

## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Late last term it was announced **Mr Wayne Marshall**, currently the Principal at John Therry Catholic College, Rosemeadow has been appointed as the new Principal of St John the Evangelist Catholic High School, Nowra, commencing in 2023. We extend our sincere congratulations to Wayne on this appointment. Wayne commenced his teaching career in the Archdiocese of Sydney at the renowned Benedict Senior College Auburn, which was established by the Marist Brothers in 1942. He soon assumed senior leadership roles, including Assistant Principalship in three Sydney schools from 1997. For a number of years Wayne also provided vital leadership at a system level in Sydney, in the development and efficacy of Pastoral Coordinators across 10 secondary schools in the Inner Western Region of the Archdiocese. In 2012, Wayne was appointed Principal at Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville, and in 2018 assumed the Principalship of John Therry Catholic College, Rosemeadow. Wayne's leadership of these Marist schools over the last decade has been outstanding. Born of his own rich personal faith, Wayne's leadership is characterised by a deep connection to each community, practical common sense and commitment to improved learning outcomes for all students. Not only has Wayne contributed to Marist life through his distinguished leadership of two Marist schools, but through his close relationships with Marists across the country and overseas, his insightful encouragement of the growth of the Marist Association, and his generous support of Marist ministries. Wayne's genuine commitment to the enlivening of Marist life and spirituality is evident to all, most especially through his own example and commitment to the good of others. We wish Wayne every success in his new role, happiness in the next stage of his life and the assurance of the prayers, connection and support of our Marist family into the future.



With the final term commencing for 2022, Year 12 students across the country are in their final weeks of school life and facing the challenges of their final examinations. This cohort was in Year 10 when the Covid 19 pandemic emerged in early March 2020. They have endured significant disruption in these final three years and one can only admire their collective resilience in persevering with such constancy throughout this time. Teachers and Principals are consistent in their admiration for the class of 2022. They speak of their support for one another, their maturity, their understated strength of character, and their faith. Let us all keep these young people in our prayers as they make the transition from school over these coming months, asking God to help them reflect with gratitude and satisfaction for all they have achieved as school students over the past 13 years.

In the next 6 weeks, all three Regions will host their annual Marist Schools Australia Mass and Dinner. These will occur at Saint Joseph's College Hunters Hill in Sydney, Marist College Ashgrove in Brisbane, and Marcellin College Bulleen in Melbourne. Like so many other gatherings, this important one has been unable to occur in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. The major features of each evening are the celebration of the Eucharist and the *Appreciation Awards*, which honour those who have made remarkable contributions to Marist education and have been nominated by their school and MSA. We look forward to sharing in these important celebrations.

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During this month of October which is dedicated among the faithful to praying the Rosary, many of our Marist schools are providing opportunities for staff and students to share in this ancient prayer with the particular intention for Peace in the world and especially in Ukraine. The following prayer is commended to you.

### ***For Peace***

*God, you sent your son to reconcile all people to you.  
Grant the gifts of peace and unity to the peoples and nations of the world.  
Take from our midst the scourge of war, and from our hearts  
the pride, dissension, envy, and uncharity which are causes of war.  
Forgive us when we prevent Christ's peace, and give us that peace to share with the world.*

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## **Marist Schools Australia Board Report**

On Wednesday 12th October the Marist Schools Australia Board met for their penultimate gathering for 2022. The Directors have been constant in their dedication and diligence during this first year of the new Company. Among the items discussed was the recent Australian Bishops Guidelines for Catholic Schools on identity and gender titled “*Created and Loved*”. The Chair of the Board Professor Brother David Hall FMS, who was involved in draft iterations of the document commented,



*“These guidelines are a most welcome resource for Catholic schools throughout Australia. May they continue to help shape our schools as places renowned for respect, social acceptance, and inclusion.”*

Also presented and approved were the budgets for MSA’s operations which include Formation and Youth Ministry. The 2023 Formation and Youth Ministry Programmes were also highlighted and endorsed as was the strong support from our Diocesan partners in this vital work with the staff and students in our schools.

A series of policy amendments were also approved considering recent changes by the regulators in Victoria. The work done in this regard by MSA’s *Head of Governance, Legal and Risk*, Ms Elizabeth Gallagher was affirmed with appreciation. Board Director Ms Libby Denny, Chair of the Professional Standards Committee of the Board commented,

*“The importance of the work being done in Victoria cannot be underestimated as we seek to work as a society that prioritises an unfailing commitment to the safety, education, and development of our children.”*



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National Director Marist Schools Australia

## Australian College of Educational Leaders National Awards Ceremony

Michael Newman and Frank Malloy were recently presented with their 2021 awards at the ACEL Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney for contributions to Australian education as reported last year in the MSA Newsletter. Michael and Frank were among a number of other Catholic educators to be honoured in this cross sectoral celebration that encompassed awardees from 2020, 2021, and 2022. The Executive Director of the National Catholic Education Commission was present and graciously joined in the celebrations.



Mr Michael Newman Principal Marist College Ashgrove, the Honorable Jacinta Collins Executive Director of the National Catholic Education Commission, Dr Frank Malloy National Director Marist Schools Australia.

## Upcoming Events

**ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE DUNDAS**

Warmly invites you to join us in celebrating our

# 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

AT OUR GALA DINNER IN THE CUMBERLAND LOUNGE AT COMMBANK STADIUM

CANAPES ON ARRIVAL | PREMIUM BEVERAGE PACKAGE  
3 COURSE MEAL | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**SCAN TO BOOK TICKETS**

**SCAN ME**

**WIN! WIN! WIN!**  
A 20 PERSON FULLY CATERED SUITE TO A NRL CLUB MATCH HELD AT ACCOR STADIUM IN 2023 \*

\*EACH TICKET PURCHASED, IS AN AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO OUR RAFFLE FOR THIS AMAZING PRIZE

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER | \$150 PER TICKET | 6PM ARRIVAL**

### MSA Annual Mass & Dinner Details

#### Sydney

21 October at Saint Joseph's College Hunters Hill. For further information contact, Oriana Arienza e: [oriana.arienzale@marists.org.au](mailto:oriana.arienzale@marists.org.au)

#### Brisbane

29 October at Marist College Ashgrove For further information contact, Helen Quirk e: [helen.quirk@marists.org.au](mailto:helen.quirk@marists.org.au)

#### Melbourne

26 November at Marcellin College. For further information contact, Eva Brennan e: [eva.brennan@marists.org.au](mailto:eva.brennan@marists.org.au)

### Student Leaders Gathering

#### QLD/NT SUMMIT

29 – 31 October Brisbane

#### NSW/ACT

20 – 22 November Mittagong

#### VIC

18-20 November Philip Island

#### WA/SA

27 – 29 November Perth

# Thinking about accommodation for tertiary studies in Melbourne? Think *Marist House*

*Marist House* offers student residential programs for young adults, studying at one of the many tertiary institutes in and around Melbourne. Marist House provides '*a home away from home*' that is supportive, welcoming and hospitable for students who desire to belong to a caring community while completing their studies in Melbourne.



Marists have a long tradition in building community around young people to promote their education and full human growth. To find out about residential accommodation at Marist House visit <https://maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy>

To enquire about available places for 2023 please contact: Br Frank McIntosh, fms  
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## Footsteps 1 and 2: Making Jesus Known and Loved

These important Marist formation programs explore Marist identity, spirituality, pedagogy, and deepen our understanding of our Marist educational mission "to make Jesus Christ known and loved". Using core documents, primary sources, scripture, a variety of formation processes and community building, participants from Marist schools and ministries are offered an opportunity to enrich and deepen their own faith journey.



Some previous participants commented that their experience of the Footsteps 1 program confirmed for them:

*The important role we play as educators in caring for and teaching students about Marcellin, Mary and Jesus.*

*The strong sense of Marist culture, connecting with other Marists and learning with and through them.*

*A deeper and greater understanding of the story and the way of Marist life.*

*"I think I love you!" ...the phrase we wait to hear in every Hollywood chick-flick.*

*Because we all want a wonderful love story!*

*Well, God is ridiculously and deeply in love with us. God just pours love upon us and loves doing it. God's love is personal. God knows each of us individually and loves us personally in an intense, deeply personal, you're-my-child, kind of way; as though there was not another person in the entire world. God knows the worst about us and is the one who still loves us the most.*

*Now that's a love story!*

# Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

**M**arist Schools across Australia stand in solidarity with highly marginalised youth in Asia and the Pacific, supporting AMS to transform young lives through the power of education.

Another huge shoutout to **Assumption College Kilmore**, who has chosen AMS education projects in Timor-Leste as the focus for Social Justice and Fundraising efforts. Students show solidarity with their peers in Timor-Leste through specially prepared prayers and learning about the country and AMS projects. In response, students, staff, and their Marist community have raised \$25 000 to directly support young people into schooling.



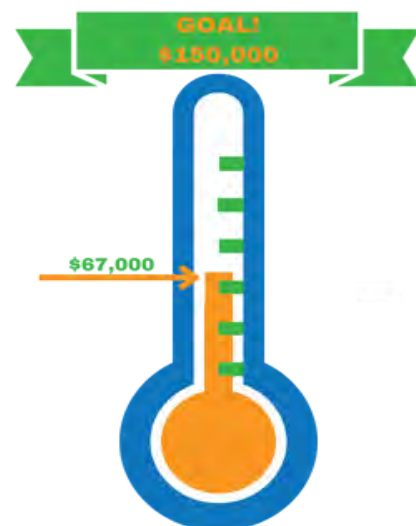
This outstanding contribution was achieved through dedicated stalls at the Annual Fete (we love hot chips, soft drinks, and chocolate!), regular BBQs, casual clothes days, and a regular Saturday Morning Sport Coffee Van.

Congratulations on your wonderful example of hearing the call from those on the margins, and in solidarity contributing to a more just and merciful world.



**A**s part of the Marist Sesquicentenary, schools taking part in the 'Day in the Life challenge' have been raising money so that vulnerable children can access education in Timor-Leste. We have seen amazing fundraising efforts by many students and school communities, and their hard work and dedication means we are on the way to our goal of 150K to celebrate 150 years of Marist education in Australia!

Thank you to the following schools who have made contributions so far: **Marist Catholic College Penhurst, Marist Catholic College Kogarah, Marist College Ashgrove, Mt Maria College Mitchellton, Mount Carmel Catholic College, Assumption College Kilmore, Marist College Northshore, Newman College and John Therry Catholic College.** To get involved sign up at [www.dayinthelife.org.au](http://www.dayinthelife.org.au) or contact AMS.



## **M**arist Rosalie Old Boys Association

Thank you to the Association for a recent donation, which was kindly matched by an Old Boy! The Old Boys say that Rosalie was a working man's school, with many needy students able to attend because other parents generously subsidised fees and expenses. The Rosalie Marist community's altruism allowed disadvantaged young men to receive an

education in the Marist Tradition. Given this strong ethos, the Association's recent newsletter promoted AMS programs that support Marist education for vulnerable children in Asia and the Pacific. Huge thanks to the Old Boys for spreading the word, and we are grateful that the Association has foreshadowed further support for AMS. When you support AMS, you help to transform young lives through the power of education.

# Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

## Marists educating the 'poorest of the poor' in India

Over 20% of India's 1.3 billion people live in poverty, and less than 4 of 10 children progress beyond three years schooling. Since 1974, the Marist Brothers have worked in India to help the most marginalised children break the cycle of poverty through education. In 2003, the Brothers established the Marcellin Trust for social and humanitarian work in India. With your support, AMS partners with India's Marist communities to create hope for vulnerable children and their families.

**Chetana Tribal Boys Hostel** in West Bengal, Eastern India allows the 'poorest of the poor' to attend local schools. Parish Priests and other religious staff refer highly marginalised boys to the Hostel for accommodation, food, and education support. Local Priests, Sisters, and Brothers provide ongoing pastoral support to the boys and their families.

At the request of students, the Hostel has recently introduced **extra tuition** at the Hostel, to supplement their local **schooling**. Through AMS, **basic furniture, laptops, projectors, and books** are

now available for tutoring, and for teacher and parent meetings. The Chetana boys have joined **online get-togethers with Marist College Canberra students**, an experience appreciated by both cohorts.

With support from AMS, the Brothers have used Hostel facilities, while the boys are at school, to provide vocational tailoring skills and sewing machines to impoverished girls and young women. The skills gained have led to self-employment and other work opportunities.

Student outcomes. In May 2022, Brother Jili, Project Coordinator told us about current student progress and graduate outcomes. Five graduates are now in various seminaries, and around 20 attend university. It's noteworthy too that with the extra tutoring support, some boys are now topping the class at their local school.

The Brothers recently identified further urgent community needs, and with AMS assistance, will provide a year's Family Food and Education Support to 100 families in the Santhal community. Basic food and essentials packages ('Parcels of Joy') reach 400 vulnerable children and parents.



Students at **Marist College Canberra** joining an online get-together with boys from Chetana Tribal Boy's Hostel.

An inspiring example of a simple but engaging way to build solidarity between Marist communities in our region.

## The Future

With support from donors, the Marist Brothers aim to build a two-classroom **community centre** to extend educational and vocational opportunities. The classrooms will enable vocational tailoring skills for women and girls, as well as five classes a week in reading, writing, computers and spoken English. An additional 50 girls and 30 boys will benefit from the classes.

*For almost 20 years, AMS has joined India's Marist community to help extremely disadvantaged young people and their families to live with hope and dignity. AMS gratefully acknowledges the generous fundraising from Marist schools across Australia who enable these life-changing services. Your further support will help us to continue to transform the lives of vulnerable young people throughout our region.*



**16 year old Basant, Chetana Boys Hostel.**

*Basant has lived at the Hostel for 5 years. He would like to train as a teacher after his HSC exam.*

## Connect with us to find out more.

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### Year 11 Twilight Retreat

On Thursday 8 September, we invited our Year 11 Game Changers students into the Brunswick office for a Twilight Retreat - an opportunity to take some time away from school and everyday life to reflect on their relationship with God, with themselves, and with others. Students explored these relationships through having a deeper look at the Road to Emmaus story, with personal stories from other Young Marists and a few Theatre Sports to help us through. It was a great night filled with personal reflection, connection, and smiles all around.

