



## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

### Love of work

On Saturday evening the “Marist Schools Australia Mass and Dinner” for the southern region was celebrated at Marcellin College, Bulleen. This was the last of three such occasions, held in each Marist region in Australia. For 2019, these opportunities brought 380 Marist educators and their loved ones together. Importantly 46 staff members from 40 different schools and associated ministries were recognised in appreciation for their service to Marist education. One could not help but be inspired by the citations read by the respective school Principal or ministry leader describing these worthy award recipients. By evenings end for each, one felt blessed and privileged to be associated with such a vibrant, joyous and committed community, whose expression of Christian life and vocation has such determination and purpose in education.

At this time of year, inevitably we say farewell to colleagues who may be retiring or moving to new positions in other schools or organisations. These changes stir us deeply, as witnessed at each of our celebrations these past few months. The feelings we experience at such times, reflect not just a natural grieving for a close daily friendship, but more so recognition and realisation of profound, kindred experiences which have fulfilled our core vocational desires and aspirations. Our Marist “Love of work” is a way of capturing in part the richness and importance of work in God’s plan for each of us. Pope John Paul II described work as a means by which people achieve fulfilment as “human beings”. Our Church’s teaching consistently promotes the nature of work as intrinsic to our human dignity. It is indeed heartening to see such dignity so consistently evident in our schools.

As the holidays fast approach, and this the last newsletter for 2019, I wish everyone the peace and joy that Jesus brings this Christmas. May it be a time of renewal in Faith and gratitude to God, in the company of family and friends. As Christians we know that giving to others brings immense joy and happiness, and I bring to your attention one last time the Australian Marist Solidarity Christmas Appeal, of which details appear again on page 7 of this edition.

Thank you for all you have done this year to support Marist education in its many contexts throughout the country, and for your fidelity to our shared vision – to make Jesus known and loved to the students with whom we live and work.


Yours sincerely,

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## COMING UP...

30 Nov - 14 Dec MYM Philippines Immersion  
5 - 7 Dec Savouring the Silence, The Hermitage  
8 Dec onwards Marist Cricket Carnival

16 - 20 Dec Guided Retreat, The Hermitage  
25 Dec Christmas Day



### THEME RESOURCES

Available [HERE](#) and on the MSA website are the Theme Resources for 2020 which complement the Association Theme. The Resources include a variety of different prayers and reflections suitable for both staff and students.

## MSA MASS AND DINNER - VIC, SA, WA - 30 NOVEMBER 2019

The annual Marist Schools Australia Mass and Dinner for Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia attracted a large gathering of staff, family and friends from 10 Marist schools across the Region together with many Marist Brothers, members of the MSA Regional Council, representatives from the Marist Association, Marist Youth Ministry team and the Marist Centre in Melbourne.

Presentations were awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Marist Education to 17 colleagues during the dinner and we extend our congratulations to the following recipients:

### AWARDEE

Peter Chalkley  
Bernard Shinnars  
Joseph Feery  
Peter Coghlan  
RoseMarie Black  
Mark Murphy  
Michael Noonan  
Lee McKenzie  
Jay Pozniak  
Tracey Dorian  
Pauline Murphy  
Tony Murphy  
Chris Burrows  
Johnny Ioannou  
David Alcock  
Joe McCarthy  
Br Greg McDonald

### SCHOOL/MINISTRY/DIOCESE

Notre Dame College Shepparton  
College Advisory Council Chair, Assumption College Kilmore  
Assumption College Kilmore  
Marist-Sion College Warragul  
Marist-Sion College Warragul  
Marcellin College Bulleen  
Marcellin College Bulleen  
Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon  
Sacred Heart College Adelaide  
Sacred Heart College Adelaide  
Newman College Perth  
Newman College Perth  
Cardijn College Adelaide  
Cardijn College Adelaide  
MSA Regional Council Finance Committee Member  
Director, Belonging & Development, Marist Association  
National Coordinator, Marist Youth Ministry

# MSA MASS AND DINNER - VIC, SA, WA 30 NOVEMBER 2019

## JOE McCARTHY, Director, Belonging & Development, Marist Association



Joe McCarthy has been a genuine gift to the Association and to the broader community of Marists. He has brought faith, energy, dedication and an engaging style to all he has done over the last 10 years of service.

Joe commenced working with the Melbourne Province when appointed by Brother Julian Casey as the Director of Lay Formation. With the creation of the new Province of Australia in 2012, Joe accepted the responsibility for developing a stronger identity and closer relationships among Marists across the country. The Australian Marist Community Pastoral Team was created Joe was appointed as Leader. Joe's easy and gifted manner with people, fidelity to the Gospel, and practical approaches to "bringing the mob together" quickly saw flourish a clearer sense of Marist family flourished across Australia. Joe was involved in exploring the shape and nature of a new entity within the Church, a shared space where all who identify as Marist could belong and be co-creators of Marist life and mission. Joe chaired the Canonical Taskforce 2013-2015 that resulted in the establishment of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat.

With the emergence of the Association, Joe was appointed the Director of Belonging and Development and continued to lead the Pastoral Team. He was appointed the Deputy Leader of the Association after being elected to the Association Council in 2015, and has held the role since. Joe has made an enormous contribution to our shared life. He oversaw the development of the Marist Prayer App, Chaired the 2018 National Assembly Committee, has contributed to International Commissions and gatherings, fostered a strong sense of the Marist spiritual family, and coordinated communications – including the Christ Life Newsletter. The current state of the Association is due in significant measure to Joe's dedication and vision: membership is nearing 1000 people, Local Groups are continuing to grow and the nature of member engagement continues to develop. We Marists have been blessed.





## **BROTHER GREG McDONALD, National Coordinator, Marist Youth Ministry**

Born in Maitland and completing his secondary education at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, Brother Greg McDonald joined the Marist Brothers in 1988. Following his Profession, Brother Greg began teaching at Parramatta Marist High School in 1993. Br Greg then served in various roles as a teacher, boarding master and campus minister at St Peter Claver, Riverview, St Augustine's College, Cairns and Marist College, Canberra. Following the successful completion of a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry in Chicago in 2012, Brother Greg was appointed Vocations Coordinator for the Province.



In 2015 Br Greg was appointed National Coordinator of Marist Youth Ministry (MYM), ministering to school and post-school youth and young adults aged 15-25 across Australia. MYM is dedicated to engaging with young people, whether they are students, young adults or graduates of Marist Schools. MYM seeks to form a new generation of Marist disciples in the hope of creating women and men with strong minds and gentle hearts who desire to live the Good News of the Gospel simply and joyfully in their everyday lives.

It has been through his leadership of prayer, community and service, that Br Greg has ensured so many young people realise their God-given gifts, empowering them to go out and build the Marian face of the Church and to become agents of change in the world. Br Greg's leadership of MYM has been characterised by a passion for the Good News and a deep commitment to young people. His leadership has seen the development of Strategic Directions for Marist Youth Ministry including numerous festivals, liturgies, community gatherings and formative programs such as Remar and in more recent times, the development of our new Marist Youth ministry program, Game Changers.

As Brother Greg concludes his leadership of Marist Youth Ministry and prepares for his appointment to Timor Leste, we recognise and thank Br Greg for his outstanding contribution to Marist education.

## **MR MARK MURPHY, Principal, Marcellin College Bulleen**



The staff at Marcellin College have been guided by a strong faith leader with an exceptional understanding of what it means to be Marist. Mark's strong, personal faith in the Holy Spirit has supported him to, in the way of Mary, bring Christ's love to birth for the boys, staff, families and extended community. His ability to ensure that others know they are loved has strengthened the family spirit of the Bulleen community and set an example of discipleship for all who serve.

Mark's attendance on multiple pilgrimages and immersions, including Bourke and Cambodia, have seen him walk alongside the young men as they experience the humility, modesty and simplicity of 'doing good quietly'. He demonstrates Champagnat's vision 'to make Jesus Christ known and loved'. He shares his personal faith freely and invites others to consider their relationship with Jesus and their God.

Mark embodies all the Marist characteristics. In particular, his strong presence amongst our students, staff and parents clearly indicates that his personal approach, accessibility and communication has been a key factor in why people love and gravitate to Marcellin. Very few principals lead College tours, but Mark understands that his role is about walking with and amongst all members of our community in building relationships from the very first time you meet. He is welcoming, easily earns trust and knows and cares for people personally.

Mark seeks opportunities to continually reflect upon his own leadership practice and has undertaken further study to challenge, inform and form his educational leadership development and philosophy. He believes professional learning in Catholic schools should be an ongoing process of personal and professional growth as well as faith formation, recognising that to improve professional practice is to bring about improvement in student learning outcomes.

Mark displayed great courage in taking on the daunting Hermitage building project. The Hermitage is the foundation of the College and his commitment to providing innovative learning spaces and particularly for the enhancement of facilities for the dignity of the students has been paramount. His financial stewardship has been outstanding and allowed for significant resources to be employed in expanding the curriculum in both staffing and facilities. The development of a long-term College Masterplan has provided an amazing blueprint for the future direction of the College, whilst respecting the integrity of its past. Finally, in eleven years as Principal, Mark has transformed Marcellin College to a community built on respectful relationships.

## A FOOTSTEPS JOURNEY ENDS FOR 2019

The beautiful Southern Highlands sun set on the final 2019 Footsteps program with the last group completing their time at the Hermitage on 30 October.

Footsteps #46 was comprised of participants from all over the country and that diversity added much to the dynamic fabric of the group — and in many ways — a perfect finish to a highly successful year.

The reach of the program for 2019 is, as is the case every year, extensive. A total of nearly 300 staff from our various Marist schools and ministries were involved; seeing relationships formed and enriching conversations take place.

We look forward with great anticipation to the 2020 Footsteps program.

**FOOTSTEPS 1** 27-30 OCTOBER 2019







## Official opening

### LAVALLA VILLAGE HOSTEL | CAMBODIA

On November 21, 2019 the Lavalla community gathered to officially open the new Village accommodation for secondary school students.

The Secretary General of the Disability Action Council of the Ministry of social affairs, his Excellency Mr Em Chan Makara was joined by Mr Mikami Masahiro the Japanese Ambassador and Brother Peter Carroll, the Provincial Leader of the Marist Brothers in Australia.

The children and young people of Lavalla School joined the students of the new Village along with the friends, supporters, AMS representative Br Al Sherry and donors of Marist Solidarity Cambodia in the opening ceremony.

The principal Ms Um Sreynan was the Master of Ceremonies. The program was the responsibility of The Executive Director of Marist Solidarity Cambodia, Brother Tony Burrows.

Now the challenge is to keep the Marist Village operational and fully functioning, so please consider joining AMS to continue supporting this vital work to empower young people with a disability in Cambodia.



To continue to support the Village please visit [www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au) and add project code CA0023.

## 2019 Christmas Appeal

This Christmas Australian Marist Solidarity is asking you to give hope to young people in the District of Asia.

For over 10 years Australian Marist Solidarity, with your support has been changing the lives of individuals and communities in the District.

In this edition of MSA News we are focusing on how together we have been changing lives in Vietnam.



### Training for the visually impaired

People who have been blind since birth face innumerable difficulties, most especially in countries such as Vietnam which have very limited resources for the visually impaired.

Students have completed an IT course leading to employment.

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Have completed a massage training course and now run their own business.

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In Hanoi the Training and Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind (TRCB) offers courses in Therapeutic Massage, Computer Proficiency, English, Business Management and Communication Skills to blind students from the many provinces of Vietnam, thus greatly improving their employment opportunities and capacity to live productive and independent lives.

### English skills & leadership training for youth in Quoc Oai

The project seeks to address the needs of local Vietnamese youth in English Education, Vocational Skills Training and access to Employment Opportunities.

Young people are engaged in weekly classes in English language, computers and other subjects.

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It seeks to provide them with increased educational opportunities and to widen the horizon of life's possibilities.





## REMAR 2019

We are grateful to all Principals who have been engaged with Remar this year. We have had over fifteen Camps and Retreats and a large number of school visits across Australia. The RMT 2019 met students who have experienced the Marist family in a way they would have missed out on if it was not because of your support and the hard work of your teachers and support staff.

As we conclude Remar at the end of the year, we are delighted to continue our MYM journey in 2020 with Game Changers.

As the year draws to an end, our RMT 2019 members are concluding their year of mission. I have asked them to share some of their reflections on their journey:

*"This has been a gigantic year. Working with so many wonderful young people and in such a devout team, I've been able to bond and form new relationships in unique ways with everyone I've met. I am so grateful for the person I've grown into, for the patience I've developed over the past 10 months. I have learnt about God's plan and how to have faith in that, God puts challenge in our path to make us better people. I really saw God's love in the people I met, the Brothers, Teachers, Young Marist Volunteers, and especially the students. The challenges and joys of this year have helped me grow in the team environment and truly live as a Marist".*

Olivia Carver

(2017, Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park Graduate)

*"I have had the chance this year to experience something truly special. Family Spirit. I have known this Marist Characteristic a lot in my time at Marcellin College, but this year truly opened up a new sense of the Characteristic for me. I have been welcomed by so many people across the country, I have met Brothers, Regional Coordinators, Assistants and Marists; each of them has their own stories and wisdom. I'm truly grateful for the lessons I've learnt from each person I met and grateful for the hospitality that they've shown us. This year has truly been one of growth and one of change. I'm excited to see what the future holds for Game Changers and Marist Youth Ministry. Thank you for everything".*

Ronan Long

(2018, Marcellin College Bulleen Graduate)

### Other Remar Ministry Team movements:

At the end of the year we don't only say farewell to the RMT 2019, but also to Sara Petruzzella and Patricia Rodriguez who have been a huge support to the smooth running of the MYM office in Brunswick. Over the last five years Patricia has developed an efficient registration process for all our Remar camps and retreats, her ability to be flexible in all her admin tasks will be greatly missed. Sara, as a Regional Assistant has been a huge support to the RMT as they travelled across Australia as they facilitated the camps and retreats. Her passion for the Marist world and her work ethic have made a huge impact on the team this year. We wish them both all the best for their journey.

## GAME CHANGERS

Though the major focus of the MYM leadership team was to create the Game Changers program, we have been able to run a small number of Game Changers Camps in 2019. We have been able to run two Game Changers Camps (Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park, Assumption College Kilmore, St Joseph's College, Hunters Hills and Marist College Canberra) and one Game Changers Regional Retreat Day (Parramatta Marist High School, St Joseph's College and Marist College Canberra).

### 2020

After launching Game Changers at the MSA Biennial Conference earlier this year, we are looking forward to commencing Game Changers in 2020 with the National MYM Formators' Conference in February in Mittagong. Following that conference 15 schools are commencing Game Changers with over 45 Game Changers youth groups across Australia. Besides local meetings, these youth groups will gather regionally and some even nationally during their journey. While the Year 10 La Valla Leadership Camp will happen in three different states, the main national MYM event (the Marist Youth Gathering) will take place in June in Victoria. The final two Gold Retreats (Remar Year 12) will take place in Victoria and NSW during Term 3.

### MSALT

All of these wonderful events at the Marist communities across Australia, with so many passionate people would not have been possible, without the support of the MSALT members. On behalf of all of us at MYM, I would like to say thank you for your time, wisdom and direction as we are journeying into a new era in Marist Youth Ministry.

Thanks to all who have been involved in Marist Youth Ministry this year, we appreciated your presence as we ran our events, camps and retreats in 2019. We would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Edwin Bakker**  
National Remar Coordinator  
Marist Youth Ministry



## Care for the Soul Retreat: November 2019

Recently we held our final 'Care for the Soul' retreat for 2019. We had quite a diverse group of people participate in this retreat. We had staff from our Marist ministries and guests from outside the Marist network. These retreats are growing in popularity and seem to be meeting an expressed need as affirmed by the comments below. The feedback offered by participants highlights the value of stepping back from the busy nature of daily life to take some quality reflection space in the beautiful environment offered by the Hermitage. There are always plenty of reasons not to give some quality time to prayer and reflection but as the comments below convey the value of doing so speaks for itself. I never cease to be amazed at how profound the retreat experience can be for those who give time to let the Spirit touch their inner world. Thanks to the team of Br Bill Tarrant, Dominique Galea, Suz Marden and Fr Gary Perritt who guided the participants through this time. Here is some feedback offered by participants:

*"A nurturing, life-changing experience. I am deeply grateful to my God and the team."*

*"The retreat was very uplifting to the soul & the heart, wonderfully put together in a simple and profound way."*

*"Thank you for being both disciples and apostles and for doing God's will and offering such a life enriching opportunity."*

*"A well-structured, nicely paced time that allowed God to touch my life in unexpected ways."*

*"I feel God is calling me to go deeper in being his hands and feet in the world, showing his unconditional love."*

Our two Retreat Villas are available for those wishing to participate in a private retreat. These comfortable facilities can be self-catered or catered. Accompaniment is available on request for all who come to the Hermitage.

Our 2020 retreat dates and booking information can be found on our web site [www.thehermitage.org.au](http://www.thehermitage.org.au). Why not consider taking some time to join us for one of our retreats?

Br Bill Sullivan  
Director





### A Message from John Hickey...

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Brothers,

Greetings from Marist Tertiary. As we race towards the end of the year plans are well under way for Marist Tertiary programs for 2020. As flagged in the September newsletter, it will be an exciting year with some significant changes to the format and structure of our two Leadership courses, along with plans for further developing and formalising our relationships with other Tertiary providers.

Both *Marist Educational Leadership* and *Leadership from a Marian Perspective* will have face to face and online components. Instead of the 4-day face to face model across 2 weekends or 4 days of the school holidays, for 2020 both courses will consist of 2 days face to face, with the remaining delivery occurring online. Increased flexibility is also being built in to allow participants the opportunity of choosing one of the following 3 options:

1. Complete both parts of the course and complete the assignment work to gain Tertiary accreditation;
2. Complete both parts for audit only with no assignment work;
3. Complete the 2-day face to face component only.

The dates for the courses are located in this newsletter – please note that *Marist Educational Leadership* will take place during term time while *Leadership from a Marian Perspective* will run across one weekend.

I would like to remind you that the *Footsteps programs* delivered by the Marist Mission and Life Formation team and the *Marist Pilgrimage* will continue to offer participants the opportunity for Tertiary accreditation in 2020.

Exciting news, in recent weeks Marist Tertiary has been involved in talks with BBI – the Australian Institute for Theological Education – to look at further options for collaboration in 2020 and beyond. It is early days, but we look forward to not only having formal recognition and accreditation of our current courses, but the possibility of developing further options of Tertiary study for staff in our Marist network into the future.

So, there is much to look forward to in 2020.

I would like to wish all in our Marist world a Happy and Holy Christmas and my very best wishes for a relaxing summer break.

Blessings to all,  
**John Hickey**  
Executive Officer  
Marist Tertiary Education



### 2020 Programs

#### Marist Educational Leadership

This course will be offered via two pathways:  
26 & 27 March, Marist Centre Mascot & Online mode to be completed by 17 July 2020.

#### Leadership from a Marian Perspective

This course will be offered via two pathways:  
8 & 9 August, Marist Centre Melbourne & Online mode to be completed by 17 July 2020.

**If you would like to express interest in a 2020 program, please email John Hickey at [john.hickey@marists.org.au](mailto:john.hickey@marists.org.au) or [www.mte.org.au](http://www.mte.org.au)**

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## Tertiary, Diocesan, Marist Schools Australia & Professional Accreditation

A number of Marist Programs have university accreditation and are also recognised by dioceses and state-based professional and educational bodies for meeting annual professional learning requirements.

The following programs are accredited by Australian Catholic University at the Masters level (AQF level 9):

1. *Footsteps 1 - Making Jesus Christ Known and loved*
2. *Footsteps 2 - Making Jesus Christ Known and loved*
3. *Marist Pilgrimage & Study Tour*
4. *Marist Educational Leadership Program*
5. *Leadership from a Marian Perspective*



## Marist Methodology

This program is again being taught in Adelaide in 2020. The University of South Australia accredits the Marist Methodology Unit as part of the Graduate Certificate in Catholic Education. Classes are held at Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park from 4 PM to 6 PM on specified dates, the first being Thursday 12 March, 2020. Further information is available from the [Marist Tertiary website](#).

## University Accreditation

Marist Tertiary belongs to the Marist Brothers' Province of Australia. As a Marist organisation we have formal academic agreements with Australian Catholic University, the University of South Australia and the Australian Institute of Theological Education. This means we can teach our own courses and gain academic credits for these courses from these Universities and Institutes. We also have informal academic agreements with the University of Divinity and the University of Notre Dame. We offer academic supervision of students undertaking a selection of these courses at the postgraduate level.

If you would like further information please contact Br John McMahon at [john.mcmahon@marists.org.au](mailto:john.mcmahon@marists.org.au) or [Marist Tertiary website](#).



## Marist Tertiary Library

An increasing range of books is now available for borrowing from our library at the Marist Centre, 1 Dawson St, Brunswick. Our librarian, Grace Johnstone, can be contacted at [grace.johnstone@marists.org.au](mailto:grace.johnstone@marists.org.au)

Membership is free. To register please contact [grace.johnstone@marists.org.au](mailto:grace.johnstone@marists.org.au)

