



## From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Whilst we draw near to Advent, a time of preparation and anticipation for the celebration of Christmas, it is also the conclusion of the 2018 school year. In our Marist school communities across the country people are being rightly recognised and thanked for their work and contributions to the Marist mission of making Jesus known and loved. As members of Marist Schools Australia, it is important to recognise significant leaders among us who will soon be concluding in their roles this December.

After 40 years of dedicated service to Catholic education, **Mr Damien Millar** will retire from the role of Principal at the end of this year, concluding a most distinguished contribution to school leadership. Notable have been Damien's roles as Assistant Principal at Saint Thomas' Boys School Lewisham and St Mary's Cathedral College Sydney, and as Principal at Champagnat Catholic College Pagewood, Marist College Kogarah, and for the past 10 years as Head of Saint Gregory's College Campbellton.

Educated at Saint Joseph's College Hunters Hill, Damien's familiarity with and commitment to the Marist way of education has been abundantly evident in the manner in which he has worked so successfully with people. Humble, prayerful, down to earth, pragmatic, inspiring, strategic, humorous, understated, firm, fair, thorough, hardworking, and loyal, are all words that are often used to describe Damien. The physical developments alone at Saint Greg's throughout his time at the College are testimony to his capacity, determination, vision and commitment. Mr Millar has been a transformational educational leader, with students from Saint Gregory's widely recognised for their wholehearted involvement and outstanding success in academia, public speaking, debating, music, drama, agriculture, and sport.



**Brother Darren Burge** will conclude his term as Principal at the end of the 2018 school year. Under Brother Darren's leadership over the last five years, Saint Augustine's has continued to flourish with high demand for enrolment at the College from families in Cairns, as well as regional and remote areas of Far North Queensland. Facilities have developed significantly and students experience stimulating, modern learning environments of the highest quality. The strong educational outcomes consistently achieved by the students at Saint Augustine's reflect the tremendous work of the staff, and Brother Darren's leadership of the learning agenda. Most importantly Brother Darren's influence in promoting the Faith life and pastoral care of the College community has been exceptional and widely acknowledged among parents, students and staff.

Brother Darren has been a leader within the Marist Brothers in Australia for a significant period. He was a Provincial Councillor in the former Sydney Province and has been a Provincial Councillor in the new Province of Australia since its inception in 2012. Last year he was an organiser of, and delegate to the international Marist Brothers' General Chapter. From next year Brother Darren will be the Vice Provincial for the Marist Brothers in Australia.

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After five years as Principal of Saint Joseph's School at Northam, **Mrs Carmen Cox** will commence a new role in 2019 as Principal of St Brigid's College Lesmurdie. Carmen has led Saint Joseph's, a P-12 school, with immense skill, passion and commitment, and is widely recognised for her witness and ability to articulate a contemporary expression of faith and practice. The development of strong, positive, Christian relationships between the members of the Saint Joseph's community and the promotion of a strong academic standard have been at the fore front of Carmen's leadership and work. Carmen's active engagement with Marist Schools Australia and the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat is greatly appreciated and highly valued. We look forward to Carmen's continuing contributions as a member of the MSA Regional Council for Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.



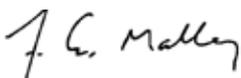
**Mr Michael Connolly** concludes his term at Mt Maria College Petrie at the end of this academic year, having served 4 years as the Principal. Michael has been appointed to lead St Columban's College, Caboolture from 2019. In the time Michael has been at Mt Maria, he has earned the deep respect of his staff and the school community. In reflecting on his leadership style, one of his senior staff described his leadership style as progressive, firm yet empathetic. Michael has strengthened Mt Maria's extraordinary reputation for looking after many young people who need that little extra care and understanding. Although Michael's experience of Marist education may not be as extensive as some, he has found a natural synergy with his own leadership style. We thank Michael for all he has brought to the community of Mt Maria College Petrie.

We also recognise and thank **Mr Glen Bucklar** for his leadership and commitment to St Thomas More Primary School at Sunshine Beach. Glen has been Assistant Principal and Acting Principal and actively nurtured Marist life and spirituality over the years. Glen has been a much loved school leader at St Thomas More and has brought energy, vision and commitment to excellence in learning to all his endeavours. Glen has been appointed as the Principal of Siena Catholic Primary School, Sippy Downs and we wish him every success.



Let us keep in our prayers each of these people as they move into new experiences and challenges in 2019.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## COMING UP...

23 Nov Meeting of Business Managers of MSA Governed Schools  
25-27 Nov MYM Student Leaders Gathering - Melbourne

29 Nov-1 Dec Care for the Soul Retreat - Mittagong  
1 Dec MSA Mass and Dinner - Melbourne  
5-8 Dec Savouring the Silence Retreat - Mittagong

### EMPLOYMENT

**PRINCIPAL**  
**Red Bend Catholic College**  
**Forbes**

To commence Term 3 2019  
Contact: [filipe.gamaesilva@marists.org.au](mailto:filipe.gamaesilva@marists.org.au)  
Closing date: 26 November 2018  
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### Vocations, Vocations, Vocations at Auburn

There's something in the Holy Water at **Trinity Catholic College at Auburn**.

Despite being surrounded by a predominantly Islamic population, Trinity is one of the richest schools for religious vocations within the Sydney Archdiocese.

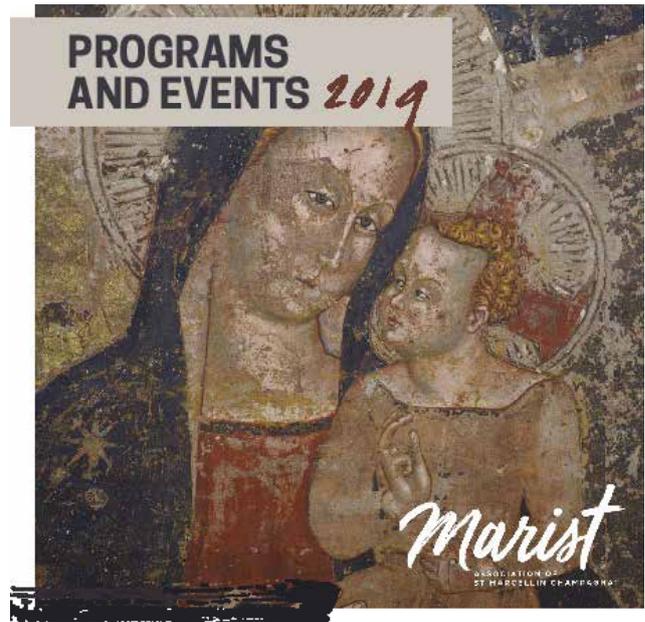
It's an "oasis of faith" according to teaching staff who are incredibly proud of the numbers of the schools' alumni answering the call to serve the Church.



From left, seminarian Adrian Simmons, Fr Lewi Barakat, Sr Mary Helen, Sr Susanna, School Captain Joshua Perry and Fr Daniele Russo

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## FOOTSTEPS 1 28-31 October 2018

Our final Footsteps program for 2018 saw 32 staff from 17 schools come together at The Hermitage, Mittagong. Those who gathered shared a wealth of experience and story, enabling a deep connection to explore who we are as Christian people. A variety of sessions and activities allowed participants to reflect on their roles as educators and how their everyday approaches encouraged a spirit of partnership and shared responsibility. As the program concluded, participants recognised themselves as Champagnat figures for our school communities, leading with confidence and optimism, whilst modelling Marist spirituality.



## A REFLECTION FROM HENRI NOUWEN



How does the Church witness to Christ in the world? First and foremost by giving visibility to Jesus' love for the poor and the weak. In a world so hungry for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and most of all unconditional love, the Church must alleviate that hunger through its ministry. Wherever we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely, listen to those who are rejected, and bring unity and peace to those who are divided, we proclaim the living Christ, whether we speak about him or not.

It is important that whatever we do and wherever we go, we remain in the Name of Jesus, who sent us. Outside his Name our ministry will lose its divine energy.

Text excerpts taken from Bread for the Journey, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997 HarperSanFrancisco.

## Opening and Blessing of St Gregory's College - Junior School

On Wednesday 31 October 2018, the St Gregory's College Junior School was officially Blessed by Bishop Brian Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong and Opened by Br Peter Carroll, Provincial.

In the Br Luke Hall the gathering was addressed by Senator Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Dr Frank Malloy, National Director, Marist Schools Australia.



## AMS 2018 Christmas Appeal continues at Marcellin College Bulleen

*On Sunday 18 November the AMS team and Friends of AMS Melbourne welcomed supporters to Marcellin College Bulleen.*

On Sunday night, Australian Marist Solidarity hosted a crowd of more than 80 guests at the Marcellin College Bulleen as we continued our Christmas Appeal campaign.

Strongly supported by Brothers, the Association of St Marcellin, MSA schools, Young Marists, Friends of Timor, private foundations and local supporters, it was a pleasure to host at Marcellin College for the first time.

The AMS team present: Kristen McLean, Tony Skinner and Brother Allen Sherry, spoke about how this Christmas AMS is turning our attention to four education institutes in the Pacific: St Dominic's Rural Training Centre in the Solomon Islands; St Joseph's College in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea; St Louis High School, Kiribati; and the Marist Champagnat Institute in Fiji. These four schools offer unique opportunities for marginalised young people and play a critical role in equipping these students with skills for the future. We believe that education is the key to unlock opportunities for young people and research shows that education is the number one way to break intergenerational poverty. Unfortunately, many of the students in these schools have struggled to access education due to learning difficulties, rural disadvantage and crippling poverty. To learn more about each project please visit: <https://bit.ly/2qoc9Ct>



AMS would like to thank the Friends of AMS Melbourne group who again provided creative decor and homemade finger food. Mt Toowong wines were donated by the Cremascos whose extended family are long term AMS supporters in Melbourne and Mt Macedon. The night was a very spirited one as our supporters connected with fellow AMS friends and celebrated the success of our projects in 2018.

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## REMAR 2018 REFLECTIONS

Dear Colleagues,

I invited the current Remar Ministry Team members to provide a little reflection on their year of mission. I thought to share it with you as an encouragement.

“My year on the Remar Ministry Team has exceeded all my expectations and will be one I will never forget. In knowing how much I, as a student, was influenced by past Remar Ministry Teams, I underestimated the impact all the many Rowers I have been so lucky to encounter this year would have on me. The students of the Remar Program are an embodiment of hope in my life, and it ultimately is their enthusiasm, openness and willingness to learn that has made my experience on team what it was. Along with these Rowers, it is their teachers and staff, those I work with in the Marist Centre Melbourne, the team at Marist Youth Ministry, the members of the Marist Association and so many others I have met along the road, who make up the Marist community of which I am so honoured to be a part. I will always value this sense of hospitality and welcome and am so grateful to this community and the family I have found in my fellow Remar Ministry Team members for making 2018 everything it was”.

**Cara McGlaughlin**

“This year has been a year for me to develop skills that I will take into the future. I learnt so many lessons about how to engage with people and most importantly how to truly work in a team. I think that this year has given me many opportunities to discover the values I desire in myself and the people I surround myself with, I believe that I have begun to see how I can continue to be a Marist outside of school and where I fit into the Marist world. I have explored my faith and what it really means in the context and the busyness of my life. I honestly believe that this year has been a year of putting my life into perspective and preparing myself for the future whilst also beginning to map the road of who I am and where I want my life to lead me. If I could sum up this year in a few words, it would just be ‘a blessing’ it has been the most unique experience of my life but something I wouldn’t trade for the world and something I am so thankful for”.

**Lachlan Viney**

“Being part of the Remar Ministry Team has been an incredible experience of formation. I have been enriched by the opportunities this year has given me: to serve those I have encountered, to learn more about the Marist charism, to deepen my connection with scripture, and to have time to discern my calling in life. To work alongside some of my now closest friends has really contributed to my understanding of what it means to be a good Christian, and a good citizen. The incredible people who I have worked alongside have shown me the true power of presence and how important it is to love one another, as Jesus calls us to. The RMT experience is truly like no other. This year of ministry has shaped my future, and my understanding that there is always hope; this hope does and should shape our interactions with those around us”.

**Lachlan Scott**

“My year on the Remar Ministry Team has been one filled with lots of fun, laughter and memories but also one of immense personal development. I came into 2018 quite challenged by the presenting aspect of the job, struggling most with being independent and confident when sharing. However, the constant support and reassurance of my team, as well as the Marist community have allowed me to come out of my shell and grow in a way I never thought I would. The friendships that I have formed this year are what I am the most grateful for. Each person’s openness to experience, determination and motivation have inspired me in my faith journey and showed me what it truly means to be the hands and feet of Jesus to others. I feel so blessed to have experienced this year and will take all I have learnt away on my future endeavours”.

**Leila Petruzzella**



As you can tell, it has been a great year of growth, formation and discovery for the RMT members. As they continue their Marist journey in a different way, I would like to acknowledge their hard work, commitment and passion for Youth Ministry and thank them for joining RMT for their year of mission and giving their all.

I also would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Remar Ministry Team for 2019. These four young people will start their RMT journey in January 2019 and will run over 20 camps, retreats and other Marist Youth Ministry events around the country. I look forward working with these young Marists as they embark their year of mission soon.

# Remar Ministry Team 2019



**Georgina Down**

Notre Dame College,  
Shepparton (2018)



**Liv Carver**

Sacred Heart College,  
Adelaide (2017)



**Kyrie Rizkalla**

Marymede Catholic College,  
South Morang (2018)



**Ronan Long**

Marcellin College,  
Bulleen (2018)



To learn more about Remar, go to [maristyouthministry.com](http://maristyouthministry.com)  
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Finally, I would like to thank all Principals, Coordinators and Helms, for your commitment to your students and staff, but also for your support to the Remar Ministry Team and other Remar staff around the country.

Kind Regards,

Edwin Bakker  
National Coordinator  
Remar Ministry Team



## Care for the Soul: Melbourne Retreat Day

Fifteen Melbourne Marists gathered at Marcellin College Bulleen on Saturday 10 November to spend a day in reflection and prayer. This was our first Day retreat in Melbourne and as can be seen from the feedback below the experience was greatly appreciated. The theme of the day was finding ways to nurture the spiritual in the midst of our busy lifestyles. Taking some quality time to step back from our weekly routine, to share with other like-minded people is proving to be a welcome opportunity for those who come along.

To book a one day retreat for your community in 2019 please make contact with Br Bill at The Hermitage. Information on retreats offered at The Hermitage can be found on our website: [www.thehermitage.org.au](http://www.thehermitage.org.au)

Here are some of the reflections from those who came to the day:

*"Today I realised just how important silence is. I have missed it. I have fallen away from my regular meditation practice and it is showing. The reflection walk was a beautiful experience and a reminder of the significant benefits to the soul of stopping and pausing."*

*"The Golden Thread reminds me that God is always there and to remember that it is an invitation to action."*

*"By accepting the invitation to come along today, I knew I was longing for some reflective time and space. The message of 'awareness' really inspired me today and is something I hope to take forward into the future."*

*"A wonderful reflective day."*

*"Many thanks for an enlivening day! So good to take time out!"*