

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

On last Saturday evening, Marcellin College Bulleen, hosted the final Marist Schools Australia Mass and Dinner for 2022. It concluded three most uplifting and inspirational gatherings for Marist educators and communities across Australia. Details of the warmly recognised recipients of the Awards of Appreciation for Contributions to Marist Education can be found [HERE](#).

We were honoured by the presence of three significant leaders in Catholic education in the Region. Ms Maria Kirkwood, the retiring Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd, Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia and Ms Julie Ryan OAM, the retiring MSA Regional Director.

The Chair of the MSA Ltd Board, Professor Brother David Hall, who attended all three celebrations, explained the importance of these gatherings. Highlighting God's abiding, familiar and comforting presence whenever we join to express thanks, gratitude and appreciation, David reminded us of the defining difference of a Catholic education and a Catholic school. Grounded on the person of Jesus Christ and centred on the purpose of God's mission for all humanity, David invited us all to consider anew, the depths and importance of the work done in schools each day in the context of our faith.

As we come to the final weeks of the 2022 school year, it is important to recognise those Principals who will be leaving our family of Marist schools to take on new positions or will commence retirement. Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers, the following Principals as they enter this period of transition in their vocations. Ray Martin, Dr Paul Rijken, Wayne Marshall, Alan Le Brocque and Seb Spina.

Mr Ray Martin has had a long and successful involvement with Marist education for many years. As a student Ray attended Parramatta Marist High School and has taught and led at Marist College Kogarah, Trinity Catholic College Auburn and Marist Catholic College Penshurst. Ray will commence in 2023 as the Foundation Principal of St Vincent's College Ashfield, a new K-12 co-education school in Sydney's inner west. This new school is an amalgamation of St Vincent's Catholic Primary School which was established by the Sisters of Charity in 1881, Bethlehem College founded by the Sisters of Charity in 1881 and De La Salle College founded by the Brothers in 1916. It is a major undertaking and Ray's appointment as the Foundation Principal is testimony to his capacity as a faith leader, educator and administrator. We wish Ray every success and look forward to his ongoing contributions to Marist life and mission as a member of the Marist Association.



Dr Paul Rijken will be retiring at the end of 2022 as Principal of Cardijn College in Adelaide. Paul is a remarkable person whose leadership and support within our Marist networks have been influential and vital to the growth of Marist life and mission in Australia.



From a national school education perspective, Paul has been influential in leading thinking and practice on the manner and form of student engagement. The promotion of deeply respectful ways of promoting student voice in the learning and teaching dynamic in ways, which are measurable and instructive, has resonated strongly with Marist educators across the country. To listen to Paul's motivations for his Doctoral research in this area is to hear a person of passion, imbued with Marist intuitions, emphases, and audacity, as he sought to strengthen with all staff the efficacy of the educational experience of the young people in his school.

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.

Mr Alan Le Brocque, the popular Principal of Marian Catholic College in Griffith NSW will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2022 academic year. Alan has been involved in Catholic education for over 40 years as a teacher, Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Principal mostly in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. A gifted educator, Alan's leadership at Marian Catholic College has seen a renaissance in all areas of College life. Flourishing enrolments, capital works, and improved student outcomes are among the many legacies of his leadership. Alan has been a charismatic and enthusiastic religious leader whose commitment to outreach and solidarity has animated the generous Marian Catholic College community. Over the past 8 years, Alan has seen the reconnection of the College to its Marist spirituality and traditions by leading the engagement of staff and students in formation programmes and other professional learning experiences. On behalf of Marist Schools Australia, thank you Alan for all you have done for thousands of teachers, students, and families in providing quality Catholic education with such dedication, joy, and passion.



Mr Seb Spina is retiring at the end of this year, having worked at St Francis de Sales College Leeton for many years. Seb was appointed acting Principal in 2016 and to the substantive position from 2017. During Seb's leadership, major improvements at the school in regard to facilities and amenities have been successfully undertaken. Significant has been the renovations to the boys and girls boarding facilities and the College continues to enjoy strong confidence from parents throughout regional New South Wales for weekly boarding. Seb has been a strong supporter of Marist life and mission in the Riverina area and on behalf of all Marist educators I wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

Last week Mr Peter Hill the Executive Director of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wollongong announced two key appointments involving committed Marists. **Mr Brad McAllister** has been appointed Principal at John Therry Catholic College Rosemeadow, commencing in January 2023. Brad is well known in our Marist circles, for his highly valued work in senior positions at Mount Carmel Catholic College Varroville, and at John Therry Catholic College where he is the current Assistant Principal.

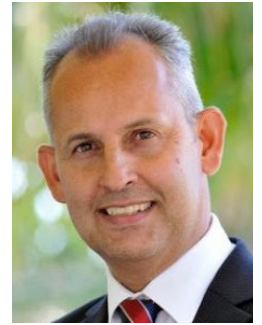


Mr David Cloran, the Assistant Principal at Mount Carmel Catholic College has been appointed Acting Principal at Magdalene Catholic College. Dave's significant contributions to Catholic education in the Sydney Archdiocese and Wollongong Diocese are widely known and appreciated.

The announcements can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Please keep both Brad and Dave in your prayers as they commence these important leadership roles in 2023.

After a distinguished career in Marist education including extraordinary contributions at Parramatta Marist High School, Marist College North Shore, Marcellin College Randwick, Marist College Eastwood, and Trinity Catholic College Auburn, **Danny Delmage** has been appointed as **Head of Continuous Catholic School Improvement** in the Wollongong Diocese. The announcement from Executive Director, Mr Peter Hill can be found [HERE](#). Danny has been a constant and passionate contributor to Marist life and mission in Australia for almost 40 years. Danny's prioritisation and contribution to the faith life of every school in which he has worked is an enduring legacy.

In many ways Danny's journey in Marist education personifies the changes we have experienced more broadly in Catholic education in this country from the early 1980s until now. Close working relationships with many outstanding Marist educational leaders, Brothers and lay, throughout this time as a teacher and leader have been highly valued and formative, contributing to Danny's deserved reputation as an innovative, competent, and highly successful Catholic educator. From his earliest years Danny was recognised as a gifted teacher, and has shared his creativity, passion, pragmatism, and intellect with many thousands of teachers as a colleague, Diocesan teacher educator, and Principal. This appointment brings all of these fine qualities and experiences to the further service of Catholic education in the fast growing and dynamic Catholic schools of the Diocese of Wollongong. MSA looks forward to our continued close collaboration with Wollongong in the area of school improvement, which will be further enhanced with this important appointment of Danny Delmage.



As the last MSA Newsletter for 2022, I take this opportunity to thank you, our teachers and leaders, for meeting the immense challenges presented throughout this year. As you reflect on the months past, may there be moments of immense satisfaction for the transformative work you have achieved with the students in your care. The manner in which you have taught, coached, counselled, supported, and engaged with the students is your witness. The detail of every carefully prepared, brilliant lesson may not be readily recalled; however, *witness* is remembered and continues to influence. As we prepare for Christmas, during this holy season of Advent, the following words of Saint John Henry Newman are shared for reflection, conscious that the "cheerful heart" of the teacher will only ever make Jesus more known and loved.

Seek the Grace of a Cheerful Heart

*Let us seek the grace of a cheerful heart, an even temper,
sweetness, gentleness, and brightness of mind,
as walking in His light, and His grace.*

*Let us pray to Him, to give us the spirit of ever abundant,
ever springing love, which overpowers and sweeps away
the vexations of life by its own richness and strength,
and which above all things unites us to Him,
who is the fountain and centre of all mercy, loving-kindness, and joy.*

Saint John Henry Newman, "Sermon on Christmas Day"

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord: (Luke 2:10-11).

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Marist Schools Australia Board Report

MSA Ltd Board's Students and their Learning Committee.

During 2022 the Board has deliberated on the creation of a Students and their Learning Committee in close collaboration with the National Director. In establishing this Committee, the Chair, Professor Brother David Hall, commented,



"as a National governing body with schools in different jurisdictions, this Committee will focus on the key characteristics of a quality Marist education and explore ways with the MSA executive and school leaders on how we best evaluate, improve and measure success. Naturally the Committee will be closely associated with the important work of school improvement under the leadership of the newly appointed Director, Mr John Finneran."

Statement of Shared Understanding – Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and Marist Schools Australia

The long standing and strong relationship between the Diocese of Parramatta and the Marist Brothers has recently been reaffirmed through the finalisation of the Statement of Shared Understanding between the Bishop of Parramatta, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen and the Provincial of the Marist Brothers, Br Peter Carroll. The Statement recognises the rich partnership that exists between the Diocese and Marists and provides clarity and direction for the enhancement of this partnership into the future.



The Executive Director Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP), Mr Greg Whitby, Mr Mark Pauschmann, Principal, Parramatta Marist High School, Mr Paul Ryan, Principal, St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas, and Dr John Kyle-Robinson, MSA Regional Director (NSW/ACT) recently met at the Marist Centre Sydney to explore the new Statement of Shared Understanding. The partnership between the Institute—exercised through Marist Schools Australia (MSA)—and the Diocese of Parramatta continues with CEDP and MSA committed to continuing to strengthen the many opportunities for collaboration and evangelisation through the provision of quality Catholic education.

BBI Research Colloquium Presentation via ZOOM with Dr John Kyle-Robinson

Tune in for a presentation delivered by teacher and experienced school leader, Dr John Kyle-Robinson at 4:00 pm on Wednesday 7 December.

This presentation will discuss how teachers in Catholic Schools should be the primary conduits for New Evangelisation initiatives. Dr John will present research exploring teachers' understandings and responses to the concept of the New Evangelisation.

Dr John's presentation will be of interest to teachers and to those involved in the development of education policy within Catholic Schools.

For more information, and to register, please contact the Institute at bsrou@bbi.catholic.edu.au or on 02 9847 0030



Marist Schools Australia Red Bend Catholic College Flood Appeal

Forbes and regional towns have experienced major flooding over recent weeks with some towns experiencing record-breaking floods that have devastated some communities such as Eugowra.

As the flood waters swept through communities, the impact has been widespread. Families have had water inundate their homes, many farming families have had all crops destroyed, others have had businesses inundated or destroyed, and other families have lost all their property and possessions.

The magnitude of these floods is beyond anything previously experienced. The hardship on various members of our school community is acute and real.

As fellow Marists, as we watch and listen to the news reports, we are compelled to ask, "How can we help?"

One practical way is to provide financial support to the College community and to the lives of the people from Red Bend Catholic College. By donating we are able to then pass on this financial support/assistance in the form of gift cards directly to families in need.

If you would like to donate then this can be done by donating to the account below :

Account Name: Red Bend Catholic College -
The Gift of Giving
BSB No: 062 539
Account No: 10184465

Please note that donations to this account are not tax deductible. We thank you for your help and support through these difficult times. Your donations will make a huge difference in the lives of our Red Bend Community.

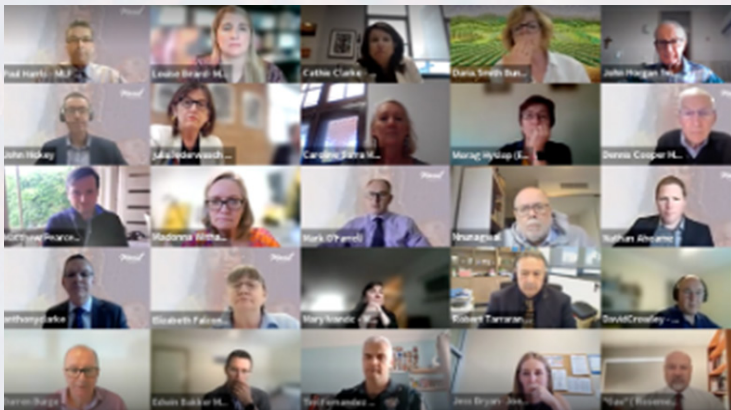
I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Stephen Dwyer
Principal



The human person is the clearest reflection of God's presence in the world; all of the Church's work in pursuit of both justice and peace is designed to protect and promote the dignity of every person. For each person not only reflects God but is the expression of God's creative work and the meaning of Christ's redemptive ministry. (The Challenge of Peace, #15, US Bishop Conference)

Local Coordinators Forum



Over 40 Local Coordinators gathered online to reflect upon the 3rd National Marist Assembly as we looked to our future beyond the Assembly and toward the new Star of the Sea Province. Participants engaged in practical planning and resourcing for 2023. We acknowledge and thank the Local Coordinators in giving life to the Association in their local context.

Drawn Program



Br Tony Leon facilitated a module, Drawn, supporting our 2023 Association Theme: Created + Called: a revolution of love and tenderness. This included participants from the Local Association Group as well as the local MYM. Some said it was very timely as they considered their calling in what is drawing them to further their career paths and decision making for the coming year.

Known & Loved - Dignity For All Program



The Known & Loved Program at Marist College Eastwood

Middle Leaders Program



The 14 participants in the Middle Leaders Program from both campuses of Sacred Heart College in Adelaide.

Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

"My name is Minh Huy, six years ago, when I returned home from military service, a traffic accident took my eyes away. At that time, I felt sad, hopeless and without direction or meaning in my life. I joined the Da Nang City Association for the blind and was introduced to the Training and Rehabilitation centre to learn traditional massage. When I first arrived, I struggled with basic things like walking and finding my way around and the teachers taught me how to use a cane and move my way around campus. Our teachers were all very enthusiastic about helping us learn."

People with a disabilities face loneliness, low perceived social support, and social isolation at notably higher rates than people without disabilities. Younger people tend to experience higher levels of loneliness, and this is exacerbated by being economically inactive. Connections made through relationships, places, and social activities assist in lowering levels of anxiety and depression and raising self-esteem. The Center provides students with the opportunity to both learn and connect with their peers, helping them navigate everyday life with dignity.

"I love being able to connect with classmates who also have disabilities, it makes me feel less alone."



Minh Huy - Student

The Director at the Training and Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind says they struggle daily with financial limitations, lack of textbooks and equipment and providing quality teaching staff to facilitate learning for students who are from diverse sets of backgrounds.

Without funding to keep the Center running, young visually impaired people like Minh Huy are unable to access this life-changing education. Without this opportunity, they face an uncertain future and are at risk of exploitation. This festive season you can significantly impact these vulnerable young people's lives through supporting AMS programs.

YES! I will give the Gift of Dignity this Christmas.

Scan me to donate!



Students taking part in a theory lesson



Students practicing table setting and participating in group

*names & details have been changed to protect the identity of participants

Thankyou to all that have taken part in our schools campaign this year!

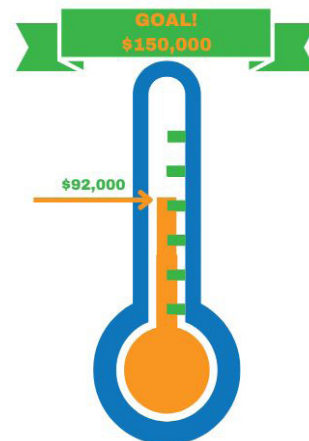
We are nearing the end of the year, a reminder to send your donations into AMS before the school year ends!

Make direct deposit donations to:

Australian Marist Solidarity

BSB 062 000 Account No 1628 5262

Please email the details of your donation to: ams.accounts@marists.org.au



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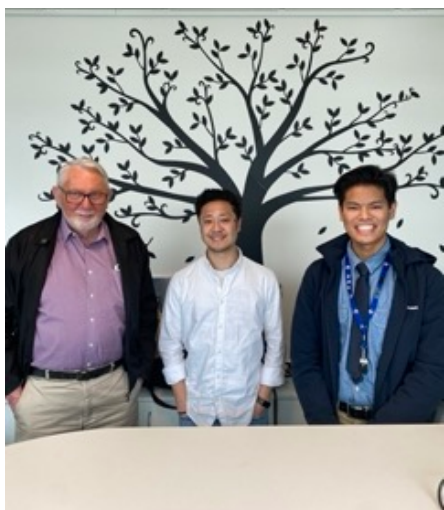
The NSW/ACT Student Leaders' Gathering was held in Mittagong on days from Sunday, 20 to Tuesday, 22 November. Sixty-seven students represented 18 Marist schools from around the state and Australian Capital Territory. The leaders explored the Marist theme for 2023, **“Created and Called, a revolution of love and tenderness”** and how this related to their leadership journey. New friendships were forged as students engaged in many enjoyable activities. It was great to see the student leaders from Red Bend Catholic College Forbes and Trinity Catholic College, Lismore after they have, and continue to suffer from the effects of severe flooding.

We wish our Marist school leaders all the best on their leadership journey for 2023!



The Year 10 Game Changers students who attended the La Valla Leadership camp in August were invited to collect much needed books for students in the Solomon Islands. The students from Trinity Catholic College Auburn, Parramatta Marist High School, Marcellin College Randwick and St Joseph's College Hunters Hill have collected many books from their respective schools. A small sample from Trinity Auburn is shown below.

We are grateful to Daniel Nguyen, a Young Marist Professional, who has worked around his flexible employment hours to help collect books from all 4 schools and deliver to Br Chris Wills and the collection point at Westmead. Br Chris will organise and pay for the books to be shipped to the Solomon Islands. Both are pictured with Christian, our Regional Assistant at MYM.



MYM VIC

The Melbourne MYM team headed down to beautiful Phillip Island last weekend for our SLG. Joined by students from Assumption College, Marcellin College, Marist Bendigo College and La Valla College, it was a small but sweet group of around 25 students. Over the course of the weekend, students dove straight into the opportunity to **make new friends and learn more about themselves, leadership, and what it means to be and to serve as a Marist.** An extra special thank-you to Br. Tony Leon, who joined us to lead some fantastic presentations and activities on servant leadership, personal growth and leading with a Marist heart. This was a great weekend for all involved, and we wish all students the best of luck in their leadership roles for 2023!





To the Marist family -

That time of the year is approaching, and are seeking your generous support to bring the Christmas spirit alive for the children and young people we support through 'A Marist Noel.'

Our hope is to capture the Christmas spirit for the children and young people in our residential care homes through the common practice of gift giving. Sadly, for many of them, Christmas is an unpleasant reminder that they are in someone else's care, displaced, and disconnected from family to celebrate the festive season with. Christmas can be that time where feelings of sadness, loneliness and being the forgotten ones in our society become overwhelming.

Through 'A Marist Noel,' our children and young people have shared their dreams, aspirations, and desired gifts for Christmas. To make their dreams come true, we need your contribution.

<https://www.amaristnoel.com/>



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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