern facility is providing industry standard commercial kitchen and equipment, as well as a new classroom space for delivery of theory lessons.

Students have commenced studies in VET Hospitality Certificate II in Kitchen Operations in the new facility with great gusto.

In this course, students will gain the practical skills needed to work in a Commercial Kitchen, learning food preparation and presentation skills as well as some basic cooking methods.

All students have been issued with a full chef's uniform, a tool kit and a textbook. This program will provide students with the skills and knowledge to be competent in a range of kitchen activities within hospitality establishments. Students will complete 70 hours of a mandatory work placement. VET in Schools courses enable students to earn credit towards a recognised VET qualification while completing the higher school certificate.

Studying hospitality allows an array of opportunities to travel and experience the world in many unique and exciting roles. The hospitality class is very honoured to be the first group to make use of such an amazing College facility and we look forward to a great year.

A special thank you to Br John who has supported the project from the outset and was responsible for the successful Grant for the project that now provides students and staff this fantastic new teaching and learning space.



Academic and extra-curricular success

2014 was a busy and productive year for Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes with many academic and extra-curricular successes.

2014 was a very successful year for our Year 12's. Sixteen students were recognised as Distinguished Achievers as they achieved 36 Band 6s across 17 separate courses. The College Dux for 2014 was Yvette Quinn with an ATAR of 96.8.

Kate Sandford a Top Achiever commendation for an outstanding result in Primary Industries, where she was placed 3rd in the state. This follows Kate's success at the 2014 WorldSkills Australia Competition where she was awarded gold for Primary Industries.



Left: Red Bend Catholic College held there Commencement Mass in the new Multi-Purpose hall and creative arts facility which will be officially blessed and opened on Friday, 22nd May.



Red Bend Catholic College graduate Kurt Lovett has received the greatest honour at the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges annual sports awards, winning the Vince Villa Award for the most outstanding male athlete. The award is the most prestigious sports award in the NSW Catholic College system and Kurt's win is even more significant because he is the first person to receive it from the Bathurst or Wilcannia Forbes Dioceses. Kurt attended the sports awards ceremony knowing he was receiving a Blue Award for representing the NSW Combined Catholic College side and All Schools side in hockey and touch football but not expecting to win the major award.

Fellow Red Bend Catholic College student, Amy Draper, who is currently in year 12, was also recognised at the ceremony with a Blue Award for her efforts and dedication to touch football, refereeing at state and national level.



The 2015 class of Year 7's on their first day at Red Bend Catholic College.

Archdiocese of Adelaide

Marcellin Technical College, Christies Downs
Sacred Heart College, Adelaide

Archdiocese of Brisbane

Marist College, Ashgrove
Mount Maria College, Mitchelton
Mt Maria College, Petrie
St Joseph's School, Murgon
St Peter Claver College, Riverview
St Teresa's College, Noosaville
St Thomas More School, Sunshine Beach
Trinity College, Beenleigh

Diocese of Darwin

Ltyentye Apurte, Santa Teresa
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College,
Alice Springs

Archdiocese of Melbourne

Assumption College, Kilmore
Marcellin College, Bulleen

Archdiocese of Perth

Newman College, Churchlands
St Joseph's School, Northam

Archdiocese of Sydney

Champagnat Catholic College, Pagewood
Marcellin College, Randwick
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Marist College, Kogarah
Marist College, North Shore
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Diocese of Cairns

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Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn

Marist College, Canberra

Diocese of Lismore

St Mary's Catholic College, Casino
Trinity Catholic College, Lismore

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton
St Peter's Campus (All Saints College)
Maitland

Diocese of Parramatta

Parramatta Marist High School,
Westmead
St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas

Diocese of Rockhampton

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Marist College, Emerald

Diocese of Sale

Catholic College, Sale
Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon
Marist-Sion College, Warragul

Diocese of Sandhurst

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Marist College, Bendigo
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Diocese of Townsville

Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr
St Francis Xavier School, Ayr

Diocese of Wagga Wagga

St Francis de Sales College, Leeton

Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes

Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes

Diocese of Wollongong

John Therry High School, Rosemeadow
Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville
St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

MARIST-SION COLLEGE WARRAGUL

St. Marcellin Prayer Tables

The Religious Education classrooms at Marist-Sion College Warragul are now home to a new set of prayer tables, designed and made by the Product Design and Technology classes of the College. Commissioned by the Religious Education Learning Area, the tables were designed to look aesthetically pleasing and to function as a centrepiece for prayer in the classrooms, the chapel and the staffroom. Technology teachers Peter Coghlan, Luke Dicker and their students took great pride in

designing seven new tables, and organising their construction.

The tables were influenced by the original table built by Marcellin Champagnat in L'Hermitage; the house for the early Marist Brothers in Lavalla, France, and the design for each echoes the style of the Marcellin table. The installation of the prayer tables at our College has been a great way for staff to emphasise the early history of the Marist Brothers, and tell the story of

Marcellin's own table. It is a tangible reminder for the students, as they gather around their classroom table for prayer, that the table which Marcellin and his Brothers made for their first home was built because they needed a place around which they could gather. We are able to explain to our students that, just as everyone was welcome at Marcellin's table, we too make room at our own table for all people, from all walks of life.