



MARIST BROTHERS
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Dear MSA Principals

ANNOUNCEMENT

I write to advise that **Br Michael Green** will conclude his term as *National Director of Marist Schools Australia* and *Executive Director of Marist Ministries* in December 2016.

Michael was appointed jointly by the Provincials of the then Melbourne and Sydney Provinces in 2009 and charged with the establishment of a new national entity that was to oversee Marist schools in both Provinces. Two years later, he was appointed as Executive Director of Marist Ministries; a position created to offer a coordinated approach to all institutional Marist works across the country. He has held both positions concurrently since that time. He was confirmed in both positions when the new Province of Australia was created in December 2012.

Your close association and collaboration with Michael means that you appreciate, more than others, the extraordinary work he has accomplished in establishing and consolidating MSA. For the last seven years he has given himself generously and wholeheartedly to the responsibilities with which he was entrusted. The fact that Marist Schools Australia, after a relatively short existence, has a strong identity, is well-known and respected in Catholic education circles and is acknowledged beyond Australia, is due largely to Michael's untiring work. We have been blessed to have someone of his extraordinary capacities as National Director during the crucial stage of MSA's early life.

Everything Michael undertakes he does so with professionalism, creativity and intelligence. He has that rare ability to deal effectively with multiple challenges simultaneously. We have witnessed this in the skilful way he has fulfilled his role as National Director of MSA, at the same time as carefully coordinating the various strands of Marist ministry as Executive Director of Marist Ministries. He is a gifted and entertaining writer, as we have often observed in his editorials. He is a talented teacher and communicator as evidenced in his many presentations at Seminars and Conferences. He has developed strategic networks and professional alliances which have strengthened the identity of MSA.

We Marists are indeed indebted to him; so too, I believe, is the wider Catholic community.

However, it is now time for Michael to move to new fields. Next year he will enjoy an extended sabbatical. After that, he will continue his invaluable work in Marist history and spirituality, of which he is recognised as one of our foremost authorities. Earlier this year he completed one of the three volumes of the Institute's official history that is being published to commemorate the bicentenary of our foundation by St Marcellin in 1817. He is in great demand to work with various Provinces and groups and while maintaining his close connection to the Australian Marist Province and Association, will be available across the Marist world. He will also take on some new projects for the Province.

We need now to advertise Michael's position and ensure that his replacement can provide the high level leadership required to move MSA to the next stage of its development.

Yours sincerely

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