



From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Marist Association National Schools Council

In 2019, the Council for the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat made the decision to establish a National Schools Council. The purpose of the National Schools Council is to provide advice to the Association Council about matters relating to Marist Schools Australia in fulfilling its mission, vision and overall objectives in service and leadership with the 54 Marist schools across Australia. In effect, the National Schools Council is a standing committee of the Association Council and will fulfil its role in support of good governance for the largest Marist ministry in Australia, our schools. The National Council will receive regular reports, data and analysis from the Marist Schools Australia Leadership Team, which is ably supported by the existing three Regional Councils, who provide invaluable advice and guidance to the MSA Regional Directors.

The National Schools Council held its inaugural meeting on the evening of Monday 17 February 2020 at the Marist Centre in Mascot, Sydney. The members of the Council bring a wealth of experience in Catholic education across the nation, and we are fortunate to have them share their wisdom and insight to the governance of our work.



Front Row L-R:

Mr Peter Grace, Executive Director for the Council of Catholic School Parents (NSW/ACT), **Professor Tania Aspland**, President of the Australian Council of Deans of Education, **Professor Brother David Hall fms**, Dean of the La Salle Academy Australian Catholic University (Chair of Council), **Mr Richard Sidorko**, Former Marist Principal, and Member of the Marist Mission Council, **Ms Elizabeth Denny**, Secondary School Consultant Inner Western Region, Sydney.

Back Row L-R:

Ms Audrey Brown, Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Ballarat, **Dr Frank Malloy**, National Director, Marist Schools Australia (Executive Officer), **Brother Dan Hollamby fms (AM)**, Principal Consultant Catholic Education Northern Territory, **Dr Michael Bezzina**, Educational Consultant, Director Emeritus Teaching and Learning Sydney Catholic Schools, **Mr Peter Turner**, Executive Director Emeritus, Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong.

In welcoming these fine people to their roles in this important new entity for Marist Schools and the Association, I thank them for generously giving their time and expertise in support of quality Catholic education in the Marist way. More biographical information in regard to the Members of the National Council will appear on the MSA website in the coming weeks.

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May the following words, read by each Council Member in prayer during their Commissioning, be our prayer also in our various leadership roles in service of our students and their families.

*God of all creation,
strengthen us for service, that the words we have spoken will find
expression in our actions to bring forth Your reign on earth.
Inspire us to be leaders of wisdom, compassion and justice.
Lead us to lives of faith, holiness and righteousness.
Sustain us in our ways and encourage us in all our undertakings.
We ask that St Marcellin be our guide and Mary, our Good Mother our
constant companion as we seek to make your Son, Jesus Christ,
known and loved.*

Yours sincerely,



Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

NOTICES AND NEWS

COMING UP...

23-26 Feb	Footsteps1: Mittagong	6 Mar	MYM Super Connect: Eastwood
26 Feb	Ash Wednesday	15-18 Mar	Footsteps1: Mittagong
28-1 Feb/Mar	Care for the Soul Retreat: Mittagong	19-20 Mar	Meeting of Principals of MSA Governed schools
5 Mar	In the Marist Way: Northam		

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HEAD OF MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

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MARIST PROVINCE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

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LAVALLA MAGAZINE

Brother Michael Flanagan, the Province Archivist, has kindly agreed to be the new Editor for Lavalla.

A wordsmith of note, Michael's experience and love of schools will ensure Lavalla continues to capture the rich tapestry of Marist life in our schools in their many different settings across the country. Thank you Michael!

The **deadline** for articles for the first edition of Lavalla in 2020 will be **Tuesday 31 March**. Please forward articles directly to Brother Michael on email michael.flanagan@marists.org.au.



CURRICULUM REFORM AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

Exciting times for students and teachers at Assumption College has captured the attention of educators across Australia. The following story featured recently in the educational journal *Teacher Magazine*. The article is commended to you as it details new approaches to teaching and learning at the College. Congratulations to Principal Kate Fogarty, the Leadership Team and the staff. An immense amount of work has been done to bring this vision to reality for the 2020 school year. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

The Language of 'We'

All over our country in recent weeks we have felt the devastating effects of fire and floods and in times like these we Aussies come together in our mixed emotions of grief and gratitude to rebound and rebuild.

All over our country, too, our schools are celebrating the new school year with Commencement Masses and Liturgies. How apt. Eucharist is the sacrament of new creation and literally incorporates us into a new way of being and this is what our Association theme, *One Wild and Precious Life*, invites us to do. We are encouraged, all of us, to look at our humanity through the lens of the Eucharistic language of 'we'.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge and William Wong during the Marist College Ashgrove Opening Mass



Sacred Heart College Adelaide staff at the *Journeying to Wholeness Spirituality Program*: Michael Boers, Shannon Jones, Alison Iwanowitsch, Jay Pozniak, Kirstie Salter, Tara Salter, and Emily Williams

“Let our New Year’s resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.”

— Göran Persson



CREATING ONE NEW HUMANITY

2020 School Campaign

The Australian Marist Solidarity 2020 School Campaign Kit can now be downloaded at:

www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au

- View our 2020 Kiribati Campaign Video
- Download learning and prayer resources
- Read about various fundraising ideas
- Learn about how your school can help support St Louis High School, Kiribati

Following in the footsteps of St Marcellin Champagnat, students will:



Understand



Develop



Recognise



Be Inspired



Be Motivated



Act



National MYM Formator's Conference

From 9 - 11 February, 53 MSA and MYM staff from across Australia gathered at the Hermitage for our annual National MYM Formators' Conference. During the conference school staff were equipped to engage their school community in our Game Changers program.

After the commencing Mass, Anna Nasr (MLF) lead an inspiring session on the MSA annual theme. On Monday Mark Lysaght (Associate Director Campus Ministry at ACU), brought an encouraging keynote about Catholic youth ministry in Australia. A number of workshops around practical topics were well received by all and equipped the participants to be Mentors of the Game Changers program. In true Marist style, there were different opportunities to reflect and to connect with other Mentors from other schools.

On behalf of the MYM team, I would like to express our gratitude to all the staff that made the effort to attend the conference, their level of engagement to the conference and to Game Changers is inspiring and encouraging. Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the principals and other leaders for your support to Marist Youth Ministry in Australia.



Collaboration between Marist 180, Marist Youth Ministry and Marist Schools NSW

On Thursday, 13 February, ex- students from St Patrick's College, Dundas and Parramatta Marist joined the Marist Youth Ministry team at Marist 180, a not-for-profit Marist organisation helping the most vulnerable youth in our country.

The Marist 180 Community Wardrobe in Blacktown is a collaborative project between Marist 180, Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) Sydney and Marist schools throughout Sydney! The wardrobe was set up to provide professional clothes for young people in need, to confidently attend job interviews. Many schools in Sydney contributed clothes, via Marist Youth Ministry initiatives, to the Community wardrobe in 2018. St Patrick's Dundas and Parramatta Marist students donated many items and it was wonderful to have ex-students see where their donations went and to further help in the project by sorting out recently donated clothes into gender, sizes and fashion groupings. In addition, they had a chance to assemble garments to model a complete set of interview wear for prospective clients.

Thank you for Dee Martin from Marist 180 and the Coordinator for the Community Wardrobe, for inviting us into this wonderful space to be able to connect with youth in need!



Jenifer Miller
Regional Coordinator
Marist Youth Ministry NSW/ACT

MARIST EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

26-27 March 2020

Marist Centre Sydney

Cost: \$300

This 2-day* course is targeted for Marist School Leaders current and emerging, or those who simply wish to learn more about educational leadership from a Marist perspective.

Participants will have the opportunity to study how their leadership might be shaped through the Marist charism, in particular, the charism's contribution to educational leadership through decision making processes, and the development of educational and social movements.

COURSE PRESENTERS



Dr Frank Malloy
National Director —
Marist Schools Australia



Br Michael Green fms —
Rector, Aquinas College
Adelaide



Dr Jennifer Elvery —
Sessional Lecturer,
Australian Catholic
University

** This course may also be used for university accreditation by undertaking additional online modules.*

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Good Friday@the Hermitage

Please join other members of the Marist family on

10 April 2020

to mark this important day in our Christian calendar.

You can join us for all or some of the events below:

The Hermitage

843 Old South Road, Mittagong

10.00am

Stations of the Cross
followed by morning tea

12.30pm

Lunch

3.00pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
followed by afternoon tea

Cost

Donation

RSVP

to bianca.buda@marists.org.au
by **23 March 2020** using the
RSVP Form attached.

Family & friends welcome!

INVITATION