



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Last week at The Hermitage in Mittagong, Marist principals from across the country gathered together for the first time in this way since 2019. 60% of participants were either new to the role of Principal or were leading a different school in 2019. MSA Regional Director, Dr John Kyle-Robinson provided the key note and led conversations exploring the question:

How do teachers in Catholic secondary schools experience the New Evangelisation?

The topic was the basis of John's highly acclaimed research over a period of 10 years. John's scholarship identified the richness and importance of the word *evangelisation*, citing the different nuances and emphases of Popes, from John XXIII to Francis today. Research literature from across the globe was synthesised, validating observations and aligning with lived experiences we share here in Australia. Importantly the findings and recommendations of the research provided stimulus for animated discussion, debate, inspiration, and encouragement for our dedicated school leaders. From the vast richness of the research findings and recommendations, John highlighted the following:

.....the primary agenda of the New Evangelisation is understood as witness.

"Witnesses" are personally committed to Jesus and cultivate a spirituality informed by the values of the Gospel. Consequently, they implement the New Evangelisation by living Christian values authentically and, when appropriate, inviting colleagues and students respectfully to share spirituality. Their understanding of evangelisation is nurtured from personal authenticity. They neither abdicate their responsibility in presenting the Good News, nor are they concerned with conversion. Their witnessing is an expression of their identity. For them, evangelising is not preaching but living authentically. This pragmatic spirituality is particularly relevant for contemporary Christians: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (Pope Paul VI). If this challenge is to become a reality, then the spiritual formation of teachers is a prerequisite initiative. Overwhelmingly, this research affirms the commitment of the many teachers in Australian Catholic schools who endeavour authentically to "make the Kingdom of God present in this world" (Pope Francis, 2013).

This research clearly affirms the integrated nature of our work and activity in Catholic schools. We Marists do not disassociate spiritual formation from professional learning.



Teachers as evangelisers -
rhetoric , reality and
recommendations

Spiritual formation fosters a greater awareness of God, and of opportunities every day to make Jesus known and loved through learning and teaching.

The Conference provided many opportunities and highlights for collaboration and constructive creativity. In a rich discussion on school improvement and efficacy, the Principal of Marist College Canberra, Mr Matthew Hutchison, shared the following story which emphasises the enduring nature and influence of education.

Whilst waiting at an airport recently, a conversation commenced with a woman seated nearby. After a few minutes, she noted that her 40 year old son had attended Marist College Canberra. When asked if she was happy with the outcome of his Marist education, she paused for a moment and replied with a grin, "It's too early to tell!"

Yours sincerely,



Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA BOARD REPORT



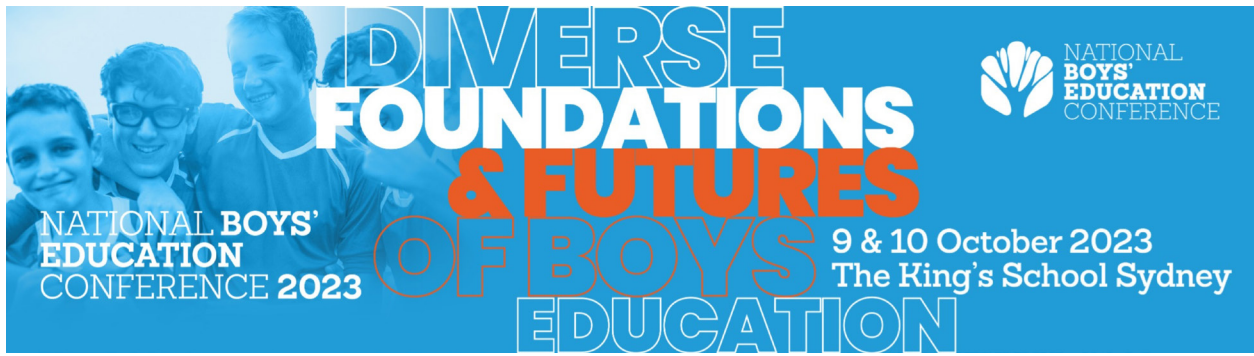
From the Chair

At the recent MSA Principals' Conference, I was delighted to see the engagement of these fine leaders on a range of important matters. In particular, the emphasis on strengthening student outcomes in Catholic schools across the country generated constructive dialogue in which effective practice was shared.

The major focus on "evangelisation", led by Dr John Kyle-Robinson, affirmed again the impact of committed teachers and staff in the lives of our students. In collaboration with the MSA Head of Governance, Risk and Legal, Ms Elizabeth Gallagher, I led a discussion on the Australian Law Reform Commission Inquiry into religious schooling from a national Catholic perspective. As Chair of the Board, the direct engagement in this forum proved to be a rich opportunity to connect with those in leadership of our Australian Marist schools.



Professor Brother David Hall FMS
Chair of the MSA Ltd Board



Dr Adam Hendry, Assistant Principal - Learning at Parramatta Marist High School, has for some years been a key organiser of the annual National Boys Education Conference.

Registrations can be completed at <https://gems.eventsair.com/nbec2023>.

Responses to the call for abstracts for presentations can be made at <https://gems.eventsair.com/nbec2023/call-for-abstracts>

REMINDER

LAVALLA MAGAZINE

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia.

The cut-off date for contributions for the 2023 editions of Lavalla are:

Wednesday 5 April 2023: Issue 1

Friday 22 September 2023: Issue 2

All submissions should be sent to Br Michael Flanagan (michael.flanagan@marists.org.au). Further information can be found [HERE](#).

MARIST PRIMARY SCHOOLS' COLLOQUIUM



28-30 MAY 2023

Commences 4:00pm Sunday
Finishes 1:00pm Tuesday

The Marist Primary Schools' Colloquium is for teachers and leaders involved in faith formation in the primary schools that draw their inspiration and charism from Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

Venue

St Gregory's College,
Campbelltown NSW

Cost

\$520.00 per participant
Exclusive of travel/ accommodation.

REGISTER
NOW!

The most essential insight about calling is that God primarily calls or summons people 'to himself', rather than to a particular task. Os Guinness defines calling as, 'the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are...do, and...have is invested with a special devotion...and direction lived out as a response to his summons and service.'

- Luke Bolton: What Does It Mean To Be Called. P.29



Trinity College Lismore celebrating their Opening Mass for 2023



The IMW Program was presented at St Joseph's Primary School in Murgon. Among those who completed the program are Amanda Coach, Rebekah Groer, Magellan Boundy, and Georgia Reilly.



Julie Herring and Beverly Berger from Holy Family Parish School in Parkes participated in the Created + Called Spiritual Formation Program

Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

Program update: Child Protection Policy Training at Chetana, India.

Well done to our Program Partners at Chetana, India for completing the Child Protection Policy training as part of essential safeguarding practices! Staff were also given the opportunity to touch base with the Marist way of teaching and working with its students. Congratulations to you all!

Chetana Tribal Boys' Hostel is a project of the Marist Brothers of the Marist District of Asia. The hostel provides accommodation and access to education for Santali Tribal children in Talit, which is in the Burdwan district of West Bengal. The aim of the intervention is to provide a holistic approach to the growth and development of Santali Tribal children and enable them to break the cycle of poverty that the community face.



Program partners posing with certificate of completion



Program partners during training

Teacher Briefing 2023: AMS hosts its annual "Teacher Briefing" online!

We would like to thank all 36 participants who joined us from the comforts of their computers to learn more about our 2023 Schools Campaign Kit. We were also honored to have four teachers from St Joseph's Mabiri present during Q & A time, where they spoke about their experiences as teachers at St Joseph's, the barriers they face as educators and what they cherish most about being part of the Marist community. Thank you to everyone for joining us!



We would like to invite you to our Virtual Program Visit on the 28th of March 2023!

At our Virtual Program Visit, you will be given the opportunity to hear directly from some of our program partners and learn more about the fantastic work they are doing within their communities. During this event, there will be a Q & A session where you can engage with our partners.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/42ICMcc>



Nominations for 2023 AMS Schools Ambassador Program- badges coming out soon!

There is still time for your students to become AMS Student Ambassadors for 2023! We will be sending out badges shortly, so we kindly ask to have final nominations in soon. You can access the nomination form here: <http://bit.ly/3JmDI7u>

There is an AMS Student Ambassadors Workshop in August that is now open for registration as well: <http://bit.ly/3Fw5FID>

Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

The new year welcomed in new faces at AMS! We are thrilled to introduce you to two of our newest team members and their current roles!

The start of this year has been an exciting one with the introduction of team members! We are thrilled to introduce two of our newest team members in this issue; Lisa Humphrys and Milika Nation. We will be rolling out other staff profiles in the coming issues, so keep your eyes peeled!

Administrative Officer: Lisa Humphrys

Lisa is taking up the post of Admin Officer! She is responsible for ensuring administrative support and coordination across the AMS team. This is a broad role which entails many different facets. Lisa is involved in a couple of community related missions. Through her church, Lisa supports the education of primary and secondary students in a village in Uganda and is also associated with a city community that provides a drop in Centre for people without homes here in Brisbane.



Lisa Humphrys

Communications and Engagement Officer: Milika Nation

Milika's role will involve building and maintaining key relationships with a range of AMS supporters and engaging them with our work through a variety of platforms including digital media, publications and events. Milika is a Pacific Islander herself and is excited to be onboard, learning more about the great work AMS carries out in the region.



Milika Nation

Schools Campaign Kit 2023: St Joseph's Mabiri, Bougainville!

If you haven't had a chance to deep dive into our School's AMS Campaign Kit 2023, you can access the link here: <http://bit.ly/3YV1bCc>

It has interactive learning activities, videos and fundraising resources available for you as teachers! As we are spotlighting the Autonomous Region of Bougainville this year, why not have a go at learning the local dialect in "Tok Pisin" which can also be found in the kit.

English	Tok Pisin
Welcome	Welkam
Hello	Gude
Hi	Hai
How are you?	Yu stap gut? Yu olsem wanem?
Reply to 'How are you?'	Mi stap gut
Long time no see	Longpela taim mi no lukim yu
What's your name?	Wanam nem bilong yu?
My name is...	Husat nem bilong yu? Nem bilong mi emi ... Nem bilong mi i ...
Where are you from?	Ples bilong yu we? Yu kam long wanem hap? Yu bilong wanem hap?
I'm from...	Ples bilong mi ... Mi bin kam long ... Mi kam long ... Mi mangi ...
Pleased to meet you	Gutpela long bungim yu

Connect with us to find out more.



MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

MYM MELBOURNE- CONNECT NIGHT

SABRINA BATRAS

Our first Connect Night for the year, and what a night it was having over 40 students in attendance. The energy and excitement in the room was wonderful to experience.



Thank You!

We are very grateful for the support and connection of our schools as none of these events would be possible otherwise.

Some feedback from the attendees

"It was awesome to get to meet many other people with similar interests while **deepening our faith** and Marist beliefs"

"Amazing experience to **connect and learn** about myself and my faith"

"**Amazing liberating space** that beautiful people have created for us"

"Allowed me to strengthen what I hope are **forever relationships**"



MYM PERTH- CONNECT NIGHT

ISABELLE OCHTMAN

On the first of March, a group of Year 11 and 12 students from St Joseph's School and Newman College gathered for the first Marist Connect Night of 2023. With a theme revolving around being "Gratefully Created and Gratefully Called", students were presented with the opportunity to 'connect' with each other through some intriguing and symbolic activities.

While discussing the true meaning of gratitude and its importance in our daily lives, students were faced with the ultimate question... What sets your heart on fire?



MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

MYM SYDNEY- TERM 1 SUPER CONNECT

JENI MILLER

MYM Sydney is grateful to Alex Poeder and Trinity Catholic College, Auburn for hosting our first Super Connect of the year on Wednesday, 15 March. It was great to see a mixture of 'old' and 'new' happy students from across 10 Sydney Marist schools connecting with each other and learning about the 2023 Marist theme.

Thank You!

Thanks to Patrick O'Reilly, Director of Mission from Marist180, who spoke about the needs of those under the care of Marist180 and gave the students a 'call to action' in order to fulfill our 'revolution of love and tenderness' on a large scale!



MYM BRISBANE- MARIST YOUTH FORUMS

ADAM BURNS

Our Brisbane team stayed busy through March, as we facilitated our series of Marist Youth Forums for our Brisbane students. Our Marist Youth Forums create space for students to voice out their ideas, thoughts and inspirations. With an individual program across each year level in secondary, these days are designed around key themes and topics and discussed within the context of our Marist spiritual tradition.

Across three days (8th – 10th of March) we welcomed 120 students to the Marist Centre, representing Marist College Ashgrove, Trinity College Beenleigh, Mt Maria College Mitchelton, Mt Maria College Petrie and Carmel College Thornlands.

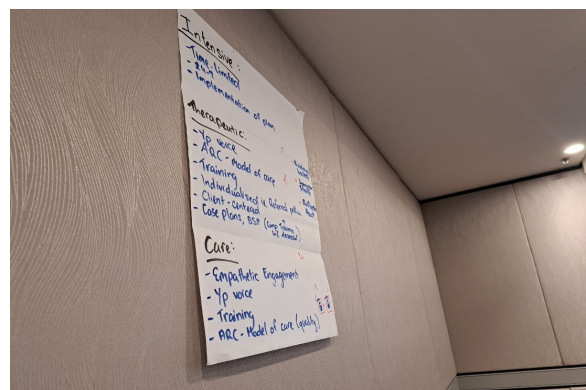


MYM ADELAIDE ARE RUNNING THEIR FIRST CONNECT EVENT ON THE 20TH OF MARCH

Residential care has come a long way in the time since Caroline Chisholm (and countless others before and after her), responded in a way famously attributed to St Mary MacKillop: *“Never see a need without doing something about it”*. Chisholm, as many know, established a home for young women and girls in Parramatta, only a few years on from George Morley establishing what is today and nearby, Parramatta Marist High. Caroline, in effect, established the first residential care in European Australia.

Today Out Of Home care at Marist180 comes in various shapes and forms. One element common to all of our care is that it is, as captured in our mission statement: *‘creating hope and positive change’*. In order to enable and inform this hope and change, we operate in line with the NSW Therapeutic Care Framework. We provide Intensive Therapeutic Care (ITC); ITC is for children and young people between 12 and 18 years old who have been removed from their families due to the traumatic environments they have been forced to live in. In ITC these vulnerable young people receive the specialised care they need from a team of allied health care professionals and specially trained staff in a home-like environment.

March 13 and 14 saw Senior Therapeutic staff, House Managers and Marist180 Leadership gathered in the aforementioned Parramatta, to focus on our Therapeutic Care. We were blessed to have Noel Macnamara lead and facilitate these two days. Noel is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Excellence in Therapeutic Care (CETC), and the Executive Manager, Research and Policy at the Australian Childhood Foundation. Noel skillfully, thoughtfully and energetically drew on solid research, policy and practice in exploring Intensive Therapeutic Care, and important elements and dimensions of this, including trauma, supervision and reflective practice. It was also a rich and important opportunity to bring people together from across the state and organisation, adding to our sense of community and team, and inclusive of dinner shared together on the Monday evening.



We thank and acknowledge Noel, and look forward to his expertise and wisdom enriching our care. We likewise thank and acknowledge the staff and team who created and coordinated the two-day Conference, especially Julie Collier, Derilene Martin and Angela Bekesi.

Sub Tuum Praesidium reprint now available

The first print run of the Marist Brothers' sesquicentenary history, *Sub Tuum Praesidium*, sold out three months after publication in 2022. The reprint is now available for purchase from The Hermitage Mittagong. Reviews in several journals have all been positive. For more information see the below flyer.

Sesquicentenary of the Marist Brothers in Australia

A New History!

Sub Tuum Praesidium **Marist Brothers in Australia 1872-2022**

by

Julian Casey, John Luttrell, Peter Rodney and Neville Solomon

The religious institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools has educated thousands of young Australians since the first four brothers arrived in 1872. That influence continues today in the 56 schools of Marist Schools Australia, in youth ministry, in youth care provided by Marist180, in the outreach of Australian Marist Solidarity and in thousands of lay Marists, colleagues and ex-students.

For all of these, 'Sub Tuum Praesidium' has been their traditional hymn for occasions of solemnity and celebration.

The authors, all Marist Brothers, write from a broad experience of the Marist mission locally and internationally.

Provincial Peter Carroll sees this history as significant for the Marist sesquicentenary in Australia – an opportunity 'to celebrate achievements, apologise for our failures and give thanks to God and all those who have supported us in our life and mission'.



Part social history, part personal memoir and part pastoral theological analysis, it sure-footedly achieves its objective of providing a window onto a religious order of educators, as it discerned the signs of the times in Australian society and church over the past 150 years.

Mark O'Connor FMS

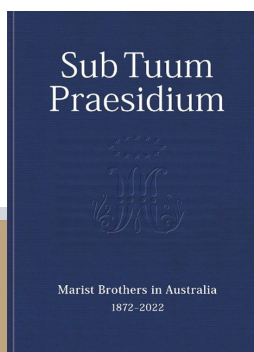
Vicar for Communications, Parramatta Diocese

This book is a detailed history of the Marist Brothers in Australia over the past 150 years. It contextualises Marist people and works within the social and political history of Australia and the Church. It portrays the characters, the tensions, successes and failures, as the Institute has followed its mission through changing circumstances. A valuable resource and inspiration for all of us who name ourselves "Marist".

Jennifer Elvery

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