

A newsletter for Member Schools of Marist Schools Australia published fortnightly during term time

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter the final month of this extraordinary school year, with plans for the new year well under way, our minds turn to the sesquicentenary of the Marist contribution to Catholic education in Australia in 2022, which will be celebrated in a variety of ways throughout the country.

In a spirit of gratitude and thanks to God, the Marist formation theme for 2022 echoes Saint Marcellin's vision for Marist educators throughout the world, making Jesus "**known and loved**". For 150 years, the Marist contribution to Catholic education in this country has been steadfast in commitment to Saint Marcellin's vision through the work of literally thousands of faith filled Marist Brothers and Marist lay teachers and staff, and hundreds and thousands of parents and students.

These celebrations will present opportunities to collectively give thanks to God for the many successes of Marist education and the positive influences on Australian society. Importantly the sesquicentenary will also provide further opportunities to express our shared sorrow for the victims and survivors of abuse in the past by those who so seriously failed in their responsibilities to children, whilst working in the name of Marists.

Commemorative Sesquicentenary Lapel Badge. To assist all within our school communities to mark this milestone in our Marist history, a special lapel badge has been struck and made available to schools. Details to order badges is on the following page. Readers not immediately associated with a school can order a pin by simply contacting Lindsay Franko at lindsay.franko@marists.org.au or by completing the order from [here](#).

Some significant events and initiatives to celebrate the 150 years of Marist education in Australia are:

Marist Alumni Project has been designed to identify and celebrate significant contributions Marist educated women and men have made to our nation over the past 150 years, through the creation of an Anthology of Outstanding Australian Marist Alumni. Information has recently been sent to schools and further questions or support can be sent to alumniproject@marists.org.au.

Mass at St Patrick's Church Hill, The Rocks, Sydney at 5.00pm on Friday 8 April 2022. This date is significant as it marks the day classes commenced at the first Marist school at St Patrick's Parish in The Rocks, Sydney on 8 April 1872. Invitations to attend the Mass either in person or online will be sent in the next week.

A new Marist school - Australian Marist Solidarity Fundraising Day. The Marist Brothers have been working for a number of years in Timor-Leste and are currently planning to build the first Marist school in the country, which will be located near the regional town of Lautem. In Champagnat week 2022, a special fundraising effort is encouraged to support the Marist Foundation Timor-Leste through donations to Australian Marist Solidarity. For further resources on Timor-Leste, visit www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Aquinas College, North Adelaide

Rector

Brother Michael Green will conclude his term as Rector of Aquinas College next July. Aquinas, Adelaide's only Catholic university residential college, has a long association with the Marists. Prominent among its founders and early benefactors were former students of Sacred Heart College, and Marist Brothers served on the College Council from its inception. More recently, following Jesuit administration for fifty years, the Archbishop invited the Marist Brothers to establish a community on campus and to lead the College. Since that time, Aquinas has developed a strong Marist identity. The Archdiocese of Adelaide, in partnership with the College Council and the Marist Association, are currently advertising for the next Rector of the College. It is a position well suited to an experienced Marist educator.

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

Marist Youth Ministry

The MYM National Coordinator is seeking a **Regional Coordinator (FT/PT)** to coordinate and facilitate all MYM events in Victoria. The role will be based at the Marist Centre Melbourne.

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

Applications close: 5.00pm 29 November 2021



**Celebrate 150 years of
Marist education in Australia
with our commemorative
sequicentenary lapel badges!**

The cost for the badges is \$0.80 each. This covers postage to your school.

Please fill out the order form here by **Monday 22 November 2021**. Upon completion, an invoice will be sent.

For more information, please contact Lindsay Franko at lindsay.franko@marists.org.au

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The Marist Global Network of Schools

The Marist Global Network of Schools is a project of the General Council in response to the calls of the 22nd General Chapter which called for us to be a global family. It will be a place of promotion for the Marist mission that is carried out in more than 600 schools in 80 countries.

It is a global, collaborative project creating opportunities for maximising resources and providing a platform for sharing. It addresses the whole Marist educational community building on existing Marist networks. On behalf of the General Council, the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation, in collaboration with the network of Marist publishers, launched the network during 25-29 October 2021. Many Australian Marists participated in the launch of the Network.



Marist College Ashgrove

It was a wonderful awards celebration of student achievement for Years 5 to 11 throughout 2021 in the areas of Mission, Sport, Boarding, Culture, Character and Academics. The evening included an address from the Head of College, Mr Michael Newman, the presentation of awards, videos, and musical and dramatic performance items.



Above: Dylan Nona with Suha and Rany Nona



Above: Entertainment showcasing the talent of Marist music students



Above: Ike Rowland (Yr 6) with Kasey Rowland

Welcome Back - Marist students in NSW return to School

Trinity Catholic College Auburn



Marist Catholic College Penshurst



Marist College Kogarah



Christmas Appeal



On Wednesday 3 November we officially launched the AMS 2021 Christmas Appeal. Our goal: to improve the lives of children living with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

Our inspiration for this campaign is one of the best-known quotes from our founder, St Marcellin Champagnat. He said:

To raise children, we must love them and love them equally forever.

Unfortunately, for many children living with a disability in Asia and the Pacific, it's not equal.

The ongoing COVID pandemic, lack of support services and infrastructure means more children than ever in our neighbouring countries are finding themselves in a very tough situation.

By giving the gift of care this Christmas, our supporters will help children with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific get the services they need now. It's also simple and quick to [donate](#).

AMS has a strong history of supporting inclusive, all-access educational opportunities for vulnerable young people in Asia and the Pacific.

These include projects such as:

- the Marist Champagnat Institute in **Fiji**, which offers programs to young people with learning disabilities who have struggled to fit into mainstream schooling
- KATILOSA in **Timor-Leste**, a program that works to improve the lives of children and youth with disabilities by catering for their needs, advocating for their human rights and educating those around them
- the Anondo Neer centre in **Bangladesh**, which enables people with a disability to receive medical care, life skill training, basic physiotherapy, literacy and numeracy education, income generating skills and opportunities for socialisation outside of their home.
- LaValla in **Cambodia**, a boarding school that caters for children and young people with physical disabilities, allows children to attend primary school on site, and then stay in safe, accessible accommodation when attending the local high school.

By donating this Christmas, together, we will change their lives.

Funds from the appeal will provide support that means children with a disability will be able to attend school; have improved health and education outcomes, experience less discrimination; and increase their feelings of self-worth and confidence.

Raising critical funds so children living with a disability in these regions can get the services they need = the best Christmas gift we could ever hope to give.

For more information, please visit our website: www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au

Thank you so much for your support.

Connect with us to find out more.



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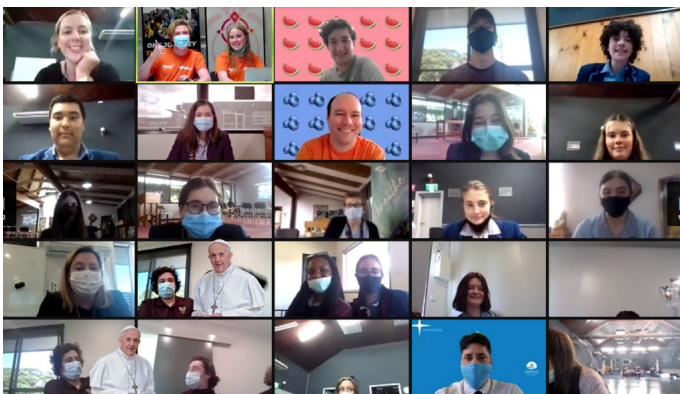
MYM MELBOURNE *La Valla Leadership Experience*

The 2021 La Valla Leadership Virtual Experience occurred for Victorian Marist school students on Friday the 5th of November. Over 40 students joined us for an engaging experience full of activities, rewarding dialogue, and reflections from the following schools:

Assumption College, Kilmore;
Marcellin College, Bulleen;
Marymede Catholic College, South Morang;
Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon.

The event involved examining the Game Changers La Valla Track concepts of **Christian leadership and service**, whilst offering students **safe spaces to decipher how they could apply their learnings** in order to **best serve their communities**. Students utilised the online functions, engaging in the main space and allocated breakout rooms with an eagerness to create change in their school, local, national and international communities.

Student's key takeaways included:
"Learning what it means to be Good Samaritans",
"Mary really was a woman of strength",
"Fulfilling leadership roles",
"Recognising the privileges we have".



With thanks to all involved in support of the Game Changers program.
Ella Beveridge & Lachy Scott
Marist Youth Ministry Regional Assistants.

MYM SYDNEY

Marist Super Connect

On Friday, 29 November, 60 students from 10 Marist schools attended our last Super Connect for the year. It was great to discuss issues around **'Fast Fashion'** and **learn the negative impacts it has on the environment and people in developing countries**. Always remember someone pays for your \$5 T-shirt! Creative talents shone brightly as **students presented some good advice for 'slow fashion'** in the form of radio advertisements!

