



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

## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues

In these final six weeks of the 2019 academic year the usual intensity of final assessment and reporting will be a common feature in all schools. For Marist educators it is also a time when we reflect upon the efficacy of our own work with the young people in our care. *In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat*, clearly describes the goals of a Marist education for young people. At this stage of the year, the following points pose questions for us to collectively and individually reflect upon. As our students conclude a year of learning and formation in a Marist school, much of what we seek to influence, and guide is not readily measured. However, there are indicators of success and progress in all of the characteristics listed below, and I would suggest abundantly evident in our schools this year. Paragraph 77 of the *Footsteps* document posits that with the active co-operation of young people themselves, Marist educators seek creative ways to teach students:

- to develop their self-esteem and inner capacity to give direction to their lives.
- to provide an education of body, mind and heart, appropriate to the age, personal talents and needs of each one and to the social context.
- to encourage them to care for others and for God's creation.
- to educate them to be agents of social change, for greater justice towards all citizens in their own society, and for more awareness of the interdependence of nations.
- to nurture their faith and commitment as disciples of Jesus and apostles to other youth.
- to awaken their critical consciousness and assist them to make choices based on Gospel values.

*(In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat, paragraph 77)*

I have had the privilege of attending a number of school graduations over the past month and these characteristics have been consistently promoted and celebrated in various ways and words. For our newest school, Marist College Bendigo, it was certainly the case at their very first Year 12 graduation. Over these past six

years the growing reputation of this College has been a marvel to behold. New schools often take time to establish themselves. Marist College Bendigo, under the capable leadership of Mr Darren McGregor, and with the essential support of Monsignor Frank Marriott, Bishop Les Tomlinson, Mr Paul Desmond, Brother Mark Needham, Brother Kevin Langley, the committed staff and a host of parents, has quickly established the reputation of the College as a quality Catholic school in Bendigo, Victoria and nationally. The graduating class of 2019 has played a critical role in the College's growth and success. Their stories of enrolling in a "paddock with a few sheds" captured the immense trust parents and students placed in the founding community. The resilience, good humour, and determined purpose of the graduating students was highlighted by newly ordained Bishop Shane Mackinlay during Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. Bishop Shane highlighted the gift of a Marist education, and challenged the graduates to make many contributions in the years ahead for the common good of our society. It was an historic occasion, and long may our newest Marist College flourish.



(Brother Mark Needham, Indi Addlem, Dr Frank Malloy, Blessy Benny, Mr Darren McGregor, Georgia Simons, Brother Kevin Langley, Brother Greg McDonald)

Yours sincerely

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## COMING UP...

15-17 Nov Remar Red Leadership Camp - NSW/NT  
 24-26 Nov MYM Student Leadership Gatherings - NSW/VIC  
 28-30 Nov Care for the Soul, The Hermitage

30 Nov MSA Mass and Dinner - Melbourne  
 5-7 Dec Savouring the Silence, The Hermitage  
 16-20 Dec Guided Retreat, The Hermitage

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

A Catholic boys' day and boarding College in the Marist Tradition

Following the recent announcement that Mr Peter McLoughlin will conclude his highly successful term as Headmaster of Marist College Ashgrove at the end of 2020, the National Director of Marist Schools Australia seeks expressions of interest from highly successful and suitably qualified educators for the position of

#### HEAD OF MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

to commence January 2021

- Do you aspire to nurture and motivate young people and staff and set high standards for every learner, including students, staff and self?
- Are you an outstanding Catholic educator with a vision for leading and learning within a contemporary Catholic Day and Boarding school?
- Will you be an inspiring spiritual leader that challenges young men to be gospel-centred, compassionate and critically engaged for the common good in Church and society?
- Do you have a passion for building a professional learning community that values inclusive practices, engaging pedagogy and a strong culture of educational excellence?
- Can you see yourself as Head of one of Brisbane's leading Catholic schools?



To express interest in this position and receive an information package please contact [helen.quirk@marists.org.au](mailto:helen.quirk@marists.org.au)

Closing date for expressions of interest: Friday 22 November 2019  
 Marist Schools Australia will formally advertise this position in late January 2020.

#### Youth Minister — Marist College Ashgrove/Marist Youth Ministry

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## MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION REGISTRATIONS 2020



Registrations for Marist Mission and Life Formation programs open on **Wednesday 12 November**. You can find the link for our new registration site [here](#). Please contact [register@marists.org.au](mailto:register@marists.org.au) with any questions.

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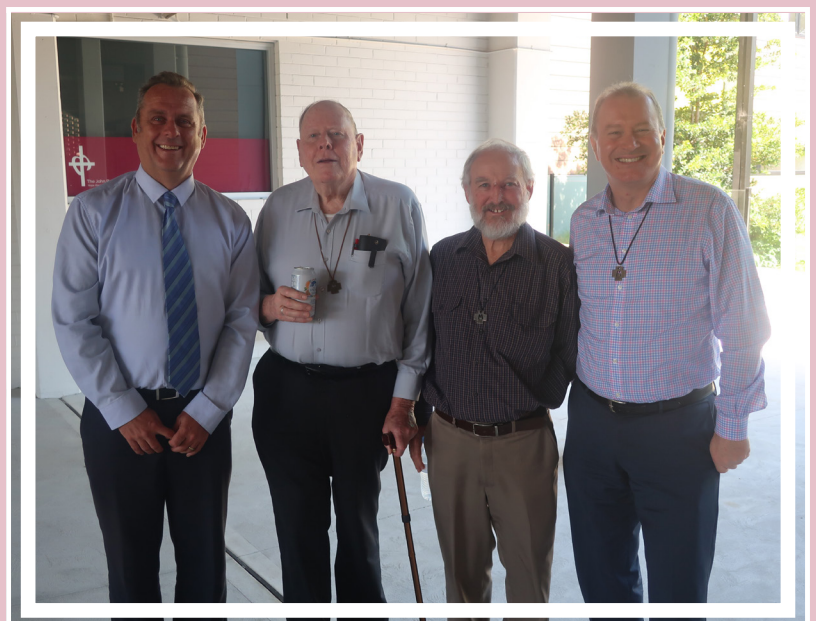
## The John Berne Day Celebrations

It was wonderful to welcome the Brothers community from Eastwood to join our John Berne Day celebrations on Thursday 24th October.

Br Darren Burge, Br Anthony Vaughan, Br Justin Guthrie and Br Robert Speare attended the mass and joined the students for morning tea. Br Darren, the Vice Provincial and former Principal of the school, presented awards to students who have overcome adversity and ongoing challenges to be role models for students at Berne. The morning tea was followed by a whole school athletics carnival and staff versus students volleyball game.

It was a wonderful day and once again many thanks to the Brothers Community at Eastwood for joining us on this special day.

- James Le Huray, Principal





## MARIST PILGRIMAGE 2019

We were certainly a group of joyful Marist pilgrims who left our homes from all over Australia, from East Timor and Fiji. Having returned, we now know that going on the Marist Pilgrimage was more than saying 'yes' to the invitation. It was saying 'yes' to rekindling our spiritual journey and 'yes' to the call from God and Mary to make our faith more public. On Pilgrimage, faith was the topic of conversation; it was being in places and amongst like-minded and like-hearted people where we felt free to be ourselves and express our faith in God.

So beautiful were the spiritual graces and gifts we all received, as was the opportunity to connect with our Marist spirituality. Most powerful, too, was to do this with others and not alone. Each pilgrim's presence, patience and kind way with each other meant that a sense of Marist community was felt from the start.

We engaged in beautiful masses; in incredible places with people who sang and prayed and responded with joy and pride in their faith. There were profound moments where the Holy Spirit was tangibly present. Those mystical moments, which are unexplainable in words and felt sometimes together and sometimes in private, helped us connect and experience the joy of being Marist Christians, together.



It will take a while for the desert dust to settle and the sound of the river Gier to fade. The impact of seeing and experiencing such holy and spiritual places lingers and that overwhelming feeling of walking in the footsteps of Jesus and Marcellin will remain in our hearts.

Still joyful, yet a little weary, we came home from our pilgrimage with so much more to unpack than our suitcases and we will endeavour to keep saying 'yes' to God. 'Yes' when asked to speak to colleagues about our pilgrimage experience and 'Yes' to God's next challenging plans for us.

**- Elizabeth Falconer, Pilgrimage Leader**



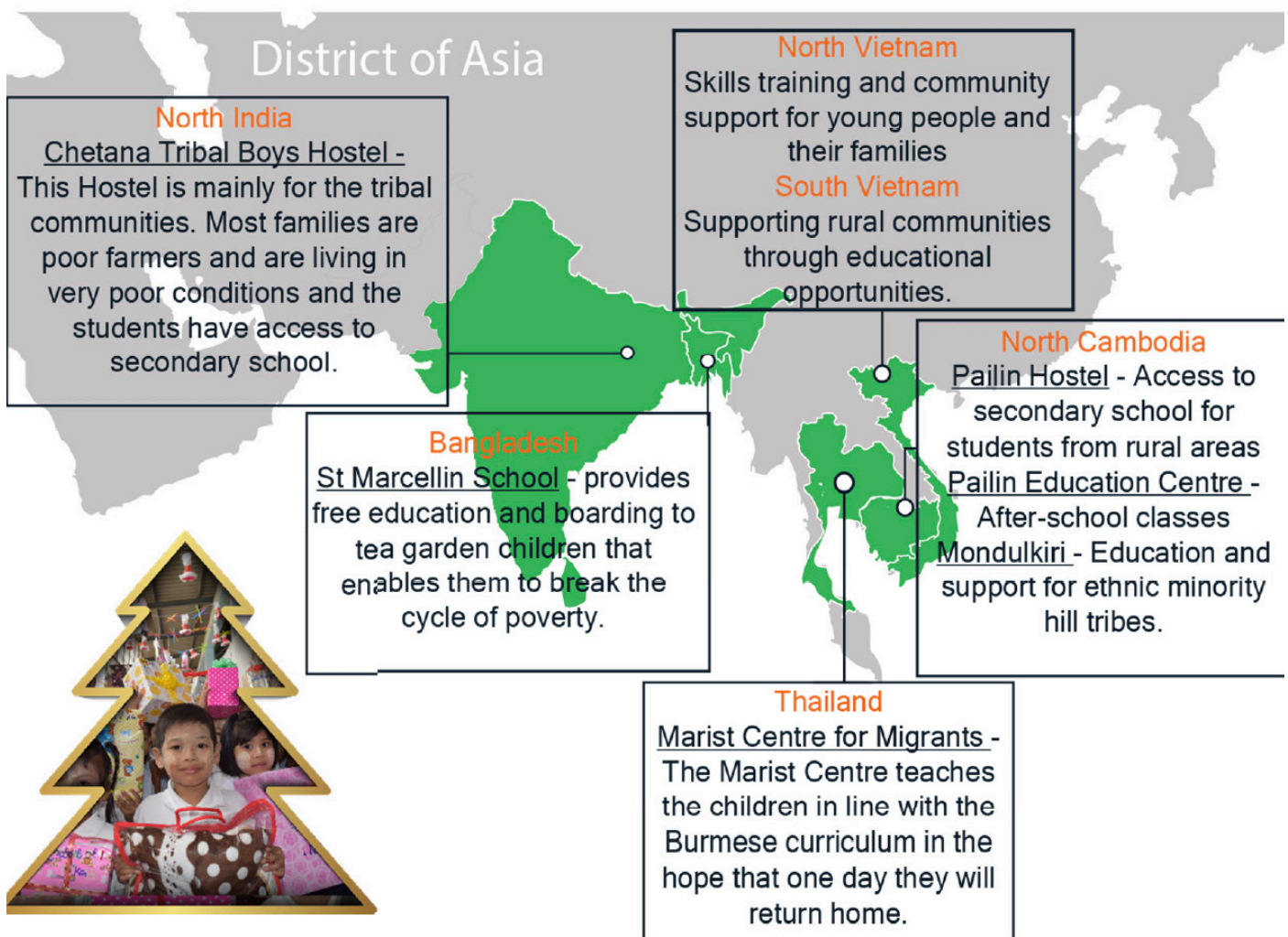


# AUSTRALIAN arist SOLIDARITY

## 2019 Christmas Appeal

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) has launched their 2019 Christmas Appeal with the focus being on the District of Asia where they have been changing the lives of young people for the past 10 years.

The Marist District of Asia was conceived in 2005 when the Superior General of the Marist Brothers launched an initiative for Marists to be present in the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in Asia.



**District of Asia**

**North India**  
Chetana Tribal Boys Hostel - This Hostel is mainly for the tribal communities. Most families are poor farmers and are living in very poor conditions and the students have access to secondary school.


**North Vietnam**  
Skills training and community support for young people and their families

**South Vietnam**  
Supporting rural communities through educational opportunities.

**Bangladesh**  
St Marcellin School - provides free education and boarding to tea garden children that enables them to break the cycle of poverty.

**North Cambodia**  
Pailin Hostel - Access to secondary school for students from rural areas  
Pailin Education Centre - After-school classes  
Mondulkiri - Education and support for ethnic minority hill tribes.

**Thailand**  
Marist Centre for Migrants - The Marist Centre teaches the children in line with the Burmese curriculum in the hope that one day they will return home.



With your support, Australian Marist Solidarity is changing the lives of young people in the District of Asia



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In 2009, fifteen Brothers began forming communities in Northern Cambodia, Bangladesh & Thailand, developing education projects with rural communities, ethnic minorities, Burmese migrants and other marginalised people in these countries.

Today there are over 60 Brothers in the District of Asia, working across six countries. AMS has worked hand-in-hand with these projects since they were established and helped them grow and amplify their impact within the local communities.

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To support the **AUSTRALIAN Marist SOLIDARITY** Christmas Appeal,  
please visit [www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au)

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## Term 4 Year 11 Super Connect – Sydney

On Friday, 1 November, 70 Year 11 Students registered for our last Super Connect for the year. The theme was looking for Christ in our every day lives. Using the scripture 'On the Road to Emmaus' students rotated around five workshops to focus on where and who Jesus maybe appearing in their daily lives. Thank you to St Patrick's students Rebecca, Claudia, Eve and Bell for facilitating workshops based on their recent immersion in India. Hopefully the presents we give this Christmas will be the gift of our 'presence!'



## Year 12 Taizé Prayer

On Friday, 6 September, Year 12 students from Marist Eastwood, Cerdon College Merrylands, St Patrick's Dundas and Marist North Shore came together in prayer for their last MYM gathering. The Taizé Prayer was a way to offer peace and calm during the time between receiving Trial results and finishing school. Thank you to the students at Marist North Shore and St Patrick's Dundas for providing the music for the evening.

## NSW Student Leader's Gathering

The MYM Team are preparing for the up-coming Student Leader's Gathering (SLG). All the Marist schools in NSW and the ACT will be sending their leaders! We are very excited to welcome student leaders from All Saints College, Maitland for the first time!

### Thank you to all our MSA School Staff

Thank you to all the teachers and school staff that have supported our MYM programs throughout the year. We have enjoyed connecting with your students and 'making Jesus Christ known and loved!'

**Jenifer Miller**

**Regional Coordinator**

**Marist Youth Ministry NSW/ACT**