



A newsletter for Member Schools of Marist Schools Australia published fortnightly during term time

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues

The recent Marist Schools Australia Biennial Conference held in Melbourne a fortnight ago, was a gathering of the clan over three days which was inspirational, encouraging, profoundly optimistic and prayerful. With school leaders hailing from Marist Schools in 19 Dioceses across the country, much was gained from the liturgies, key note speeches and workshops. Apart from these more formal times, there was enormous richness in the sharing that took place over a meal, at morning tea, or during a quiet drink at the end of the day. The whole time together provided immense opportunity and scope for reflection on the work we do with our students, with the fundamental focus being how we make Jesus known and loved through the provision of quality education. The vibrancy and vitality of Marist Schools Australia as a Faith community was palpable, and noted in remarks by Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Bishop Greg Homeming, both of whom generously contributed to the Conference. We are indeed fortunate to have such a network in existence, conscious of its uniqueness on the Australian Catholic educational landscape.

Globally, the Marist family is exploring the concept of an *International Marist Schools Network*. Echoing calls from the last Marist General Chapter held in Colombia in 2017 and the Marist International Mission Assembly held in Kenya in 2014, a group has been convened of Marists in leadership positions from different regions throughout the world. In a letter to be sent this week, on the Feast of the Assumption, people working in Marist schools in 80 countries across the globe will be invited to respond to a short survey which has been translated into the four major language groups used by Marists: English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. The letter from the organising group invites and encourages Marist educators to imagine the reality of an international network of Marist schools as

“a global family with an evangelizing action rooted in the world of school and education”

and explore together

“the many benefits this will bring to the children and young people whom we serve, as well as to their families”.

Saint Marcellin from the earliest days of Marist education, wrote of his desire for Marists to serve in every Diocese throughout the world. The essence of Marcellin’s dream continues to prosper and for over two centuries the relationship of Marists internationally has transcended national identity and culture. Two World Wars, civil wars, violent conflict across countries and continents have never eroded or overshadowed the basic relationships of Marists with one another despite the extremely different contexts in which they find themselves. This is a rare and special gift, especially when one considers the political sensitivities and in some cases, cultural and national blocks, that stultify humanitarian, educational and economic progress at the expense of the common good.

The survey has ambitious participation targets, which underscore the critical importance of every Marist educator’s voice. Similar to our own Plenary Council consultation, the data gathered will be processed through computerised qualitative research tools, in this case undertaken by the internationally renowned *Creativity Laboratory* at the Marist University in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Marists from other countries and regions are acutely aware of the Marist Schools Australia network and there is great interest in hearing the Australian voice and insights. The consultation period will be from 15 August until 15 October 2019. In addition to the survey, there will be a series of specific focus groups gathered for feedback. Schools will receive details for the survey directly and access will also be made available through the Marist Schools Australia website for Marist educators no longer working in the school context.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Malloy".

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

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| 14-17 Aug | Contemplative Retreat - Mittagong | 28 Aug | Marist Oratory Competition |
| 23 Aug | Marist Connect - Brisbane | 7 Sep | MSA Mass and Dinner - Brisbane |
| 23 Aug | Super Connect - Marist College Eastwood | 13-15 Sep | Remar Red Leadership Camp - VIC |
| 23-25 Aug | Remar Gold Retreat - NSW | 28-30 Sep | Year 11 Justice Forum - NSW |
| 25-28 Aug | Footsteps1 - Mittagong | 29 Sep - 17 Oct | Marist Pilgrimage |

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to Volunteer

Bridge Builders Launches New Web Page!

Marists across Australia are welcome to visit the new Bridge Builders web page - now live!

This program offers both short and long term engagements in Australian or international communities.

The Culture of Encounter is the primary value - this is a Marist program with an emphasis on sharing the life of our global family. It will offer you a world of opportunities!

All Marists are welcome to apply - gap year students, Young Marists, tradespeople, teachers and professionals on sabbatical, young adults or the Grey Army of retirees. See the new web page for details.



www.msa.edu.au/volunteers



CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE

Applicants are invited for DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Student Learning and Wellbeing

Catholic College Sale is a co-educational Secondary College governed by The Bishop of the Diocese of Sale and the Provincial of the Marist Brothers. The College is located in the thriving and beautiful regional city of Sale approximately 200 kilometres from Melbourne.

The College is seeking an enthusiastic, student centred, achievement focussed teacher for the position of Deputy Principal.

This is an excellent opportunity for a committed Catholic educator who might be aspiring to Principalship to join a high functioning Leadership Team and be part of exciting developments at Catholic College Sale as the College transitions to a one-campus College in 2021.

Further details regarding the position are available at: www.ccsale.catholic.edu.au/events/employment



For an application pack contact Eva Brennan via eva.brennan@marists.org.au or (03) 9389 3165. **Applications close 4.00 pm on Wednesday 21 August 2019.**



Listen TO THE Spirit AND Sing!

OCTOBER 1-3, 2019
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE
MELBOURNE

4th NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Australian Pastoral Musicians Network

A HOLY OCCUPATION!

In the upcoming weeks there will be some changes to the MLF team.

Brother Peter Carroll recently announced that **Brother Hubert Williams** will be concluding his time in Melbourne and moving to be part of the Marist Rosalie Community in Brisbane. This move draws to a close Hubert's time with the MLF team after 7 magnificent years! Hubert made a significant contribution during those years as a formator, particularly in his commitment and service to the schools of the Melbourne Region. He delighted in giving particular attention and time to those schools in more rural and isolated areas, often spending days at a time living and working with these communities. Hubert's great wit and wisdom has also been a treasure for us, often inviting us to see the world in a different way, with a little more authenticity, social insight and colour! We are grateful for his influential role in delivering many formation programs over these years, in particular, In the Marist Way, Footsteps, In the Way of Mary, Leadership from a Marian Perspective (Marist Tertiary Education Course), and the annual School Staff Spirituality programs. Hubert's experience and expertise has been a delight and joy for us, and we are indeed richer for his brotherly presence amongst us. Hubert will finish on the auspicious date of August 15.

Nehme Khattar will also conclude his time as a member of the MLF team in August. His presence has been a great gift and we were grateful for his return to us at the beginning of last year (some years ago Nehme held the role of Director of Marist Youth Ministry). We greatly appreciate the way Nehme shared the depth of his spirituality and wonderful down-to-earth humanity with us. These characteristics are invaluable as a formator, and his own experience and quiet wisdom contributed to the development of many rich formation opportunities. Nehme was responsible for shaping and coordinating formation experiences and events including, In the Marist Way, Footsteps, the Marian Lecture Series, the Mid-Winter Retreat, and designing and overseeing the development of the annual School Staff Spirituality Programs. Nehme has taken a ministry role at the St John of God Hospital at Burwood, Sydney. He will conclude his time with the team on August 23.

We wish both Br Hubert and Nehme all the very best for their next adventures!



*REJOICE! BE ENCOURAGED..
LIVE IN PEACE.. AND THE
GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE
WILL BE WITH YOU!*

2 Corinthians 13:11



Marist Formation Team Member

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat invites suitably qualified applicants for the position of Marist Formation Team Member.

Location: Marist Centre Sydney (Mascot) or Marist Centre Melbourne (Brunswick)

Employment Type: Full-time (secondment possibilities can be negotiated)

Commencing: January 2020 or earlier by negotiation

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat is seeking an experienced school or ministry leader, educator or formator to join the Marist Formation Team.

The Marist Formation Team provides for the service of animation, formation and support of the various Marist Ministries across Australia. The team works with ministry leaders, educators and others, to provide a variety of faith formation opportunities tailored to meet the specific needs of their local context and community.

This position invites a creative, passionate and open response to reading the signs of the times in order to bring the Gospel alive in fresh and engaging ways. It invites enthusiasm and professionalism in the collaborative design, preparation and delivery of a suite of formation programs.

For an application package, including a Position Description, please contact **Lindsay Franko** at lindsay.franko@marists.org.au

Closing date 6 September 2019

To be considered for this position, you will:

- be a person of faith with a genuine desire to engage and form others in a relationship with Jesus Christ;
- have a strong commitment to the Catholic faith in practice and lifestyle, witness and modelling;
- be a person with experience in the area of adult faith formation and spirituality;
- have accreditation to teach Religious Education, and the completion of a Master of Religious Education or Theological Studies would be an advantage;
- have some background/experience with Marist spirituality and/or the Marist educational mission, or is open to embracing the Marist way;
- have some awareness of contemporary issues in the Church and their implications for spiritual formation;
- be creative, innovative and enjoy producing work to the highest standard;
- be articulate and comfortable in public speaking;
- be able to make effective use of adult learning strategies;
- be flexible in approach to working hours and open to domestic travel across Australia;
- be resilient, show initiative, and can work independently;
- be competent in utilising emerging technologies for communication.



Marist Inclusive Education in Cambodia – LaValla Grade 6 Graduating Class

Last week twenty-four students with disabilities, and little access to formal education in the rural provinces of Cambodia prior to coming to LaValla School, completed their graduation. It was a day of great joy for their teachers as many students had completed six years of elementary education in three years due to the accelerated programme Marists initiated at LaValla School.

Part of the success of this programme is attributed to the fact that it is a residential school with a serious home study programme and access to tutoring. In addition, the aspirations are set high by the staff all of whom are qualified teachers but with physical disabilities themselves.

The school principal, Ms Srey Nan, has been working to inculcate Marist values into the school culture through weekly assemblies at which she presents simple inputs on the virtues espoused globally in all Marist institutions. The assemblies are also marked by being student centred outlets for creativity with drama, song and public speaking.

Congratulations to all from the AMS Team in Brisbane on this outstanding achievement. It is great to see this project, which AMS donors and MSA schools support, deliver such wonderful impact on the lives of the children.

To support LaValla visit www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au



REMAR 2019

The Remar Ministry Team (RMT) have been extremely busy over the past two months. Their consecutive trips to Alice Springs and Perth, working with students of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and Newman College on their Blue Retreat and Red Caravel Day programs was an extremely formative experience for the team. Each Rower that they met welcomed them with kindness, and the feedback given by the students was overall, positive.

After this two week trip, a spirituality retreat, facilitated by Br Dennis Cooper, for the team was well needed, and the Marist Brothers new house in Chelsea beach was the perfect location to reflect on their year of mission! After this three day experience, the RMT went on holidays for two weeks, with Liv Carver and Georgina Down travelling back to Adelaide and Shepparton, respectively, to see their family and friends, as well as have a much deserved break.

Once returning to the office, they had a mere 3 weeks to prepare for the upcoming Victorian Gold Retreat for over 100 year 12 students. After their frantic preparation, the RMT as well as a dozen dedicated Young Marist Volunteers and Regional Assistants, brought their A-game to Gold Retreat. The RMT wanted the Rowers to have the experience of a celebration of their past three year journey, as well as help them with the big question of "what's next after school?" with some of the Gold Rowers giving feedback such as:

"I really enjoyed it and felt that everything we did was so relevant to my life at the moment and helped me to better understand the transition of Remar."

"Thank you for the past three years."

The RMT are now preparing for their Gold Retreat in Sydney with the year 12 students of Trinity College Auburn, and are slowly working their way towards two Red Leadership Camp, for over 150 year 10 students.



Sacred Heart College Gold Caravel and old collegians united at the Gold Retreat 2019 in Victoria.



RMT in action at a Morning Prayer Session at the Blue Retreat in Alice Springs re-enacting of the Washing of the Feet with the Blue Rowers of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College.



Some of the Red Rowers of Newman College Churchlands showing off their skills at their Red Caravel Day.

Edwin Bakker
National Remar Coordinator

GAME CHANGERS

Game Changers is the new and exciting program in Marist Youth Ministry.

Highlighted by a strong sense of community, regular meetings, creative faith formation, and service opportunities, this dynamic program forms your students to become **faith-filled leaders and agents of change in their school community.**



ONE JOURNEY **THREE TRACKS**

Game Changers has **three tracks**, each related to the concept of following a **journey**. These tracks are grounded in the stories of **Jesus, Mary, and Marcellin**. Participating students are invited to undertake the following tracks across the **six year levels**, with the focus on each track over two years

Le Rosey

In Le Rosey (Years 7 and 8) the *Game Changers* Youth Group begins to **form their identity and sense of community.**

The group explores the foundational stories of Marcellin growing up in Le Rosey and Jesus growing up in Nazareth.

The group discerns a service project within the school community.

La Valla

In La Valla (Years 9 and 10), the *Game Changers* Youth Group discerns the concepts of **Christian leadership and Service.**

This is explored by looking at the stories of Marcellin's experience in La Valla and Jesus ministry in Capernaum.

The group identifies a service project in the wider community.

Hermitage

In Hermitage (Years 11 and 12), the *Game Changers* Youth Group discerns the concepts of **solidarity and vocation.**

This is explored by looking at the stories of Marcellin and his early Brothers at the Hermitage, and Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem.

The group engages in a solidarity camp during this track.