



From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues

In the wake of the Champagnat day celebrations held in our Marist Schools across the country, the contribution of Marists to Catholic education in Australia has been worthy of reflection. Importantly and happily, the growth of Marist education is also a feature of Marist life and ministry in Australia. "Growth" was the oft used word on Friday 7 June, when Marists from around the country gathered to celebrate the official blessing and opening of the exciting new development at Sacred Heart College in Adelaide.

The "Champagnat Campus" was blessed by the Most Reverend Daniel Eugene Hurley, Bishop Emeritus of Darwin. Bishop Eugene, a Sacred Heart old scholar, welcomed the creation of the newly refurbished, attractive and engaging contemporary learning spaces. Significantly Bishop Eugene emphasised most strongly during the Liturgy, the importance of belonging to the Marist family and the contribution of the Marists to Catholic education in Australia. Recalling his own association with the Marists since his early days as a young boarder at the College during the 1950s, Bishop Eugene noted the importance for people, young and old, to experience a strong sense of belonging. In the context of our Marist faith community, Bishop Eugene urged all of us involved in Marist education to ensure young people in our schools understood with conviction their importance in the eyes of God through the experience of belonging to a welcoming, nurturing, faith filled community.

Present at the opening was a fellow student of Bishop Eugene from those decades past, Professor Dennis Ralph. Denis' support for this most significant development, as Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, has been enormously influential, constructive and appreciated. Present also at the opening and honoured, were representatives from the Good Samaritan Sisters who for 63 years led and supported the provision of Catholic education to young women in south west Adelaide, including Marymount College, which amalgamated with Sacred Heart College in 2018. The amalgamation created the opportunity for coeducation from Years 7-12 at Sacred Heart College. This \$14 million project, which will increase the capacity of the College to provide quality Catholic education for young people in Adelaide, has been funded entirely by current and future parents, and supporters of Sacred Heart College.

Testament to the Catholic community's confidence in the leadership of Mr Steve Byrne and the quality education offered by the talented and committed staff, is the growth in enrolments and the demand for places evident in applications received for future years. Reflecting on what has been achieved over the past 5 years of significant change at the College, Steve Byrne identified with gratitude key people most instrumental in achieving this outcome, including: Mr Paul Teisseire (College Council Chair); Ms Shana Bennett (Assistant to the Principal Champagnat Project); Ms Kate Kilpatrick (Head of Champagnat Campus); Mr Trevor Freeman (College Finance Manager); Mr Peter McCabe (College Operations Manager); Ms Helen O'Brien (former Director of CESA); Professor Denis Ralph (Chair SACCS); Mr Mark Corrigan (CESA Principal Consultant); Brother Michael Green fms (former National Director of Marist Schools Australia); Mr Paul Herrick (former Regional Director Marist Schools Australia); and Mr Bernard Kenna (Director of Business Marist Province of Australia).

Sacred Heart College is a significant school in the history and life of Marists and the Church in this country. In the Principal's address following the blessing, Steve Byrne noted:

"As a place of acceptance, belonging and holistic development we are committed to empowering our young people to be the best they can be within a community connected by courage, a love of learning and service to others."

As a Marist family across the nation, let us pray through and with Mary for the continued success and growth of this wonderful Marist College for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

10-12 July	Mid Winter Retreat - Mittagong	14-17 Aug	Contemplative Retreat - Mittagong
28-30 July	MSA Biennial Conference	23 Aug	Marist Connect - Brisbane
31 July	Meeting of Governed Schools Principals	23-25 Aug	Remar Gold Retreat - NSW
2-4 Aug	Remar Gold Retreat - VIC/SA/NT/WA/QLD	25-28 Aug	Footsteps1 - Mittagong
4-7 Aug	Footsteps2 - Mittagong	28 Aug	Marist Oratory Competition

PHOTOS FROM BLESSING AND OPENING OF CHAMPAGNAT CAMPUS, SACRED HEART COLLEGE ADELAIDE



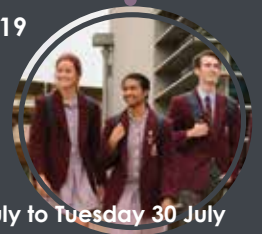
LAVALLA & CHAMPAGNAT JOURNAL

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia, and/or consider submitting an article for the Champagnat Journal.

The cut-off date for contributions to the second edition of Lavalla and Champagnat Journal for 2019 is **Friday, 26 July**. All submissions should be sent to Br Tony Paterson (tony.paterson@marists.org.au).

Marist Schools Australia Biennial Conference 2019

HOLY TODAY...



Catholic Leadership Centre Melbourne - Sunday 28 July to Tuesday 30 July

The MSA Biennial Conference has been tailored for principals, leadership team members, middle level and emerging leaders and we hope that you will take advantage to participate in this Marist gathering and the exceptional professional development opportunity which offers interesting keynote speakers and 18 workshops dedicated to **'Evangelising through quality education'**.

Registrations Now Open

For more information visit www.msa.edu.au/msa-biennial-conference

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A LIGHT THAT CONTINUES TO SHINE!

Celebrations were held in Marist ministries right around the country recently to acknowledge the *Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat* on **6 June**.

In Parkes, in the central west of New South Wales, staff, students and families from **Holy Family Primary School**, joined with members of the local community and representatives from the Catholic Education Office, to give thanks for the Marist presence that has animated the educational vision of the school over many years.

St Marcellin's original commitment to educating children in rural and regional areas was willingly taken up by the Brothers here in Australia and Holy Family Primary School is a wonderful example of that commitment.



Fr Don Gunn, Vicar General for Education in the Wicannia Forbes diocese and parish priest of nearby Condobolin, officiating at the Mass in Parkes on the Feast day of St Marcellin. Fr Gunn is an Old Boy of Red Bend College Forbes.



Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, Bishop for Wicannia Forbes and Old Boy of Red Bend College, College Captains Evie Martin and Benjamin Glasheen, and Red Bend Principal Br Michael Flannagan at the Champagnat Day celebrations.

Just down the road at Forbes, the community at **Red Bend Catholic College** were also celebrating *St Marcellin's Feast Day*.

During the Mass, College Captains Evie Martin and Benjamin Glasheen summed up thoughtfully the *Holy Today* theme for this year and what it meant for the college on this significant day. The following quotes are taken from their respective addresses:

"God's presence is simple; it doesn't necessarily have to be a life altering moment where a big shining light comes through the clouds. Rather, God's presence is found in the actions that we choose to make every day."

- College Captain Evie Martin

"Holy Today is an invitation to tune-in to the presence of God in everyday life.... at Red Bend College, we are holy in our daily activities."

- College Captain Benjamin Glasheen

AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) works through Formal Education Pathways, Learning Centres, Skills Training and Community Development. Earlier this year we introduced an example of Formal Education Pathways. This edition, we take a look at Learning Centres and the Children and Youth Centre Ponta Leste in Timor-Leste.



LEARNING CENTRES

In communities where there is a lack of access to formal education, AMS supports learning centres offering tutoring and classes for further education, employment and self-sufficiency.

Children and Youth Centre (CYC) Ponta Leste, Timor-Leste

CYC Ponta Leste is based in Baucau, East Timor and protects children's rights and provides a safe and friendly environment where children can access education services and extra-curriculum classes. The team provides English, literacy, computer skills training and a sports program to supplement the struggling school system in Old Town Baucau, Timor-Leste.

Timor-Leste Snapshot:

- 14% of children aged 6 to 11 are not enrolled in school due to problems with access, especially in rural areas.
- Only 39% of girls and 34% of boys are enrolled in secondary education.
- 73% of the population lives on less than two dollars a day.

We support learning centres like CYC Ponta Leste as they provide a safe place for children to learn.

Your support will help increase CYC Ponta Leste enrolments and reach in 2019.

For more information on this project visit the information page on our website:

<http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/country/timor-leste/>

Alternatively, check out the schools campaign materials to start fundraising today:

<http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/partnerships/schools/>



REMAR

The RMT has been traveling all over the country these last two months. After visiting Sydney and Brisbane, they are currently on a trip to Alice Springs and Perth. They are almost halfway through their year of mission and they are looking forward to a well-earned break. Though planning, preparing and running the retreats, combined with all the travel can be tiresome, they continue to inspire young Marist students with an energy and passion only young people can give.

As part of our post camp review, we read and process surveys submitted by students who attend the camps. Reading their responses, makes us realise, what impact we make on these young Marist students:

“The discussion groups allowed us to connect on a personal level and to listen to one another’s perspective on a variety of questions and issues. I found that very helpful for my own journey”.

Year 11 student from Victoria

“The reflective prayer session allowed time for me to express my thoughts and feelings towards myself and others”.

Year 11 student from Victoria



Blue Retreat at Forest Edge, with staff and students from Assumption College (Kilmore), Notre Dame College (Shepparton), Marymede Catholic College (South Morang), Marist College (Bendigo), Marcellin College (Bulleen)

After the mid-year break, the RMT will continue to facilitate camps and retreats around the country, with a two Year 10 Red Camps focusing on “Leadership” and two Year 12 Gold retreats, focusing on “Vocations” and other post school opportunities.

GAME CHANGERS

As part of the Pilot program for Game Changers this year, we ran our first regional event on Tuesday 11th June. Thirty-eight boys from Parramatta Marist, St Joseph’s Hunters Hill and Marist College Canberra came together at The Hermitage in Mittagong for their Game Changers Year 10 Regional Retreat Day. The MYM team facilitated the day, which included two hands-on workshops on “Social Justice” and “Marist Leadership”. This gave the students an opportunity to reflect and commit to social justice issues in their own local community and the sessions would have helped them process what Marist Leadership means to them as a young person.

“The workshops were informative, engaging and heartfelt, which led to good small group discussion and were beneficial for the boys, especially pre-senior years. The boys loved it”.

Year 10 Game Changers Mentor from NSW

Later this year, most of these boys will gather again for the Game Changers Year 10 Leadership Camp.



Game Changer discussion group, facilitated by John Watkins (St Joseph’s College) and Habibi Rizk (Parramatta Marist)



Students and staff from Parramatta Marist, St Joseph’s Hunters Hill and Marist College Canberra, together with the MYM team (Jeni Miller, Jerick Perez, Lachlan Scott and Edwin Bakker).

Please join us in celebrating

Fourvière Day

Sunday, 21 July 2019

Mass at 2.00pm

Holy Name of Mary Church,
1A Mary Street, Hunters Hill
followed by afternoon tea
in the Villa Maria Chapter Hall

