



## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

This week whilst visiting Marist College Canberra, members of the leadership team remarked on the falling seeds of the many silver poplar trees in the nation's capital at this time of year. For them the blanket of white on the College ovals is the annual reminder of University exam time. In other parts of the country, the blossoming of Jacaranda trees throughout many areas of the city heralds likewise for Year 12 students.

In this extraordinary year, our minds are drawn to our Year 12 students at this time as they enter their final weeks of school. Exams and final assessments are well underway. It is a challenging time for our precious young people. Regrets for time ill spent, lapses in diligence and application, momentary and sustained distractions, and generally feeling underprepared are thoughts front of mind for most. Such emotions are readily recaptured as adults recalling our own journeys through school and university. In short they are feelings of anxiety. *"Worry is useless, worry is wrong!"* was the credo of a saintly Priest who looked after the senior students when I was at school. His daily Mass at the beginning of the lunch break was often said in 12 minutes and the brief homily included pithy insights tailored for adolescent boys with growling stomachs and games to play. His advice on the morning of the first HSC exams remains in mind. *"Ask God to help you do your best right now! God is with you!"* The power of prayer is real.

Knowing and believing the power of prayer is a gift beyond measure for every student in a Marist school. You are invited to share the words of this prayer with your Year 12 students over the coming weeks.

*Jesus, give us the grace to do our best in all our studies and exams.  
Through all the things we learn, may we come to know and love you better,  
for all things come from you and can lead us to you,  
for you are in them all.  
Rather than individual profit, may your honour and glory  
and the service of others be the motive which urges us.  
Give us a love of the truth, perseverance in difficulties,  
modesty in success and cheerfulness in failure.  
Amen.*

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

# CONGRATULATIONS TO DR JOHN KYLE-ROBINSON



Last week notification was received from the Australian Catholic University that John Kyle-Robinson, MSA Regional Director for NSW and the ACT has been awarded **Doctor of Education**. Dr John's exhaustive research investigated teacher understanding of and engagement with the New Evangelisation in Catholic secondary schools. The research identified understandings, approaches and characteristics of teachers as evangelisers in Australian Catholic secondary schools. This study is of significance because it will assist in appropriately preparing school leaders and teachers to understand and implement the New Evangelisation in Catholic schools with their students.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Assistant Principal: Mission** - Marist College Emerald, QLD

Applications close 23 October 2020

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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studies in Melbourne, think  
**Maristhouse**



Marist House is a residential program for young adults who are studying at one of the many universities in and around Melbourne. Whether from the city or the country, Marist House provides young people with a safe, stable and supportive environment in which to engage with their tertiary studies.

Contact us to arrange a tour.

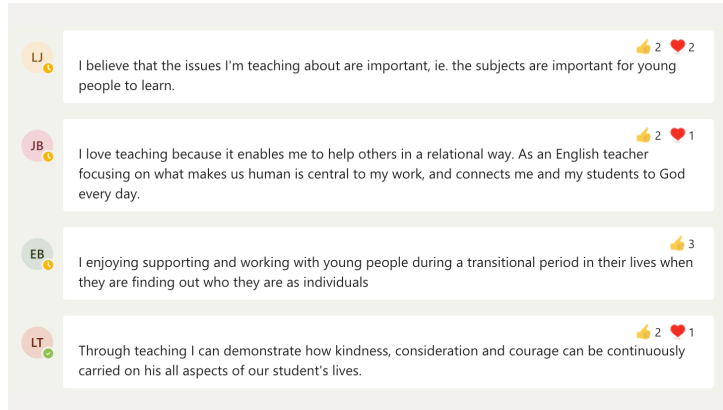
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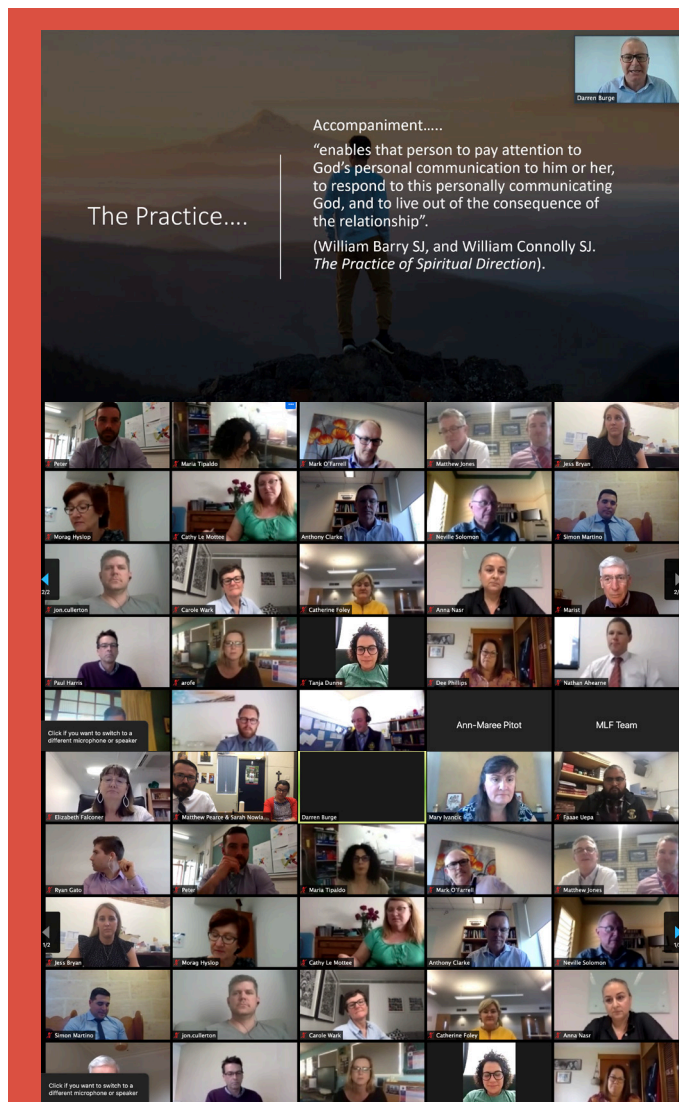
## In the Marist Way – Marcellin College Bulleen

For Marists, gathering to share life and our love of God is at the heart of what it means to be a community of faith. A place where all feel safe, at home, and connected. Our *In the Marist Way* program zoomed into Marcellin College Bulleen for the new staff on Friday 4 September.



## One Wild and Precious Life – Marist Centre Melbourne

Despite the challenges and restrictions that COVID-19 has presented us, it hasn't prevented Marists from the Melbourne Centre to come together virtually to engage in our *One Wild and Precious Life* program on Monday 21 September. It seems our Melbournians still find much to smile about!



## ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT FOR MARIST ASSOCIATION LOCAL COORDINATORS

On the 13th of October 2020, Local Coordinators gathered on Zoom. It was great to catch up with new faces and not so new faces at the gathering. It has never been so important than now to connect and invite all people to be accompanied in their spirituality. As a Marist Association Local Coordinator of Forbes alongside Sarah Nowlan and the group, we share a sacred responsibility of walking beside Marists of all backgrounds. This gathering is part of several of the coming weeks, to become more aware of how we share the lived experiences in daily life.

Throughout the gathering, Coordinators were able to get to know each other and learn about spiritual accompaniment and the art of deeper conversation. The key is listening and being attentive to another person's story.

On behalf of the Forbes Local Marist Association, I would like to sincerely thank the Marist Mission and Life Team for providing this wonderful opportunity to engage in this well-designed program.

Yours in Christ,  
Matthew Pearce  
Marist Association Local Coordinator of Forbes

# AUSTRALIAN arist SOLIDARITY

A SMALL COIN, MADE TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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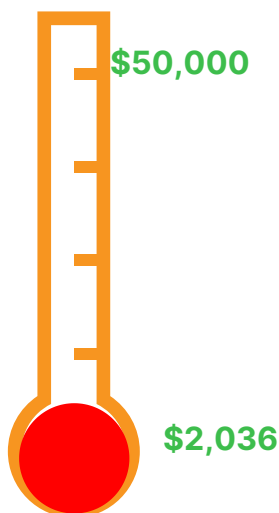
The Australian Mint has recently released a new \$1 coin, the 'Donation Dollar.'

On one side, the new Australian \$1 coin has an image of Queen Elizabeth II. On the back, it's stamped with a message: "Donation Dollar: Give to help others."

The coin, the first of its kind in the world, can be spent like any other money. But its intention is to be shared with people in need and we are asking our Marist friends and supporters to use this great new Aussie initiative to support the work of Australian Marist Solidarity.

**If every Marist in Australia donates one dollar in Term 4, we can raise over \$50,000 before 31 December, 2020. Please consider a gold coin collection in your school, ministry or workplace and help us support vulnerable young people in our region to access education.**

[To donate click here](#)



## THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING SUPPORT!

### FROM NGUYEN THAI HUNG TRAINING FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED VIETNAM

I was born and grew up in the land that is sunny and windy all year round. The hot sun, the salty winds from the hometown sea have raised and followed me all my life. From my childhood, all 3 of my brothers were born with cataracts. Although our parents took us everywhere for treatment, and we have had lenses replaced by doctors, our eyesight is still extremely limited. In order to be able to study, we always had to face books and just like that, we gradually lost our eyesight. When I finished high school, my eyesight could only distinguish between light and dark.

In 2005, I participated in a course for training teachers of Braille and mobility for the blind, then the traditional massage course in 2006. The two courses at the Center really changed my life, from a blind young man, in a sunny and windy central province, who always had a feeling of inferiority complex, I have become a confident person, actively help and share with my friends who have the same handicap and people around me.

In 2007, I got married with a girl who is also blind, and now we have a son in 7th grade. Besides the joys and happiness of my own family, I have been trusted and elected to be the President of Dong Hoi City association for the Blind. During the past time, It has always been in my heart that I must try my best to help the blind in my hometown reduce suffering. That effort was partly realized by a massage room with 17 massage technicians who are blind regularly working with an average income of 6 million VND/month.

To get the results and success of today, I always remember the merits of the teachers, of the Center for Training and Rehabilitation for the Blind - the common home of the blind in Vietnam. I always remember Mr Truong, a teacher, a brother who has always shared with me not only during my studies but in any difficult situation that I need help with. I always hope that the Center will overcome all difficulties and challenges in the current period and continue to develop in the career of training human resources who are blind for local associations and communities. I also wish all organizations and individuals to know, accompany and share with the Center's career of educating. The Center for Training and Rehabilitation for the Blind is always the pride of Vietnamese blind in the field of training.



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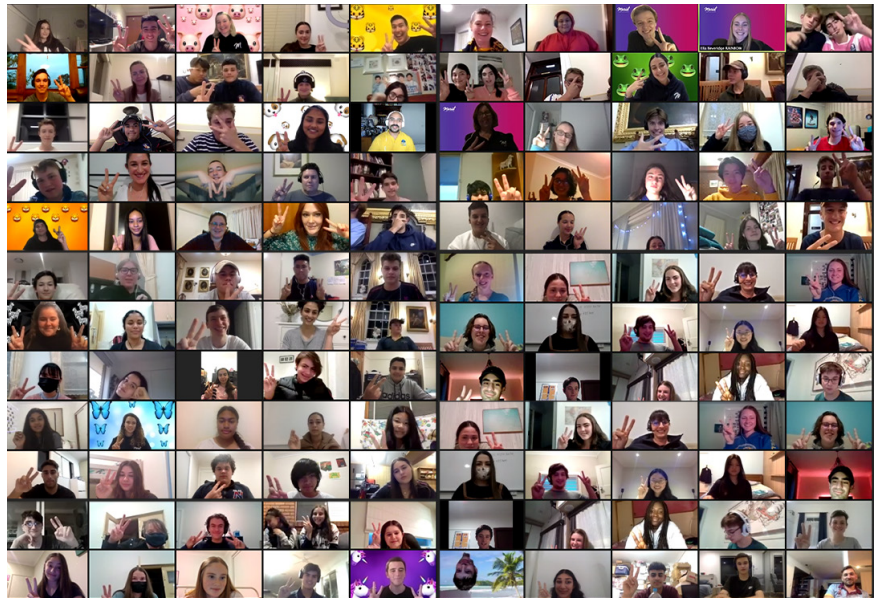
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## GAME CHANGERS

### La Valla Leadership Online Experience

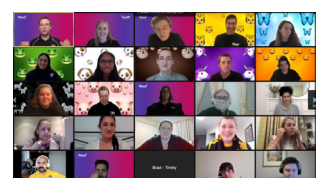
Game Changers broke new ground with the inaugural **La Valla Online Leadership Experience** (16-17 October 2020). Over 100 Year 10 students and staff from the following nine schools gathered online for the experience:

- Assumption College, Kilmore;
- Marcellin College, Bulleen;
- Marist College, Ashgrove;
- Marist College, Bendigo;
- Marymede Catholic College, South Morang;
- Notre Dame College, Shepparton;
- St. Joseph's College, Hunters Hill;
- Trinity Catholic College, Auburn;
- Trinity College, Beenleigh.



Students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of sessions which were grounded in stories of the Gospel and the life of Champagnat. Students courageously entered into authentic conversations based on exploring our call to Christian leadership, community, and service. The online format allowed for the integration of small Breakout Room discussions as well as interactive and engaging whole group presentations, utilising the functionality of Zoom (of which I'm sure we are all becoming increasingly familiar!).

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Students have provided the following feedback on the La Valla Online Leadership Experience:

- “I loved being able to share my faith and beliefs.”
- “This community is amazing, and I am so blessed to be part of it.”
- “I was listened to and my opinion was valued.”
- “[The experience was] amazing as I learned new things and met new people around Australia.”
- “[The experience was] an opportunity to gain leadership skills and to live them daily.”



Game Changers students truly are wellsprings of hope for the future of the Church. Special thanks to all school staff and young Marist volunteers who make our events possible. In addition, a sincere thanks to Marist principals who continuously invest in their students and Game Changers as a youth ministry program. To learn more about Game Changers, contact your local Marist Youth Ministry team, or [visit our website](#).

**Lachlan Scott**  
**Marist Youth Ministry Melbourne**

**The MYM Team are looking forward to the following school events:**

**MYM QLD Connect Night**

23 October from 6-8:30pm  
Registration closed.

**MYM NSW Yr 11 Online Super Connect**

30 October from 4 – 5pm  
Registrations and Consent due Monday, 26 October  
Contact Jeni Miller

**Online Student Leaders Gathering 2020**

Monday 23 – Tuesday, 24 November  
Contact Edwin Bakker (VIC/SA)  
Contact Jeni Miller (NSW/ACT- Registration closes 30 Oct)



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