

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

“Be Brave. Make Change.”

The theme chosen for National Reconciliation week, 2022 underscores a growing sense of hope for many Australians. With the new Federal Government confirming its majority in the House of Representatives a matter of days ago, the priority given by the new Prime Minister to the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* is a welcome step for the country. In his victory speech on election night, Anthony Albanese said,

“I commit to the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#) in full.”

The *Statement from the Heart* invites the reader to deep reflection. It echoes the dignified voices of First Nations people after listening, conversation, consultation, debate, and discernment over a long period of time. 250 delegates at the 2017 First Nations National Constitutional Convention collectively authored the final words and signed the agreement.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council is a peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops and was founded in 1992. Below is a prayer from their website which is commended to you and your Marist school communities.

Reconciliation Prayer

*Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of all things.*

*We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness. We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures*

*Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us
and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.*

*Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better
future for our Nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters.*

*Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social
change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvan-
tagged. Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.*

*May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families,
our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

(Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group 13 March 1997 Brisbane, Qld).

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Last week Assistant Principals from Marist schools across the country gathered for their annual conference in person at The Hermitage in Mittagong for the first time in two years. The 2022 Marist theme “Known and Loved – dignity for all” was the key focus within the context of well being. 45 participants from 35 schools shared conversations with Dr Hugh Mackay, the eminent social psychologist and with other experts in the field of student well being. The faith, talent, and commitment of these vital Marist leaders made for a most memorable formative and educative professional experience.

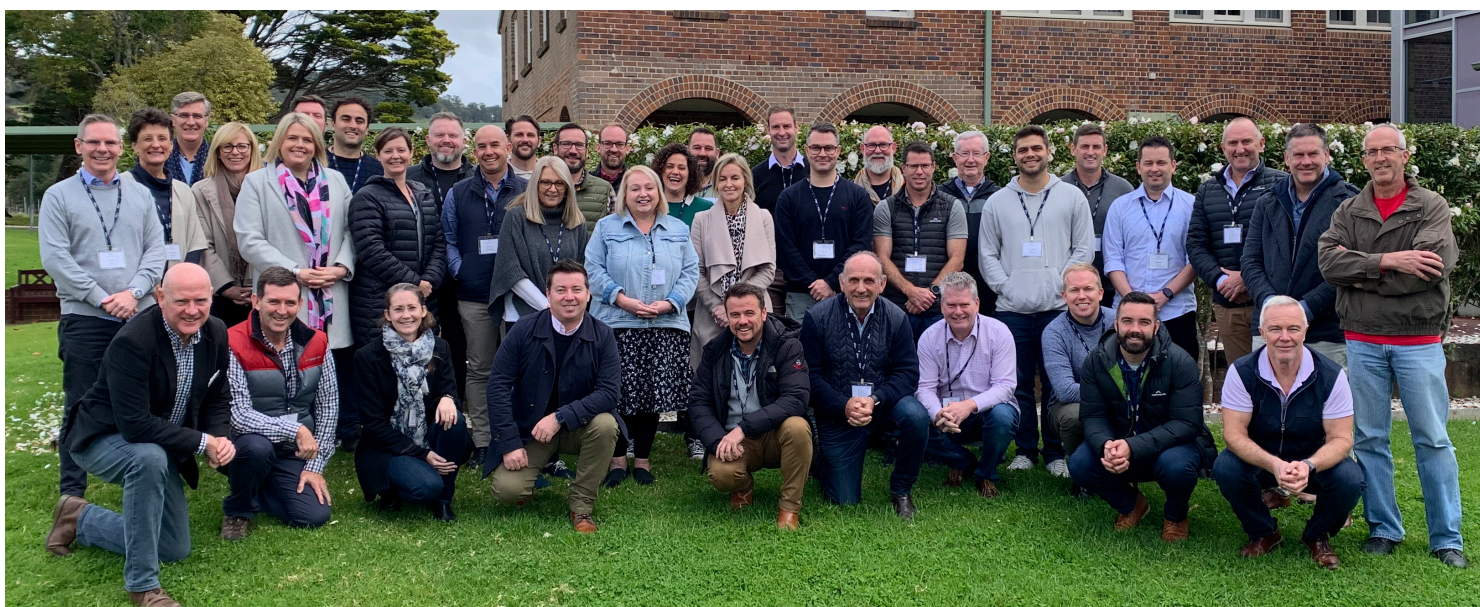
Thank you once again for the generous support for our fellow Marists in Lismore. The MSA Trinity Catholic College Flood Appeal has now reached \$180,000.

Best wishes to all our Marist schools and communities for the celebrations next week to mark the Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat!

Yours sincerely,



Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR



NOTICES AND NEWS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School, Santa Teresa, NT

Transition Classroom Teacher

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

Applications close: 10 June 2022

Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School, Santa Teresa, NT

Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher

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

Applications close: 10 June 2022

ATTENTION MARIST PRINCIPALS

CHAMPAGNAT DAY CELEBRATION 2022



**INTERNATIONAL
WEBINAR
FOR MARIST SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS**



**WHAT MAKES
A SCHOOL
MARIST?**

CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

www.champagnat.global



ENCOUNTER A

(60/75 min)

8 june

Time: 16:30 (Mexico)

18:30 (Brazil)

23:30 (Spain)

07:30 (9 june - Australia)

ENCOUNTER B

(60/75 min)

14 june

Time: 04:00 (Mexico)

06:00 (Brazil)

11:00 (Spain)

19:00 (Australia)

SIGN UP!

We are waiting for you!

On behalf of **Champagnat Global**, we extend an invitation to Principals of Marist Schools to participate in an international seminar to celebrate **Champagnat week 2022**.

Join Marist Principals from around the world for an online gathering exploring the topic, **What makes a school Marist**. Leading Australian Catholic Educator Professor Brother David Hall FMS will be one of the three speakers during this 75 minute webinar.

Register by 3 June by clicking **SIGN UP!** [here](#).




MSA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE *Brisbane* 2022

KNOWN AND LOVED

Sunday 31st July - Tuesday 2nd August

Join Marists from around the nation and beyond for a gathering like no other. As if the glorious winter weather isn't enough motivation to bounce into Brisbane in 2022!

Engage through a variety of Formats, including:
**Keynote Addresses, Interactive Workshops,
 Panel Symposiums, Fireside Chats
 and Pecha Kucha Events**

Four Strands shape the Conference experience:

LEARN	FORM
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Details
 Conference Start: 2.00pm, Sunday 31 July
 Conference End: 4.30pm, Tuesday 2 August

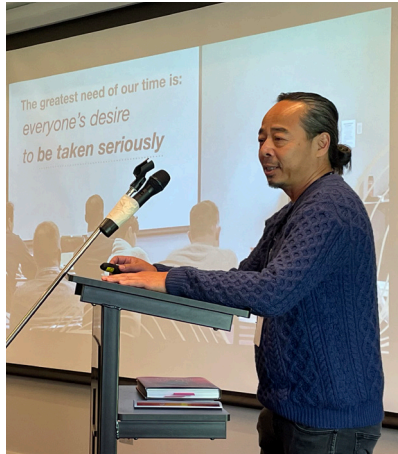
Conference Dinner
 Howard Smith Wharves,
 6.30pm Tuesday 2 August
 (following the conclusion of the Conference)

Registrations
 Early Bird - \$495 close on 30 March.
 Full Price - \$560 close on 22 July

REGISTER NOW AT msa.edu.au



MARIST ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE 2022 THE HERMITAGE, MITTAGONG





Above: Newman College In The Marist Way Program

Known and Loved

Staff at Marist College Ashgrove have the opportunity of attending Professional Development Breakfasts throughout the year and they are also privileged to be served a meal by the Hospitality students.

The recent breakfasts unpacked, in part, the Marist theme for this year: *Known and Loved: Dignity for All*.



Above: Year 10 Hospitality students Matt Gibson and Tom Dreghorn

“A just society can become a reality only when it is based on the respect of the transcendent dignity of the human person. The person represents the ultimate end of society. The social order and its development must invariably work to the benefit of the human person... not the other way around.”

- Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church No. 132



Above: St Joseph's School Northam gathered for the *Known and Loved: Dignity for All* Program



Day in the Life challenge

Join AMS and take the Timor-Leste Day in the Life challenge!

Help support the lives of vulnerable school students in Timor-Leste by stepping into their shoes for the day to raise money so they can access a better education.

Students and teachers at Marists schools across Australia are invited to join the Day in the Life challenge and together raise \$150,000 for students in Timor-Leste. We recommend taking part as Champagnat Day celebration on 6 June but the challenge will be open all year.

Choose your challenge!

Encourage students to immerse themselves in the day in the life of a student in Timor-Leste. Students can choose to walk to school, cook up a storm with a Timorese recipe, learn the local language or do all three!



You can sign up your class, tutor group, house or mission group as a team, or students can register individually. Students can then ask their friends and family for donations that will go towards raising vital funds to bring educational opportunities to students in Timor-Leste.

It's free and easy to register at dayinthelife.org.au



Follow the simple steps to register online at dayinthelife.org.au and start encouraging students to take on the educational challenges. Upon completion of the challenges all students will be rewarded with a certificate and they'll be prizes for the top fundraising schools and students.

Visit dayinthelife.org.au or email ams.partnerships@marists.org.au with any questions.

Project update

It is with great joy that we can announce the completion of building at **St Terezinha's Primary School in Quelicai, Timor Leste**. This has been a huge project, with four years of committed fundraising from our friends and supporters. We particularly want to acknowledge the following schools who went above and beyond to make this happen: **Assumption College Kilmore, Marist College Ashgrove, Catholic College Sale** and **Galen Catholic College**.

AMS staff members and staff representatives from some of these schools will be attending the official community opening of the new building in late June and we can't wait to share more photos and stories with you then!



Don't forget to register!

Our special, Sesquicentenary Champagnat Day Marist Schools Australia 'Day in the Life' digital fundraising campaign has launched! Get your parents to register a fundraising page for your students here now: <https://www.dayinthelife.org.au/>

AMS CEO, Bec Bromhead, will be participating in the challenges alongside your students, cooking some Timorese treats, walking to school and joining a virtual assembly with Timorese young people. A schools leaderboard will be on the site in early June so you can watch as we seek to raise \$150,000 to support Marist education programs in Timor Leste.

Connect with us to find out more.



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MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Late May Update

MYM NSW

Year 12 Mission Forum

Marist Youth Ministry team were thrilled to hold the first forum in two years at Mittagong in mid May! Twenty five students from 8 schools took a **'leap of faith'**, left their comfort zone, and came together in what was a joyous connection of like minded people to explore their **personal gifts**, faith, **Christian Mission** and **social justice issues**. The external presenter from 'Stay Kind' encouraged students to think about ways they could be more kind and make the world a better place to live. Look out for 'Kind July' in your school! **Reflecting and learning** from the life of St Oscar Romero, students saw that doing what is right can be overwhelming and one may feel under prepared but placing your trust in God can give you courage to carry on. Students showed a lot of courage entertaining everyone at the Eurovision talent show on Saturday night! After 2 days of sharing and learning students, felt safe to take a deep dive into three issues they all felt strongly about. The issues discussed in the forum activity were discrimination through labeling, mens mental health and sustainability. each issue was explored with great sensitivity and together all discussed possible solutions for their local contexts. In the Closing Liturgy students were invited to give their personal gifts away, literally, as that s what gifts are for!

Thank you to principals and the supervising teachers from Trinity Catholic College, Auburn, St Gregorys College Campbelltown, Red Bend College, Forbes, Marist College Eastwood, Cerdon College Merrylands, Marist North Shore, Parramatta Marist High School, and Marcellin College Randwick.



Year 10 Game Changers Retreat Day

The Marist Youth Ministry team ran the Year 10 Game Changers Retreat Day for 50 **excited Game Changers students** from Parramatta Marist High School, St Josephs College, Hunters Hill, Trinity Catholic College Auburn and Marcellin College Randwick on Friday, 20 May. The students from the host school, Parramatta Marist, quickly made visiting students **feel welcome** and it wasn't long before all gathered had made some new friends! Daniel and Sarah guided students through 3 sessions which explored social justice, finding good role models to lead us in the right direction and lastly the call to be an **inclusive person to all!** Students now look forward to their La Valla camp scheduled for mid-September in Mittagong! Thank you to Mr Mark Pauschmann and Ms Nicole Denniss for hosting the gathering.



MYM SA

In Adelaide, the Year 9 and 10 Game Changers students from Sacred Heart College gathered for their La Valla Retreat Day. The day started with a **team building challenge**, where the group enjoyed the sunshine on the beach while finding new and innovative ways to use the gifts and **strengths of each person** in completing a series of challenges. We explored the meaning and significance of the La Valla Track symbol, the compass, and reflected on what goal or hope each of us is journeying towards in discovering our own 'North'. The group learnt about **social justice**, and explored the many possibilities of ministries they will undertake throughout the year in **building relationships and community**, especially among those on the margins of our society.

The MYM team was very blessed to share such an incredible day with these two terrific Game Changers groups! We look forward to seeing where this journey takes you next!



MYM VIC

Last Friday, May 27, the MYM Melb team were up bright and early, ready for a day down at La Valla Catholic College, Traralgon. La Valla invited the team to come and run a Retreat Day for some of their existing Year 7-9 Game Changers, as well as other students who had expressed interest in the program, and give them a taste of what Game Changers looks like! Using the Year 8 Retreat Day Program, Grace kicked off the first workshop of the day, diving into the students perception of **identity and leadership**, through a series of mini-self and team building exercises.

Next up, Ruby lead a workshop surrounding the **meaningful relationships** in our lives, and the importance of **developing and nurturing these connections!** Students were admirably authentic during their sharing and responses. The final workshop focused on encouraging students to **'say yes'**, like Mary did. Students came together in their groups and created a plan for something they want to achieve in their school communities this year.

MYM Melb would like to especially thank, the Year 11 Game Changers from La Valla, who volunteered their time to be group discussion leaders for the day. Their **initiative, natural leadership and authenticity** made the discussion groups such a success, and were overall to thank for the days success! A special thanks as well to the La Valla staff, who invited and supported us during the day too.



Upcoming Events:

Check out the respective MYM Socials for more information!

VIC

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 11)
Friday, July 29

Connect Night
Thursday, June 9

NSW

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)
Friday, June 24

Eastern Connect
Wednesday, June 1

Macarthur Connect
Wednesday, June 15

Inner West Connect
Wednesday, June 22

WA

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)
Friday, June 3

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 12)
Friday, June 24

QLD

Connect Night
Friday, June 3

SA

Le Rosey Retreat Day
Wednesday, June 1

Connect Night
Monday, June 6

Young Adult Retreat

Friday, July 1 - Sunday, July 3.

Care for the Soul Retreat: May 2022

15 people gathered for our May Care for the Soul Retreat weekend at Mittagong. Ten participants joined the team of Joa, Bill Tarrant, Kathy Hasler, Fr Gary Perritt and myself. Offering the space and time to step back from our regular routine is a reality our participants greatly valued. The Hermitage continues to be a spiritual oasis for so many people. The following reflections give a sense of how valuable the retreat time was for those who came along.

“It was a beautiful experience. I wish it was another 2 days.”

“A very worthwhile experience. I just wish I could do it more often.”

“The program was a lovely mix balance of input and reflection time.”

“It was just what I needed (more even). The spiritual formation & direction was so gentle but deep. I look forward to returning & making it a regular part of my spiritual practice.”

“Wonderful welcoming retreat that was comfortable and supportive.”

Our Retreat Villas and cottages are available for those wishing to participate in a private retreat. These comfortable facilities can be self-catered or catered. Accompaniment is available on request for all who come for a retreat at the Hermitage.

All 2022 retreat dates and booking information can be found on our web site www.thehermitage.org.au.

Brother Bill Sullivan
Director



